



December 5, 2024
OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE
COMMISSIONERS BUDGET & TAX LEVY PUBLIC INPUT MEETING

The Nicollet County Board of Commissioners and County staff met at the Nicollet County Government Center in St. Peter, Minnesota on Thursday, December 5, 2024 at 6:30 p.m. for a public meeting to discuss the 2025 Proposed Nicollet County Budget and Tax Levy. Board Chair Terry Morrow presided over the meeting, and Commissioners Jack Kolars, Marie Dranttel, Mark Dehen and Kurt Zins were present. Also present were County Administrator Mandy Landkamer, Finance Director Heather McCormick, Property & Public Services Director Jaci Kopet, and Recording Secretary Whitney Anderson.

Commissioner Morrow welcomed everyone present and shared that the purpose of the meeting was to address the proposed 2025 Budget and Tax Levy. At that time, he invited those who had questions about their assessed property value to speak with Director Kopet individually.

Administrator Landkamer presented a detailed overview of the proposed 2025 Nicollet County budget and tax levy. The proposed 2025 budget is \$57,352,173 and the proposed tax levy increase is \$27,335,294 (3.5%). She compared historical Nicollet County levy data with current trends. She also provided information on specific budget items that affected the levy, such as increased market costs related to wages, equipment, and services. She shared graphs of County revenues and expenditures and compared the numbers with historical data.

At 6:50 p.m., Chair Morrow opened the meeting for questions and comments.

Lynn Fluegge appeared before the Board to express his concerns about agricultural land and the evaluation process.

Taylor Rudenick appeared before the board to express his concerns regarding how Nicollet County determines land evaluation figures and the process involved.

Director Kopet addressed the process and concerns related to land evaluations. She advised the community to contact the Assessor's office for further information.

Lynn Fluegge made additional comments regarding the explanation of the land evaluation process.

At 7:05 p.m. no further public comments were received and the commenting period was closed.

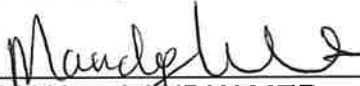
The Board thanked County Administrator Landkamer and staff for their hard work in gathering and compiling the budget and tax levy proposal information. The final 2025 Budget and Tax Levy will be considered at the County Board meeting on December 17, 2024.

With no further questions or comments, the meeting adjourned at 7:05 p.m.



TERRY MORROW, CHAIR
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

ATTEST:



MANDY LANDKAMER,
CLERK TO THE BOARD