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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING — PROPOSED BUDGET
Fiscal Year July 1, 2026 - June 30, 2027 CONESVILLE BENEFITED FIRE DISTRICT

The Board of Trustees of CONESVILLE BENEFITED FIRE DISTRICT will conduct a PUBLIC HEARING on the proposed fiscal year budget as follows:
Meeting Date: 3/23/2026 Meeting Time: 05:30 PM Meeting Location: Fire Station Meeting Room, Conesville
District Clerk/Secretary Name: Marsha Gerot Clerk/Secretary Telephone Number: (319) 212-0341
At the public hearing, any resident or taxpayer may present their objections to, or arguments in favor of, any part of the proposed budget. This notice represents a summary of the supporting detail of receipts and expenditures on file with the Clerk.

FUND	FYE June 30, 2025 Actual Expenditures	FYE June 30, 2026 Re-estimated Expenditures	FYE June 30, 2027 Proposed Expenditures	Estimated Ending Fund Balance June 30, 2027	Estimated July 1, 2026 Beg. Balance & All Other Receipts	Estimated Amount To Be Raised By Taxation
General	27,180	36,600	36,300	33,197	33,679	35,818

Proposed taxation rate per $1,000 valuation: $ 0.60750

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SUPERVISOR'S MINUTE
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February 24, 2026

The Louisa County Board of Supervisors met in regular session at the Supervisor's office. The meeting was called to order at 8:30 a.m. by Scot Hunt, Chair Pro-Tem. The following board member was present: Shawn Maine. Board members voting "AYE" unless otherwise noted. Public attending meeting Adam Shutt, Randy Foor, Bill Poggemiller, Sam Willson, and Jim Rudisill. Attended via Zoom: Brandon Marquardt and Leah McElhinney.

Pledge of Allegiance

Motion Maine, second Hunt, to approve agenda for February 24th, 2026.

Motion Maine, second Hunt, to approve minutes for February 17th, 2026.

No meetings attended.

The following payroll change was reviewed: Timothy Edwards, Sign man, $28.01/hr.

Adam Shutt, County Engineer, gave his weekly update.

Motion Maine, second Hunt, to approve the Interstate Power & Light Company's "Application for Approval of Construction on Louisa County Right of Way" to install overhead electric from east side pole to a new pole on the west side of road at 1625 County Road X37, Morning Sun.

Motion Maine, second Hunt, to appoint Mark Spitznogle, to the Planning & Zoning Board for a term expiring December 31, 2030.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting on motion adjourned at 8:50 a.m.

/s/ Susan Schnedler, Auditor,
/s/ Kevin Hardin, Chairman of the Board

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COUNTY NAME: LOUISA COUNTY	NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING: PROPOSED PROPERTY TAX LEVY Fiscal Year July 1, 2026 - June 30, 2027	COUNTY NUMBER: 58

The County Board of Supervisors will conduct a public hearing on the proposed Fiscal Year County tax ruling as follows:
Meeting Date: 3/23/2026 Meeting Time: 06:00 PM Meeting Location: Louisa County Annex - 503 Franklin St, Wapello, IA 52653
At the public hearing any resident or taxpayer may present objections to, or arguments in favor of the proposed tax levy. After the hearing of the proposed tax levy, the Board will publish notice and hold a hearing on the proposed county budget.

County Website (if available): www.louisacounty.org
County Telephone Number: (319) 523-5571

Iowa Department of Management	Current Year Certified Property Tax FY 2025/2026	Budget Year Effective Tax FY 2026/2027	Budget Year Proposed Tax FY 2026/2027
Taxable Valuations-County-Services	[illegible]	555,867,712	565,867,712
Requested Tax Dollars-Countywide Rates Except Debt Service	5,635,998	5,935,698	5,934,750
Taxable Valuations-Debt Service	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Requested Tax Dollars-Debt Service	0	0	0
Requested Tax Dollars-Countywide Rates	5,935,902	5,935,698	5,934,750
Tax Rate-Countywide	7.81035	7.79139	7.80122
Taxable Valuations-Rural Services	502,337,816	498,357,670	508,357,670
Requested Tax Dollars-Additional Rural Levies	1,654,610	1,657,607	[illegible]
Tax Rate-Rural Additional	2.93348	2.93348	2.94103
Rural Total	10.74383	10.72487	10.74826

Tax Rate Comparison-Current VS. Proposed

Residential property with an Actual/Assessed Valuation of $100,000/$110,000	Current Year Certified Property Tax FY 2025/2026	Budget Year Proposed Tax FY 2026/2027	Percent Change
Urban Taxpayer	350	382	9.14
Rural Taxpayer	500	520	4.00

Tax Rate Comparison-Current VS. Proposed

Commercial property with an Actual/Assessed Valuation of $300,000/$330,000	Current Year Certified Property Tax FY 2025/2026	Budget Year Proposed Tax FY 2026/2027	Percent Change
Urban Taxpayer	1,610	1,785	10.87
Rural Taxpayer	2,174	2,458	13.05

Note: Actual/Assessed Valuation is multiplied by a Rollback Percentage to get to the Taxable Valuation to calculate Property Taxes. Residential and Commercial properties have the same Rollback Percentage at $150,000 Actual/Assessed Valuation. The Proposed Property taxes assume a 10% increase in property values for the year as a comparison to the current year.
Reasons for tax increase if proposed exceeds the current:
Increase in property tax dollars is due to increases in operations and salaries, health insurance premiums, employee benefits and utilities.

