



WASECA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

BUDGET AND LEVY HEARING

December 17, 2024 - 6:00 PM

East Annex Public Meeting Room

300 North State Street – East Annex · Waseca, Minnesota 56093

The Waseca County Board of Commissioners met in a budget and levy session on Tuesday, December 17, 2024, in the Commissioners' Room, 300 North State Street, Waseca, Minnesota. Members present were Chair Brian Harguth, DeAnne Malterer, Doug Christopherson, Brad Milbrath and Brad Krause.

Other members present were Michael Johnson, County Administrator; Melissa Sexton, Human Resources Director

Others present: Phil Marquardt

1. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

Chair Harguth called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. A roll call was taken and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

2. 2025 Budget Hearing Presentation

Michael Johnson, County Administrator, provided an overview and the purpose of the meeting being budgetary and setting the levy for the 2025 taxes only.

3. Public Comment

Chair Harguth opened the meeting for public comment. Phil Marquardt, Freedom Township, presented at the meeting with concerns over ag values. A discussion was held.

4. Approval of 2025 Waseca County Budget and Levy

Motion to adopt Resolution 2024-48 Establishing a Final Budget and Levy for Fiscal Year 2025 by Commissioner Christopherson, seconded by Commissioner Milbrath. A discussion was held. Motion carried 5-0.

Resolution 2024-48

Establishing a Final Budget and Levy for Fiscal Year 2025

WHEREAS, the Waseca County Board of Commissioners annually reviews the types and levels of service Waseca County must provide along with associated costs; and

WHEREAS, the Waseca County Board of Commissioners is annually challenged with the task of balancing needs and desires of those serviced and the ability to pay for these services; and

WHEREAS, the Waseca County Board of Commissioners is committed to maintaining reliable and consistent property tax levels; and

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statutes 275.065 Subd.1 requires that the final property tax levy for the coming year be certified to the County Auditor/Treasurer on or before five working days after December 20 in each year; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Waseca County Board of Commissioners in and for the County of Waseca, Minnesota, does hereby adopt a final net tax levy of \$18,075,313.00 as shown in the table below, a 1.36% increase compared to 2024, which shall be used to fund the 2025 operating budget; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the Waseca County Board of Commissioners in and for the County of Waseca, Minnesota, hereby certifies this final levy to the Waseca County Auditor/Treasurer and authorizes the preparation and distribution of the final 2025 Property Tax Statements.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the Waseca County Board of Commissioners adopts \$39,913,903.00 as the final 2025 budget for Waseca. This resolution shall become effective upon its passage.

Final Budget & Levy for 2025

FUND	BUDGETED EXPENDITURES	NON-LEVY REVENUE	2025 NET TAX LEVY
General Fund	\$ 17,778,665	\$ (6,709,847)	\$ 11,068,818
Building	\$ 160,000	\$ (160,000)	\$ -
Capital Improvement	\$ 750,000		\$ 750,000
Public Works	\$ 14,462,995	\$ (12,001,000)	\$ 2,461,995
Human Services	\$ 3,291,999	\$ (74,744)	\$ 3,217,255
Waste Management	\$ 1,432,775	\$ (1,296,330)	\$ 136,445
Debt Service	\$ 678,550	\$ (237,750)	\$ 440,800
Ditch Authority	\$ 1,358,919	\$ (1,358,919)	\$ -
TOTAL	\$ 39,913,903	\$ (21,838,590)	\$ 18,075,313

5. Adjourn

Having no further county board business, Commissioner Christopherson moved and Commissioner Krause seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was carried unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 7:03 p.m.

Brian Harguth, Chairperson
Waseca County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:

Beth Weimert, Clerk
Waseca County Administration