



WASECA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS BUDGET HEARING PRESENTATION

December 19, 2023 - 6:30 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 hearing on Tuesday, December 19, 2023, in the Commissioners' Room, 300 North State Street, Waseca, Minnesota. Members present were Chair Brian Harguth, DeAnne Malterer, Doug Christopherson, and Brad Krause.

Also present were: Michael Johnson, County Administrator; Tammy Spooner, Director of Property & Election Services; Amanda Pflueger, Assistant County Attorney; Jim Kollar, Public Works Director/County Engineer; Chris Howard, Land & Water Resources Manager; Melissa Sexton, Human Resources Director; Jay Dulas Sheriff; Brad Milbrath; Sarah Berry, Public Health Director; Brock Nelson, Assessor; Virginia Wenisch, Assessment Technician; Cheryl Clevenger, Property Appraiser; Patrick Dunn, Property Appraiser; Deb Bently, Waseca County Pioneer; Gretchen Supalla; Mike Supalla; Linda Born; Jason Androli; Dan Jewison; Donald McCoy; Kelly McCoy; Linda Eaton; and George Sonnek.

1. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

Chair Harguth called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Roll Call was taken and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

2. 2024 Budget Hearing Presentation

Chair Harguth welcomed everyone to the meeting and provided an overview of the process.

Michael Johnson, County Administrator, presented the 2024 budget and levy. The focus of the presentation was only for the county, not schools or other local governments. Johnson presented several options for setting the final budget and levy.

3. Public Comment

Chair Harguth opened the meeting to public comment at 6:48 p.m. There was no public comment.

4. Approval of 2024 Waseca County Budget and Levy

Christopherson moved and Krause seconded to adopt Resolution 2023-57 Establishing a Final Budget and Levy for Fiscal Year 2024 with the final levy reflected a 0.5% increase over the prior year's levy. After discussion, the motion carried 4-0.

Resolution 2023-57

Establishing a Final Budget and Levy for Fiscal Year 2024

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 \$17,832,821 as shown in the below table, a 0.5% increase compared to 2023, which shall be used to fund the 2024 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 2024 Property Tax Statements.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the Waseca County Board of Commissioners adopts \$39,387,508 as the final 2024 budget for Waseca. This resolution shall become effective upon its passage.

Final Levy and Budget for 2024

FUND	BUDGETED EXPENDITURES	NON-LEVY REVENUE	2024 NET TAX LEVY
General Fund	\$ 16,791,607	\$ (5,888,947)	\$ 10,902,660
Building	\$ 421,431		\$ 421,431
Capital Improvement	\$ 750,000		\$ 750,000
Public Works	\$ 14,933,940	\$ (12,918,000)	\$ 2,015,940
Human Services	\$ 3,152,179	\$ -	\$ 3,152,179
Waste Management	\$ 1,201,030	\$ (1,113,390)	\$ 87,640
Debt Service	\$ 821,421	\$ (318,450)	\$ 502,971
Ditch Authority	\$ 1,315,900	\$ (1,315,900)	\$ -
TOTAL	\$ 39,387,508	\$ (21,554,687)	\$ 17,832,821

5. Adjourn

Krause moved and Malterer seconded to adjourn at 7:06 p.m. Motion carried 4-0.

Brian Harguth, Chairperson
Waseca County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:

Beth Weimert, Clerk
Waseca County Administration