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The notice also provided comparisons for a $300,000 commercial property in FY 26 and a $330,000 property in FY 27.

Those figures showed an urban taxpayer's FY 26 tax of $1,610 climbing to $1,785 in FY 27; while the rural commercial property owner's tax bill will go from $2,174 in FY 26 to $2,458 in FY 27.

The reasons identified for increased property tax revenue included higher operation and maintenance costs, insurance premiums, employee benefits and utilities.

The second of the required public hearings will be to receive comments on the proposed county budget for 2027. The date for that hearing has not been set.

According to past discussions on the property tax levies, the county will be able to reduce the amounts but cannot raise them once they are published.

In other action, the supervisors accepted a recommendation from the Louisa County Planning and Zoning Commission and approved doubling the commission's zoning application fees.

According to a chart of the new fees, the two-fold increase will apply across-the-board for all categories involving zoning applications, including dwelling, additions, accessory building/structure, commercial building/structure, industrial building/structure and home occupation.

The specific fee will be determined by square footage; or, in the case of home occupation permits, whether the proposed occupation will be a business or industry.

Under the proposed changes, application fees for dwellings would increase to $100 to $400, depending on the square footage of the dwelling. The permit for dwellings up to 1,000 sq. ft. will increase to $100; 2,000 sq. ft. - $200; and any dwelling over 2,000 sq. ft. - $400.

Permit fees for additions will also double. That will mean a permit for an addition of up to 500 sq. ft. will now be $50; up to 2,000 sq. ft. - $200; and for any addition over 2,000 sq. ft. - $400.

Square footage will also continue to be the determining factor for other zoning application fees. The fee for any accessory building/structure up to 300 sq. ft. will be $50 under the proposed doubling; while accessory building/structures over 300 sq. ft. will be $100.

Application fees for commercial buildings/structure up to 2,000 sq. ft. will be $200; and $400 for any over 2,000 sq. ft.

Industrial buildings/structures up to 5,000 sq. ft. will have a zoning application fee of $500 assessed; while the fee will be $1,000 for any industrial building/structure over 5,000 sq. ft. under the proposed increase in fees.

An increase in the county's home occupation zoning application fees will mean any home business will now be assessed a $100 zoning application fee; while the fee for a home industry will go to $200.

The $200 fee to hold a public hearing of the LCPZC will remain at $200; while the $100 fee for a Louisa County Board of Adjustment public hearing for a variance will also not be changed and remain at $100, while the fee for a special use/exception or map extension will also not change.

Zoning administrator Brian Thye pointed out during the supervisors' meeting that the new fees represented the first fee increase in nearly 25 years.

The supervisors also received the regular department updates from emergency management agency (EMA) administrator Kenny Marlette and county engineer Adam Shutt.

Marlette reported he was continuing to work on his on-line certification requirements and reminded the board members that the annual FY 27 EMA budget had been approved.

He also reported submitting a federal grant application for $21,000 funding, which is used to help cover part of his salary. However, he said a similar application he filed last year still has not been approved by the federal government.

Marlette also said an application to help cover the cost of new security devices at the courthouse and other county offices was still pending.

He also reported a table top exercise to train for severe weather was set for March 17.

In his report on the secondary roads department, Shutt said his crews were busy hauling rock, with plans to move around 600 tons of material each day for the next 61 days.

He also mentioned attending a recent state legislators forum where the local legislators indicated a property tax cap was likely to be passed this year.

The board also:

- Approved $254,785 in claims; and
- Agreed to sign a $55,929 purchase agreement with Unisyn Voting System for seven scanners and six ADA-compliant touch screens.

The supervisors also approved 2026-2027 law enforcement contracts with Grandview ($22,635); Fredonia ($9,630); Morning Sun ($32,899); Letts ($14,789); and Oakville ($6,944).

Maine pointed out the law enforcement contracts are now primarily based on call volume and not per capita as they formerly were assessed.

Louisa County Clubs, Meetings & Chapter News

CJ LIONS CLUB

After dessert provided by Lion Aggatha at 6:00 PM, the regular meeting of the Columbus Junction Lions Club was called to order March 2, 2026, by President Bill Hingst. The meeting was held at the Columbus Community Senior Center. 11 members attended. Lion Jim Howell gave the prayer prior to the meal.

President Bill called the meeting to order, and Lion Mike led the pledge of allegiance.

