

Notice of Public Hearing

COUNTY NAME: HOWARD COUNTY	NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING -PROPOSED PROPERTY TAX LEVY Fiscal Year July 1, 2026 - June 30, 2027	COUNTY NUMBER: 45
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The County Board of Supervisors will conduct a public hearing on the proposed Fiscal Year County tax asking as follows:
Meeting Date: 3/23/2026 Meeting Time: 09:00 AM Meeting Location: 137 N Elm St Courthouse Cresco, IA 52136

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.howardcounty.iowa.gov

County Telephone Number
(563) 547-9203

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-General Services	778,086,568	798,529,684	798,529,684
Requested Tax Dollars-Countywide Rates Except Debt Service	4,755,836	4,755,836	4,920,715
Taxable Valuations-Debt Service	847,581,435	904,468,500	904,468,500
Requested Tax Dollars-Debt Service	342,601	342,601	345,552
Requested Tax Dollars-Countywide Rates	5,098,437	5,098,437	5,266,267
Tax Rate-Countywide	6.51643	6.33453	6.54427
Taxable Valuations-Rural Services	577,964,086	579,810,906	579,810,906
Requested Tax Dollars-Additional Rural Levies	2,216,036	2,216,036	2,290,253
Tax Rate-Rural Additional	3.83421	3.82200	3.95000
Rural Total	10.35064	10.15653	10.49427

Tax Rate Comparison-Current VS. Proposed	Current Year Certified Property Tax FY 2025/2026	Budget Year Proposed Tax FY 2026/2027	Percent Change
Residential property with an Actual/Assessed Valuation of \$100,000/\$110,000	309	321	3.88
Urban Taxpayer	491	514	4.68
Rural Taxpayer			

Tax Rate Comparison-Current VS. Proposed	Current Year Certified Property Tax FY 2025/2026	Budget Year Proposed Tax FY 2026/2027	Percent Change
Commercial property with an Actual/Assessed Valuation of \$300,000/\$330,000	1,344	1,497	11.38
Urban Taxpayer	2,133	2,401	12.56
Rural Taxpayer			

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:
 To continue to provide essential services to the residents of Howard County

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING -PROPOSED PROPERTY TAX LEVY Proposed HOWARD-WINNESHIK Property Tax Levy Fiscal Year July 1, 2026 - June 30, 2027		
Location of Public Hearing: NICC Cresco Campus 1020 2nd Ave SE Cresco, IA 52136	Date of Public Hearing: 3/25/2026	Time of Public Hearing: 04:30 PM
Location of Notice on School Website: www.howard-winn.k12.ia.us		

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 5,917,204	5,917,204	7,425,391
Instructional Support Levy	2 500,484	500,484	506,751
Management	3 839,244	839,244	0
Amana Library	4 0	0	0
Voted Physical Plant and Equipment	5 662,766	662,766	730,753
Regular Physical Plant and Equipment	6 221,688	221,688	239,956
Reorganization Equalization	7 0	0	0
Public Education/Recreation (Playground)	8 0	0	0
Debt Service	9 0	0	0
Grand Total	10 8,141,386	8,141,386	8,902,851

	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	12.19678	11.26592	12.32000

Property Tax Comparison	Current Year Property Taxes	Proposed Property Taxes	Percent Change
Residential property with an Actual/Assessed Value of \$100,000/\$110,000	579	604	4.32
Commercial property with an Actual/Assessed Value of \$300,000/\$330,000	2,515	2,819	12.09

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:
 The District is on the Budget Guarantee which is funded entirely by property taxes. Due to low funding increases from the state and mandated special education services, our special education deficit has grown and is paid entirely with property taxes as well.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING - AMENDMENT OF CURRENT BUDGET Howard County 911 Service Board Fiscal Year July 1, 2025 - June 30, 2026				
The Howard County 911 Service Board will conduct a public hearing for the purpose of amending the current budget for fiscal year ending June 30, 2026				
Meeting Date/Time: 3/24/2026 05:00 PM	Contact: Brody Malone	Phone: (563) 547-9208		
Meeting Location: Howard County Sheriff's Office				
There will be no increase in taxes. Any residents or taxpayers will be heard for or against the proposed amendment at the time and place specified above. A detailed statement of: additional receipts, cash balances on hand at the close of the preceding fiscal year, and proposed disbursements, both past and anticipated, will be available at the hearing. Budget amendments are subject to protest. If protest petition requirements are met, the State Appeal Board will hold a local hearing. For more information, consult https://dom.iowa.gov/local-gov-appeals .				
EXPENDITURES	Total Budget as Certified or Last Amended	Amendment Increase	Total Budget After Current Amendment	Reason
Surcharge Fund	145,350	60,000	205,350	Radio Equipment Upgrade/Replacement
Operating Fund	0	0	0	
Total	145,350	60,000	205,350	

