

Proposed Hospital Sales Tax Won't Appear on Ballot

(KMZA)--A sales tax proposal to provide financial support for Community Memorial Healthcare in Marysville will not appear on the November general election ballot.

***The Marysville Advocate* reports a motion at this week's Marshall County Commission meeting by Commissioner Lynn Feldhausen to place a half-sales tax on the ballot for the hospital died due to the lack of a second.**

Representatives of CMH approached the Commission in April asking that they put the sales tax issue on the ballot.

The Commission was told the hospital, one of only a few in Kansas that does not receive local tax support, faces increased financial struggles because of reduced federal Medicare reimbursements and a growing uninsured caseload.

A similar effort last year to get the Commission to place a sales tax issue on the ballot for the hospital also failed.

A half-cent sales tax was projected to generate about a \$500,000 a year.

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