Board of Supervisors Minutes March 31, 2025

The Tama County Board of Supervisors met at 8:00 a.m. March 31, 2025. Present: 1st District Supervisor, Curt Hilmer; 2nd District Supervisor, David Turner; 3rd District Supervisor, Heather Knebel; 4th District Supervisor, Mark Doland and 5th District Supervisor, Curt Kupka. Also, Tama County Auditor, Karen Rohrs, members of the public and Sheriff Schmidt.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Motion by Turner, seconded by Kupka to approve the agenda. Discussion: None. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Knebel, seconded by Turner to open the public hearing at 8:00 am. The board held a public hearing regarding the proposed property tax levies that can be levied for FY26 property taxes. There were no written public comments. There were public comments heard at the hearing from the public against raising levy rates. Comments were also heard regarding the financial state of the county and the property assessment letters that were sent out by the county assessor. Motion by Turner, seconded Kupka to close the public hearing at 9:00 am. The board's intention is to keep the levy rate asked close to the same as the current fiscal year. The proposed rates are 8.2823 for urban and 12.23283 for rural. These are both increases from last year due to increased costs and the voted and approved EMS levy. Doland stated that the board would like to decrease the rural levy from what was proposed and published to keep the rate the same as the current fiscal year. He proposes a rate of 8.2823 for urban and 12.02901 for rural. By decreasing the rural levy rate, the only increase to rates will be due to the voted and approved EMS levy.

Motion by Turner, seconded by Knebel to approve the proposed property tax levies for FY26 of 8.2823 for urban and 12.02901 for rural. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Chairman Doland adjourned the meeting at 9:01 am.

These minutes are intended to provide a summary of the discussions and decisions made during the Board of Supervisor meeting. For the most accurate and comprehensive record, please refer to the audio recording of the meeting that can be provided upon request at the auditor's office.