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<h2>Howard County Sheriffs Office - Dispatch Activity</h2>					
<i>The following calls are just a snapshot of calls handled by our local Howard County Officers.</i>					
2/27/26	22:30	DRUG INFO	400 BLK N ELM	CRESCO	CRESCO POLICE
2/28/26	1:15	VEHICLE IN DITCH	45TH ST UNITY	HOWARD COUNTY	SHERIFFS OFFICE
2/28/26	11:17	CIVIL MATTER	14800 BLK MILL RD	LIME SPRINGS	SHERIFFS OFFICE
2/28/26	19:24	CONTROLLED BURN	22400 BLK 190TH ST	PROTIVIN	SHERIFFS OFFICE
2/28/26	22:52	SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY	100 BLK N ELM ST	CRESCO	CRESCO POLICE
2/28/26	23:45	DOMESTIC	200 BLK 10TH AVE SE	CRESCO	CRESCO POLICE
3/1/26	11:15	AMBULANCE	HOLLY AVE	RICEVILLE	SHERIFFS OFFICE
3/2/26	11:47	CONTROLLED BURN	NORTH OF HWY 9, VALLEY AVE	CRESCO	CRESCO POLICE
3/2/26	12:15	VEHICLE IN DITCH	A23 AND UNITY	HOWARD COUNTY	SHERIFFS OFFICE
3/2/26	18:38	INFORMATION	WOOD ST	ELMA	SHERIFFS OFFICE
3/2/26	19:53	TRAFFICE STOP	800 BLK OF N ELM	CRESCO	CRESCO POLICE
3/3/26	7:13	DOG CALL	300 BLK 2ND ST E	CRESCO	CRESCO POLICE
3/3/26	15:24	ACCIDENT PD	MIGHTY HOWARD COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS	CRESCO	SHERIFFS OFFICE
3/3/26	17:48	ALTERCATION	3RD ST W	CRESCO	CRESCO POLICE
3/3/36	19:12	TRESPASSING	4700 BLK HWY 63	LIME SPRINGS	SHERIFFS OFFICE
3/3/26	21:59	THEFT CALL	400 BLK 9TH ST	ELMA	SHERIFFS OFFICE
3/4/26	7:24	BARKING DOG COMPLAINT	300 BLK 2ND ST E	CRESCO	CRESCO POLICE
3/4/26	7:52	VANDALISM	300 BLK 5TH AVE E	CRESCO	CRESCO POLICE
3/5/26	9:20	HIT/RUN	500 BLK 5TH AVE SW	CRESCO	CRESCO POLICE
3/6/26	10:59	THEFT CALL	200 BLK 2ND ST W	CRESCO	CRESCO POLICE

FROM: 2/27/26 - 3/6/26
TOTAL DISPATCHES: 142

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The Howard County Board of Supervisors has received a construction permit application for a confinement feeding operation, more specifically described as follows:
 Name of Applicant: K Pigs, LLC
 Location of the proposed construction: SE 1/4 SW 1/4 Section 32, Township 100 Chester Township, Range 13, Howard County, Iowa.
 Type of confinement feeding operation structure proposed: Two new deep pit swine confinement buildings as a new swine confinement facility.
 Animal Unit Capacity of the Confinement Operation after Construction: 2000 animal units. (5000 head of finishing swine)
 Examination: The application is on file at the Office of the Howard County Environmental Health and is available for public inspection Monday thru Friday from 8:00 a.m. until 4:30 p.m.
 A public hearing will be conducted on March 23, 2026, at 10:30 a.m. in the Board Room of the Howard County Supervisors in the Howard County Courthouse. Any written or oral comments will be accepted until 10:30 a.m. on this day.

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 Name of Applicant: K Pigs, LLC
 Location of the proposed construction: NW 1/4 NW 1/4 Section 6, Township 99 Saratoga Township, Range 13, Howard County, Iowa.
 Type of confinement feeding operation structure proposed: Two new deep pit swine confinement buildings as a new swine confinement facility.
 Animal Unit Capacity of the Confinement Operation after Construction: 2000 animal units. (5000 head of finishing swine)
 Examination: The application is on file at the Office of the Howard County Environmental Health and is available for public inspection Monday thru Friday from 8:00 a.m. until 4:30 p.m.
 A public hearing will be conducted on March 23, 2026, at 10:45 a.m. in the Board Room of the Howard County Supervisors in the Howard County Courthouse. Any written or oral comments will be accepted until 10:45 a.m. on this day.

