

MINUTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF A SPECIAL BUDGET MEETING OF THE BUTLER COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS HELD ON APRIL 2, 2024.

Meeting called to order at 8:02 A.M. by Chairman Wayne Dralle with Greg Barnett in attendance. Moved by Barnett, seconded by Dralle to approve the agenda. All ayes. Motion carried. Rusty Eddy arrived at 8:30. A.M.

Motioned by Barnett, seconded by Dralle to open the public hearing on the Butler County FY25 Proposed Property Tax Levy, seconded by Dralle. All ayes. Motion carried.

County Auditor, Leslie Groen, shared one public comment received on voicemail in which the caller questioned the budget hearing being held at 8 am on a Tuesday morning.

Barnett read aloud the proposed levies for FY25 and compared them to the current levies. Auditor Groen mentioned reasons for the overall 12% increase include: a 30% increase in property insurance, increases in the EMA budget and moving qualified expenses to the general supplemental fund as a result of HF718. Chris Luhring, Parkersburg, IA expressed concerns regarding the budget statement mailing sent, reviewed the County figures provided in the mailing and provided a sample of another state's proposed budget mailing he felt was intended by legislators. In addition, Luhring asked the supervisors to consider what they felt was an appropriate property tax increase.

Groen shared a flyer proving a list of state mandates that counties are responsible for funding. Discussions were held regarding these mandates and the Supervisors, County Auditor and Sheriff Jason Johnson answered budget questions asked from taxpayers in attendance.

With no additional questions, it was motioned by Barnett, seconded by Eddy to close the public hearing. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motioned by Barnett second by Eddy to adjourn the special agenda meeting at 8:45 A.M. All ayes. Motion carried.

The above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of the minutes and proceedings of a special adjourned meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Butler County, Iowa on April 2, 2024.

Attest: Leslie Groen
Butler County Auditor

Wayne Dralle
Chairman of the Board of Supervisors