Traverses County Commission
Special Board Meeting
September 18, 2026

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Commission Chair Jerrel Olson. Other Commissioners present were Dwight Nelson, Chad Metz, and Kayla Schmidt. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. The purpose of this special meeting is to discuss and set the 2027 Preliminary Levy.

Auditor/Treasurer Kit Johnson gave a recap of where we are sitting with the 2027 preliminary levy. The County is at a 10.87% increase over 2026. Johnson explained that we have to set the preliminary by the end of September and we have to set the final levy by the end of December.

There was discussion amongst the Commissioners along with public comments.

Metz made a motion to set the preliminary levy at $8,949,880.46, a 10.87% increase over 2026, but would like to look at ways to bring the increase down, seconded by Nelson, the motion passed on a 3-1 vote with Schmidt opposed.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:31 a.m.

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Lisa Zahl, County Coordinator Jerrel Olson, Chair