

Clarke County Board of Supervisors  
April 1, 2024

**April 1, 2024** - The Clarke County Board of Supervisors met in special session on April 1, 2024 at the Clarke County Courthouse with the following members present: Austin Taylor, Dean Robins and Randy Dunbar. Also present, Auditor Janice White and Osceola Sentinel Editor Candra Brooks. Chairman Austin Taylor called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Randy Dunbar made a motion to approve the agenda, seconded by Dean Robins. All Ayes.

PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED PROPERTY TAX LEVY  
FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024-25

The Board of Supervisors met on April 1, 2024, in the Clarke County Courthouse, Board of Supervisor's room, to hold a public hearing for the purpose of allowing the public an opportunity to voice questions, comments and concerns for the specific tax levies. Members present were Austin Taylor, Dean Robins, and Randy Dunbar. Also present, were County Auditor Janice White, Osceola Sentinel Editor Candra Brooks, Dennis Chaney, Larry Keller, Marvin McCann, Jay Haumersen, Bill Schneck, Rod Harger, and Bob Johnson.

Moved by Dean Robins to open the hearing at 9:01 A.M., seconded by Randy Dunbar. Ayes: Austin Taylor, Dean Robins and Randy Dunbar. Nays: None. Motion carried.

The public voiced concerns regarding property taxes and the HF718 notice that was sent in the mail. The purpose of the notice was to give an estimate of the proposed tax levy rates. The Board was asked what extra services were going to be provided for the extra tax dollars being collected. The supervisors stated that while the dollars requested did go up some, the cost of liability insurance, fuel, equipment, patrol vehicles, gravel and utilities are just some of the things that have went up in cost. Many services are required by the state and many unfunded mandates are left for the county to provide. There was a question on the excess dollars from the previous budget. The Auditor explained that any excess dollars are rolled into the next year as part of the beginning balance, so those dollars are not just sitting there in a savings account.

No written comments were received.

Moved by Dean Robins to close the hearing, seconded by Randy Dunbar. Ayes: Austin Taylor, Dean Robins and Randy Dunbar. Nays: None. Motion carried. Hearing closed at 9:53 A.M.

Signed this 1<sup>st</sup> day of April, 2024.

Having finished the Public Hearing, Randy Dunbar made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Dean Robins. All Ayes. Meeting adjourned at 9:54 a.m.

Signed: Austin Taylor, Chairman

Attest: Janice M. White, Auditor