

**JEFFERSON COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

AGENDA REQUEST

TO: Board of County Commissioners

FROM: Adiel McKnight, Executive Assistant

DATE: October 23, 2023

SUBJECT: **HEARING NOTICE** re: Setting of Ad Valorem Tax Levies for 2024; Hearing Scheduled for Monday, November 13, 2023 at 9:30 a.m. in the Commissioner's Chambers

STATEMENT OF ISSUE:

Annually the Commissioners review levy amounts (Real and Personal Property) for the next tax year. Levies have been set in accordance with law. A request for a hearing Setting of Ad Valorem Tax Levies for 2024 be scheduled for Monday, November 13, 2023 at 9:30 a.m.

ANALYSIS:

State law (RCW 84.55.120) requires that the Commissioners hold a public hearing on the 2024 Ad Valorem Tax Levies for levy in 2023 and collection in 2024. Notice will be published in the Port Townsend Leader on October 25 and November 1, 2023.

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve **HEARING NOTICE** re: Setting of Ad Valorem Tax Levies for 2024; Hearing Scheduled for Monday, November 13, 2023 at 9:30 a.m. in the Commissioner's Chambers

To view DRAFT documents please go to County website by clicking on: www.co.jefferson.wa.us – Services – Laserfiche Web Portal – (Username and Password is: public) - Board of Commissioners – BOCC Agenda Packet – 2023 Weekly Agenda Items – 11 November 2023 – 111323 – Ad Valorem Tax Levies for 2024

REVIEWED BY:


Mark McCauley, County Administrator

10/17/23
Date

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
Setting of Ad Valorem Tax Levies for 2024

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public hearing is scheduled by the Jefferson County Board of Commissioners for **MONDAY, November 13, 2023 at 9:30 a.m.** in the Commissioners' Chambers, County Courthouse, 1820 Jefferson Street, Port Townsend, WA 98368 (HYBRID). Notice of said hearing is to be published in the official newspaper of Jefferson County.

The public hearing is to consider the following: Proposed Resolutions setting the 2024 Ad Valorem Tax Levies for Jefferson County based on 2023 assessments for collection in 2024. Proposed Resolutions finding a substantial need to increase the property tax limit factor above the rate of inflation and adopt a limit factor of 101 percent for the 2024 tax year.

Proposed Tax Increase for 2024: (Pursuant to Chapter 84.55.120 RCW)

The Board of County Commissioners has proposed increases of up to one percent (1%) in the County General Fund Tax Levy, the County Road District Tax Levy and the County Conservation Futures Tax Levy plus increases for all levies resulting from new construction, improvement to property, any increase in the assessed value of state-assessed property, and any refunds from the previous year.

Proposed Diversion of Road Levy for Traffic Law Enforcement for 2024:

The Board of County Commissioners is also considering a Resolution to continue a past practice of diverting \$620,000 of the Road Levy for Traffic Law Enforcement within the General Fund.

The 2023-2024 Ad Valorem Tax Levies Draft Resolutions are available for viewing on the County website by clicking on: www.co.jefferson.wa.us – Services – Laserfiche Web Portal – (Username and Password is: public) - Board of Commissioners – BOCC Agenda Packet – 2023 Weekly Agenda Items – 11 November 2023 – 111323 – Ad Valorem Tax Levies for 2024

You are welcome to participate in this hearing. You will need to join the meeting by 9:30 a.m. using the following methods: **VIRTUALLY:** Via the following Zoom, link:

<https://zoom.us/j/93777841705>, **PHONE:** Dial 1-253-215-8782 and enter access code: 937-7784-1705# and press *9 to “raise your hand” to be called upon. Access for the hearing impaired can be accommodated using Washington Relay Service at 1-800-833-6384, or **IN-PERSON**

To view documents or watch this meeting live with no participation, go to www.co.jefferson.wa.us Follow the links under “*Quick Links: Videos of Meetings: Today.*” If you experience difficulties joining the meeting or viewing documents please call 360-385-9100 to report any issues.

In addition, written testimony is also invited beginning on October 25, 2023 and ending on November 13, 2023 at the end of the Public Hearing, unless extended by the Board of County Commissioners. Written public testimony may be submitted by **Email to:** jeffbocc@co.jefferson.wa.us You may view testimony received by clicking here: www.co.jefferson.wa.us – Services – Laserfiche Web Portal – (Username and Password is: public) - Board of County Commissioners – BOCC Agenda Packets – 2023 Weekly Agenda Items – 11 November 2023 – 111323 – Hearing re: Ad Valorem Tax Levies for 2024

You can also **Mail** your testimony to: Jefferson County Commissioners' Office; P.O. Box 1220, Port Townsend, WA 98368. Written testimony must be received by the Board of County Commissioners by the end of the hearing testimony period.

Signed this 23rd day of October, 2023.

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Greg Brotherton, Chair