President Bill thanked Lion Aggatha for providing the dessert.

Secretary's Report

Secretary Lamoyne read the minutes of the previous meeting which were approved as read.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Cassie gave the Treasurer's report providing the current balances in the Administrative and Activity Accounts. She reported the net proceeds from the recent Soup Supper Fundraiser was $609. These proceeds will be donated to the Iowa Lions Foundation designated for the Iowa Lion Eye Bank. This report was approved as presented.

Committee Reports

Lion Jim Howell confirmed March 23rd as the date for our next Pizza Ranch Fundraiser. Workers will be assigned at our next meeting.

Lion Cassie reported that the first annual fundraiser soup supper was considered a success and thanked all members that helped. A few things were noted for improving the next supper.

Old Business

President Bill read a thank you letter from 9SE LCIF Coordinator Lion Nancy Love for our Club's contribution of $500 to the Lions Club International Foundation.

New Business

Lion Lamoyne reported that the date for the KidSight vision screening will be Wednesday, March 11th at the Roundy Elementary School. Workers should arrive at 8:30 AM with screening to begin at 9>00 AM. Around 40 children will be screened.

He also said Track Coach Steve Riley had been contacted to suggest date(s) for our upcoming Adopt A-Highway Service Project.

Lion Aggatha will be the guest speaker at our next Club meeting.

Tail Twister

Tail Twister Verl entertained members with humorous quotes from children about their understanding of religious topics and church attendance.

There being no further business, President Bill adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
Lamoyne Buser
Club Secretary

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	NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING - PROPOSED PROPERTY TAX LEVY Proposed COLUMBUS Property Tax Levy Fiscal Year July 1, 2026 - June 30, 2027	
Location of Public Hearing: Columbus Community School District- Admin Building/Boardroom 1208 Colton Street Columbus Junction, IA 52738	Date of Public Hearing: 3/25/2026	Time of Public Hearing: 05:30 PM
Location of Notice on School Website: https://www.columbuscsd.org/page/financial-information		

At the public hearing any resident or taxpayer may present oral or written objections to, or arguments in favor of the proposed tax levy.
After the hearing of the proposed tax levy, the Board will publish notice and hold a hearing on the proposed budget.

		Current Year Final Property Tax Dollar Levy FY 2026	Budget Year Effective Property Tax Dollar Levy (No change in Property Tax Dollars Levied) FY 2027	Budget Year Proposed Property Tax Dollar Levy FY 2027
General Fund Levy	1	2,518,798	2,518,798	2,609,167
Instructional Support Levy	2	112,610	112,610	15,749
Management	3	230,504	230,504	230,598
Amana Library	4	0	0	0
Voted Physical Plant and Equipment	5	203,915	203,915	207,382
Regular Physical Plant and Equipment	6	100,436	100,436	102,143
Reorganization Equalization	7	0	0	0
Public Education/Recreation (Playground)	8	40,929	40,929	41,614
Debt Service	9	0	0	0
Grand Total	10	3,207,192	3,207,192	3,206,653
		Current Year Final Property Tax Rate FY 2026	**Budget Year Effective Property Tax Rate (No change in Property Tax Dollars Levied) FY 2027**	**Budget Year Proposed Property Tax Rate FY 2027**
Grand Total Levy Rate		10.57336	10.39897	10.39845
Property Tax Comparison		**Current Year Property Taxes**	**Proposed Property Taxes**	**Percent Change**
Residential property with an Actual/Assessed Value of $100,000/$110,000		502	509	1.39
Commercial property with an Actual/Assessed Value of $300,000/$330,000		2,179	2,380	9.22

Note: Actual/Assessed Valuation is multiplied by a Rollback Percentage to get to the Taxable Valuation to calculate Property Taxes. Residential and Commercial properties have the same Rollback Percentage at $150,000 Actual/Assessed Valuation. The Proposed Property taxes assume a 10% increase in property values for the year as a comparison to the current year.
Reasons for tax increase if proposed exceeds the current:
No increase to property taxes for fiscal year 2027.

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THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT
FOR LOUISA COUNTY
IN THE MATTER OF THE
ESTATE OF
THERESA JILL CECIL,
Deceased
CASE NO. ESPR017616
NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT
OF
ADMINISTRATOR AND
NOTICE TO
CREDITORS

To All Persons Interested in the Estate of Theresa Jill Cecil, Deceased, who died on or about January 30, 2026:

You are hereby notified that on March 4, 2026, the undersigned was appointed administrator of the estate.

Notice is hereby given that all persons indebted to the estate are requested to make immediate payment to the undersigned, and creditors having claims against the estate shall file them with the clerk of the above-named district court, as provided by law, duly authenticated, for allowance, and unless so filed by the later to occur four months from the date of the second publication of this notice or one month from the date of the mailing of this notice (unless otherwise allowed or paid) a claim is thereafter forever barred.

Dated on March 4, 2026.

Stephanie Cecil, Executor
of the Estate.
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