

PUBLIC HEARING/PROPOSED BUDGET MEETING
NOVEMBER 29, 2024

Chairperson Denise Thomas called the Public Hearing on the Proposed 2025 Budget meeting to order on November 29, 2024, at 8 a.m. Roll was called, members present: Denise Thomas, Chairperson; Kevin Behnke, Supervisor; Kelly Christiansen, Supervisor; Alyssa Grotegut, Clerk; Dave Mueller Road Supervisor/Law Enforcement Officer. Members excused: Mike Slattery, Zoning Administrator and Paulette Vogt, Treasurer.

Chairperson Thomas explained certain points of the 2025 Budget. They didn't raise the levy this year and there is a large piece in the ambulance contract of \$34,635.00, along with the Newton Fire Department showing a reduction in their requested budget by \$10,000. We are budgeting for additional expenses with the road budget due to the grant we received. We also planned for some additional charges with the update of zoning ordinances including the update on the Farmland Preservation Ordinance.

Chairperson Thomas asked if the public had any input, Larry Stock stated he will not approve any budget where Dave Mueller isn't on the Wisconsin Retirement System. Mentioned how the Board spends money on other expenses that could be used for Dave to be on the Wisconsin Retirement System. With no other public input, public input was closed.

A motion was made by Supervisor Christiansen to approve the budget, seconded by Supervisor Behnke. There were 4 votes to approve and 4 votes to reject. With that the budget did not pass. The votes to approve were Chairperson Thomas, Supervisor Behnke, Supervisor Christiansen and Steve Thomas. The votes for rejection were Larry Stock, Shelly Stock, Michelle Stock and Emily Stock.

Due to the budget not passing, the next meeting will be held December 14, 2024, at 8 a.m. Due to the budget not passing the Tax Bills will not be sent out until this budget is approved.

The Board then moved to accept the City Water Main Project Contract. Supervisor Christiansen made a motion to approve the City Water Main Contract, seconded by Supervisor Behnke. All approved, motion carried.

Supervisor Christiansen then made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Supervisor Behnke seconded the motion, all approved, motion carried. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Alyssa Grotegut, Clerk.