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Atchison County Finalizes 2015 Budget

(KAIR)--Atchison County Commissioners have adopted a 2015 budget totaling about \$15 million, which calls for the county to collect just over \$7.5 million in property taxes.

Commission Chair Jeff Schuele says the process took longer than anticipated, with the Commission on Tuesday first voting on the proposed budget.

Despite some minor changes, Schuele says he felt good moving forward with the budget as presented. He says that he “was comfortable knowing that in a budget, you can set a max levy for taxes, but you can always reduce that, you can't always increase it once you pass it”.

However, the Commission voted 2-1 against the proposal with Commissioners Mike Bodenhause and Henry Pohl casting the no votes, due to their desire to change and redo some of the revenue and expenditure projections.

Schuele says that he disagreed with the approach. He thinks expenditures could have been reduced more without causing an increase in the mill rate, and he did not want to overtax county residents.

On Thursday morning, Commissioners again met, this time to make the changes.

Once completed, the budget gained the approval of Bodenhause and Pohl, leaving Schuele to cast the lone no vote.

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