

LYON COUNTY AUDITORS OFFICE
March 25, 2025

ROCK RAPIDS, IOWA

Chairman Jerry Birkey convened the adjourned session with Herman, Vanden Bosch, Scholten, and Altena present. Motion carried assumes unanimous vote unless otherwise stated.

Chairman Birkey opened the public hearing at 8:00 a.m. to take comment on the Proposed Property Tax Levy for FY 2026. Present were Lyon County Engineer Daryl Albertson, Lyon County Economic Development Director Jen Smit, Lyon County Sheriff Brian Hilt, Lyon County Assessor Ashley Lewis, Dennis Winkowitsch, Richard Heidloff, Greg De Kam, James DeKam, Jared LeLoux, Howard Koedam, David Van Oort, Nick Hildring, Marvin Arp, Oliver Delfs, Darin Koedam, Brian Koedam, and Kristi Robinson. There were comments from many of the people present regarding the increase in taxes and levy rates. Birkey and Altena stated the Board is open to suggestions. Some suggestions given by those present were to tighten spending, incentivize Lyon County to attract businesses, possible salary freezes, pare down equipment spending, and look at property assessment values. It was mentioned that Lyon County is ranked 92nd in the county-wide levy rate, with only 7 counties having a lower levy rate than Lyon County. Lewis explained briefly how her office determines the assessment of properties and stated there are many factors that are considered and certain guidelines that she has to follow. Lewis invited anyone to come to her office if they had questions on their assessment. Birkey stated many of the unfunded mandates play a role in levy rate increase. It was also mentioned that Eggs and Issues is scheduled for Saturday 3-29-2025 at 8:30am if anyone wanted to attend. With no further comments, the hearing closed at 9:15 a.m.

There being no further business motion by Vanden Bosch, seconded by Scholten to adjourn. Motion carried.

ATTEST _____
County Auditor

APPROVED _____
Chairman

NOTE: These minutes are as recorded by the Clerk to the Board of Supervisors and are subject to Board approval at the next regular meeting.