

March 31, 2025

The Mahaska County Board of Supervisors met in regular session on the above date at 6:30 p.m. in the third-floor conference room of the Mahaska County courthouse.

Present were the following board members: Chairman-Mark Groenendyk; Vice chairman-Steve Wanders; absent was member-Chuck Webb. Also present were Deb Fash-Hubbard; Milton L. Hubbard; Joe Warrick; Craig McCreery; Larry Van Maanen; Helena Hayes(State Representative); Linda McCreery; Calvin D. Meinders; Monica Jacobs; Jeff Wilford(Oskaloosa Herald); Jody Groenendyk, Auditor

Supervisor Groenendyk opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

It was moved by Wanders seconded by Groenendyk to approve the agenda for today's meeting. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

It was moved by Wanders seconded by Groenendyk to open the public hearing for the FY26 Proposed Property Tax Levy. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

Public Comments: Joe Warrick asked the Board what the proposed levies were going to be for FY26 and asked specifically about the Sheriff's budget. The Board replied that the Sheriff was asked to reduce his budget asking a cut be made to a 2.5% increase.

Representative Helena Hayes talked about House File 718 and how it related to the evenings meeting as constituents are confused by the proposed property notices received.

Milton and Debra Hubbard asked how the County proposed property tax meeting ties into cities and schools. They also asked if there was anything on the State level that could be done to control property taxes as people on fixed incomes that own their homes have a very hard time paying property taxes. They also stated that they are against any increase of property taxes. Monica Jacobs supported their statement.

Calvin Meinders commended the Board on reducing the tax askings. He also stated that he appreciates the job this current board does and stated that he is against any kind of property tax increase.

It was moved by Wanders, seconded by Groenendyk to close the public hearing for the FY26 Proposed Property Tax Levy. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

It was moved by Wanders seconded by Groenendyk to adjourn at 7:45 pm. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_

Jody Groenendyk

Auditor

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Mark Groenendyk

Chairman, Board of Supervisors