

Blue Earth County Board discusses taxes, budget

The Blue Earth County Board will discuss how new property tax laws passed by the Legislature will affect local property taxes and the property tax base at its Tuesday work session.

The meeting, at 9 a. m. at the board room in the historic court house, will also include agenda items on a new no smoking policy for public housing projects, a review of the upcoming county budget and discussion of the Inter- City Leadership Visit local leaders are taking to Charlottesville, Va.

The property tax report the county will review shows that with the loss of a state property tax credit that was paid to the county, local levies may have to be increased to make up for the loss, and some property taxes may be shifted from homeowners to businesses.

An example the county provided with certain assumptions shows county taxes would go up about \$30 per year on a home with a value of \$116,000 under the new state law.