JEFFERSON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' PROCEEDINGS
March 24, 2025

At 11:00 A.M., Joe Ledger motioned to open the Public Hearing for the Proposed Property Tax Levy. Drish seconded. All "Ayes". Motion carried. The hearing was held in the First Floor meeting room of the Jefferson County Courthouse.

Board members present were: Lee Dimmitt, Chairman; Susie Drish, Vice-Chairman; Joe Ledger, Supervisor.

The board called for Public Comments:

Julie Greeson: Asked about the voted in tax levy for ambulance, releasing general supplemental but didn't reduce general basic.

Sandra Clingan: Is this raising my taxes? She pays $40,000 in taxes.

Robin Fricke: This paperwork is clear as mud, who sent this?

Lynne Johnson: Can you guys help voice this? Need to drastically change this at state level.

Jennifer Patt: We want you to lower all your costs across the board, we can't afford to pay more taxes.

Mary Carter: Same situation- taxes are a burden, in retired state. How have you helped with burden? What difficult decisions have you had to make? We are all in the same boat. We all have to do more with less.

Ananda Vandenbos: People can't even attend these meetings, why isn't it held in a room that more people can attend, at a time after business hours? Why is the reason for increase "Maintain fund balance"?

Lynne Johnson: What happens if you refuse to pay the state for their unfunded mandates?

Ananda Vandenbos: There was no care taken to delineate a reason for levy rate increase.

Julie Greeson: Why is the hospital levy still showing on levy rate on mailing?

Kirk Shannan: Has same concerns as everyone. Appreciates board of supervisor's efforts. What can we do to help? Don't want to give up services but don't want to have to pay more.

Bob Deutsch: Some people that live in town do not pay taxes, and vote on anything. How many people work in the treasurer's office?

Jennifer Patt: Wants detail of all personnel and salaries. Going to have to cut costs, expenses, services, personnel.

Lynne Johnson: State of Iowa has excess money. They should start paying state mandated requirements.

Marshan Roth: Is there a list of all unfunded state mandates so we can go to legislatures about it?

Robin Fricke: Don't sign the check to the state and send it. Make them come get the check.

Ananda Vandenbos: Mental health is very important, but it's going away.

Kirk Shannan: What do supervisors expect from the public? Anyone has the capability to draft larger commercial businesses to Fairfield. Revenue is the problem. We need to bring business in.

Patricia Draznin: The state is talking about eliminating state income tax. How are they going to balance that?

Ananda Vandenbos: Asked how to come get printout of salary information.

Robin Fricke: We look at it as you keep wanting more from us and we have to give it to you. People are getting more tired of giving it to you.

Bob Deutsch: You are all doing a good job.

Sandra Clingan: Past the age of being able to make more money. We are on fixed incomes which is why we are here. Everything keeps going up.

Julie Greeson: The silver lining here is the urban residents have a decrease, and rural residents have a wash. There is no one in this room who has an increase from this office.

Lynne Johnson: What would happen if the county doesn't pay the state?

Robin Fricke: You're in a tough position. It's a ladder that doesn't have an end. Thank you for what you are doing.

Ledger motioned to close the public hearing. Drish seconded. All "Ayes". Motion carried.

ATTEST:

Christy L. Conner	Lee Dimmitt, Chairman
County Auditor	Board of Supervisors