

Proposed Brown Co budget contains levy decrease

**(KNZA)--The Brown County Commission has approved for publication a proposed 2020 budget of \$11.3 million that calls for a nearly half mill tax levy decrease.**

**The Commission took the action Monday.**

**The proposed budget contains an estimated tax rate of 31.471 mills, which is to generate more than \$6.2 million in revenue.**

**Even though the mill levy will decrease the county will collect \$174,000 in additional tax revenue due to more than \$8 million increase in the county's assessed valuation.**

**The Commission will consider adoption of the budget following a public hearing at their August 12 meeting.**

**In other business, the Commission approved a resolution appointing Don Pounds as the county's new emergency management coordinator, effective July 29.**

**The Commission voted last week to offer the full-time position to Pounds, who formerly served as Richardson County Sheriff. He was among three candidates interviewed.**

**Pounds replaces James Stuart who was terminated last month.**

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