

Sales Tax Proposed for Local Hospital

**(KMZA)---A one percent countywide sales tax is being proposed to provide financial support for Community Memorial Healthcare in Marysville.**

**The *Marysville Advocate* reports representatives of CMH met with the Marshall County Commission this week to request the Commission place the sales tax proposal on the November 8th general election ballot.**

**The sales tax, which is proposed to sunset after 10 years, would raise an estimated \$1.2 million a year.**

**CMH has long operated a hospital in Marysville along with clinics in Marysville, Blue Rapids and Wymore, Nebraska.**

**The newspaper says CMH Board Chairman Bryce Porter told the Commission the non-profit medical facility is not in dire straits, but it cannot sustain its budget much longer without new revenues.**

**In recent years, support from federal and state health care programs has steadily declined for all hospitals in Kansas and many are seeking new revenue sources.**

**Commissioners plan to decide Monday whether to place the sales tax proposal before county voters, but say they would like to hear first from the public on the issue.**

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