

April 1, 2025

FY26 PROPOSED PROPERTY TAX LEVY

The Bremer County Board of Supervisors met in session on Tuesday, April 1, 2025, in the Courthouse, Waverly, Iowa, at 9:00 a.m. Hildebrandt, Cerwinske, Brunkhorst present. Cassandra Johansen, Finance Director, also present. Unless otherwise noted all actions were approved unanimously.

Following the pledge of allegiance, the meeting was called to order by Chairman Hildebrandt. Brunkhorst moved/Cerwinske second to approve the agenda.

Cerwinske moved/Brunkhorst second to open the Public Hearing for the FY26 Proposed Property Tax Levy. Present: Mike & Judi Tripolino, Curt & Deb Junker, David & Paula Nelson, Dan Pickett, Sheriff, Deputy Sheriffs: Jason Ellison, Travis Marvin, Jackson Schmidt, Shane Buchholz, Matt Tiedt; Robert Whitney, Chief Deputy Sheriff, Aaron Goodenbour, EMA, Mike Cook, Barbara Meeker, HR Mgr., Aaron Betts, Assessor, Mike LaCoste.

Finance Director Johansen presented the county's proposed levy rates: Current year General Basic = 5.54862, proposed = 5.23465; Rural Basic current year = 3.95000, proposed = 3.87255. Assessor Betts responded to questions about valuation increasing each year rather than every other year. Regionalizing services, unfunded mandates, Emergency Services System, State legislative proposed property tax reform, taxing authorities working together to lower or at least stop increasing taxes, were spoken of and also cautioned.

Cerwinske moved/Brunkhorst second to close the Public Hearing.

Meeting adjourned at 9:55 a.m.

The above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of the minutes and proceedings of a Public Hearing session of the Tuesday, April 1, 2025, meeting of the Bremer County Board of Supervisors.

Dewey Hildebrandt, Chairman

Attest: _____
Shelley Wolf, Auditor