AGENDA

SPECIAL MEETING

Woodbury County Board of Supervisors

DATE: Tuesday, April 1, 2025

WHERE: Basement Boardroom, County Courthouse

TIME: 4:00 p.m.

4:00 p.m. (Set time)

Public hearing on proposed property tax levy for FY 25-26

ADJOURNMENT

Subject to Additions/Deletions

Via First Class Mail & Email at: taxdept@woodburycountyiowa.gov

Woodbury County Treasurer – Tax Department Trosper Hoyt Building 822 Douglas Street, Suite 102 Sioux City, IA 51101

March 17, 2025

To Whom It May Concern:

Consumers Supply Distributing, LLC ("CSD") currently owns three parcels of land in Woodbury County, Iowa (5101 Harbor Drive, 2901 Murphy Drive and 2900 Murphy Drive). As a commercial taxpayer in Woodbury County, CSD is writing to express its concern and opposition to the proposed tax rate increase for the Sergeant Bluff – Luton School District, the City of Sioux City and Woodbury County. The notice you sent out shows the proposed tax rates for a commercial property worth only \$300,000.00 would result in a tax increase of 17 percent to 18.8 percent at the various local government levels. This percentage increase is not sustainable by businesses such as CSD or other taxpayers.

Property taxes have surged over 110% in the past two decades, significantly outpacing both population growth and inflation. This represents a significant increase in government revenue without a commensurate increase in the cost of providing local government services. We are requesting actions be implemented such as a reasonable property tax cap, property tax levy limits and property tax rate limits to provide relief to taxpayers and promote responsible fiscal management at the local government level. Government spending should not grow faster than the private sector that funds it. The unsustainable and inequitable tax burden experienced by CSD stifles our ability to grow our company and invest in other commercial properties. Manufacturing companies such as CSD already pay some of the highest property taxes in the United States.

If Woodbury County, and Iowa in general, wants to continue to encourage commercial growth and increased investment in our state and communities, local governments have to commit to rate increases that align with inflation. Please consider this communication our opposition to the irresponsible tax rate increases being proposed in Woodbury County.

Sincerely,

Dan Patee President COMM OF ELECTIONS

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