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 Name of Applicant: K Pigs, LLC
 Location of the proposed construction: NE 1/4 SE 1/4 Section 8, Township 99 Saratoga Township, Range 13, Howard County, Iowa.
 Type of confinement feeding operation structure proposed: Two new deep pit swine confinement buildings as a new swine confinement facility.
 Animal Unit Capacity of the Confinement Operation after Construction: 2000 animal units. (5000 head of finishing swine)
 Examination: The application is on file at the Office of the Howard County Environmental Health and is available for public inspection Monday thru Friday from 8:00 a.m. until 4:30 p.m.
 A public hearing will be conducted on March 23, 2026, at 11:00 a.m. in the Board Room of the Howard County Supervisors in the Howard County Courthouse. Any written or oral comments will be accepted until 11:00 a.m. on this day.

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PUBLIC NOTICE OF STORM WATER DISCHARGE

Invenery LLC plans to submit a Notice of Intent to the Iowa Department of Natural Resources to be covered under the NPDES General Permit No. 2 "Storm Water Discharge Associated with Industrial Activity for Construction Activities." The storm water discharge will be from the construction of two (2) concrete mud mats located in T97N R12W Sections 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, and 9, T97N R13W Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, and 14, T98N R12W Sections 26, 27, 28, 32, 33, 34, and 35, and T98N R13W Sections 32, 33, and 34 in Howard County. Stormwater will be discharged from approximately six (6) point sources and will be discharged to the following streams: Unnamed Tributaries to Elk Creek, Unnamed Tributaries to Freidhof Creek, Unnamed Tributaries to Little Turkey Creek, and Unnamed Tributaries to Little Turkey River.
 Comments may be submitted to the Storm Water Discharge Coordinator, Iowa Department of Natural Resources, Environmental Protection Division, 502 E. 9th Street, Des Moines, IA 50319-0034. The public may review the Notice of Intent from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, at the above address after it has been received by the department.

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Trust Notice

IN THE MATTER OF THE TRUST:

THE HOVE FAMILY TRUST

To all persons regarding MARGARET M. HOVE, deceased, who died on or about February 22nd, 2026.
 You are hereby notified that the trustees listed below are the trustees of The Hove Family Trust dated on January 20th, 2014.
 Any action to contest the validity of the trust must be brought in the District Court of Howard County, Iowa, within the later to occur of four (4) months from the date of second publication of this notice or thirty (30) days from the date of mailing this notice to the spouse of the decedent settlor, and to all heirs of the decedent settlor whose identities are reasonably ascertainable. Any suit not filed within this period shall be forever barred.
 Notice is further given that any person or entity possessing a claim against the trust must mail proof of the claim to the trustee at the address listed below via certified mail, return receipt requested, by the later to occur of four (4) months from the

second publication of this notice or thirty (30) days from the date of mailing this notice if required or the claim shall be forever barred unless paid or otherwise satisfied.
 Dated on February 26th, 2026

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February Cresco PD Calls

2026	FEBRUARY	QUARTER
TYPE OF CALLS:		TOTAL
ACCIDENT CALLS	8	21
ALARM CALLS	4	13
ANIMAL CALLS	37	71
ASSAULT CALLS	6	8
ATTEMPT TO LOCATE	6	11
BURGLARY/B&E	0	0
CIVIL CALLS	12	23
DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE	6	16
DRIVING COMPLAINTS	3	13
ESCORTS	2	6
ALTERCATION	9	15
FIRE ASSIST	3	5
HARASSMENT CALLS	2	11
HOSPITAL/MEDICAL ASSIST CALLS	15	40
HOUSE/BUSINESS WATCH	2	7
INFORMATION CALLS	15	41
MISC. CALLS / ALL OTHER CALLS	17	36
MISSING PERSON CALLS	0	0
MOTORIST & PUBLIC ASSIST	7	16
NOISE COMPLAINTS	15	17
PARKING COMPLAINTS	10	28
OTHER AGENCY ASSIST CALLS	9	14
SEXUAL ASSAULT CALLS	0	0
NARCOTIC ARRESTS/CHARGES	1	1
K9 INTERDICTION/SEARCH	0	0
SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY	15	36
THEFT CALLS	7	9
TOTAL ARRESTS & CHARGES FILED	2	6
SCAMS	3	4
VANDALISM CALLS	1	5
WARRANTS SERVED	2	6
WEATHER PAGES/CALLS	0	0
PUBLIC INTOXICATIONS	0	0
WELFARE CHECKS	15	20
TOTAL	234	499
TOTAL E-911 CALLS		
	13	19
TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT		
TRAFFIC STOPS	81	185
CITATIONS	22	27
WRITTEN WARNING	7	12
PARKING CITATIONS	9	31
O.W.I.'S	1	2
.02 REVOCATIONS	0	0