

Helena Township Board of Supervisors  
Open Book Hearing  
Thursday April 23, 2026

Present: Briley Haugh and Tom Shoemaker, Scott County Appraisers, Chair John Wermerskirch, Supervisor Edward Nytes and Supervisor DeAnn Croatt

Chair Wermerskirchen opened the Public Meeting at 5:30 PM and explained the purpose of the meeting was to consider Resolution 04232062 to allow the township to move to Open Book with Scott County.

It was the consensus that county staff do an excellent job communicating with Helena Township residents during the Market Valuation process. County staff have the expertise needed and access to the applicable state statutes. Additionally, by moving to Open Book, the township residents would have an additional month to dispute their property's market value.

After ensuring there were no comments from public, Chair Wermerskirchen closed the public hearing on a motion by Nytes/Croatt; carried unanimously.


Officers reiterated the benefits to the residents of the township, appreciation of the expertise of county staff and the very low attendance of the Local Board of Equalization meetings held in the township over the past several years. Officers were reminded of the benefit to residents who will have a few extra weeks to put their claim documents together. It was also noted that this is for a three-year period, for years 2027-2029.

On a motion by Croatt/Nytes Resolution 04232062 was adopted this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of April 2026; carried unanimously. A signed original was kept for township records, and a signed original was given to Assessor Briley Haugh for Michael Thompson, as the county needs proper notice to accommodate this change.

Appreciation was expressed to the assessors and the meeting adjourned at 5:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
DeAnn Croatt, Supervisor

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