

March 23, 2026

The Lucas County Board of Supervisors met in special session for a Public Hearing on March 23, 2026, at 9:00 a.m. with the following members present: Larry Davis and Cathy Reece. Also present were James Mathes, Garold Rankin, Skylar Hobbs, Hanna Gwinn, Alyson Palmer, Todde Folkerts, and Julie Masters. Davis made a motion, seconded by Reece, to call the Public Hearing to order all voted aye. Motion carried. Reece opened the floor for discussion or concerns about the Max Levy Rates proposed by the Supervisors for the FY27 County budget. James Mathes asked questions about the Statements that were sent to taxpayers as required by Iowa Code 24.2A. on the proposed property taxation. The County property tax dollars and rate applying to the current budget year that began last July 1, 2025 are noted in the columns 2 and 3 of the 6 columns and column 4 ,effective tax rate shows what would happen to the tax rate should the local government budget the same amount of property tax dollars next year as they did for the current year. It is not a limit on taxes. Columns 5 & 6 show the proposed property tax dollars and rate for the coming budget year beginning July 1, 2026. Mr. Mathes, who is a township trustee for pleasant township, understands the budget constraints and asked the supervisors if it was possible to back off the tax rate to come closer to the effective tax rate. The discussion continued about the costs to maintain the current services to residents while cutting out any fluff and dealing with State credits that have been thrown back on the states. As there was no further discussion a motion was made by Davis and seconded by Reece to close the public hearing and adjourn to meet sine die at 9:30 a.m. All voted aye. Motion carried.

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Cathy Reece, Chairperson

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Julie L Masters, Auditor