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Brown Co Commission Adopts 2014 Budget

(KNZA)--The Brown County Commission has adopted a 2014 budget of nearly \$9.3 million that calls for an almost one mill increase in the property tax levy.

The budget was adopted Monday following a hearing drawing no public comment.

The budget contains an estimated tax rate of 37.28 mills, which is to generate nearly \$4.8.

Hiawatha CPA Jim Scherer, who prepared the budget, said the county's assessed valuation has increased about \$8.2 million over the past two years, which means each mill will raise about \$8,000 more.

Scherer said the amount of total taxes to be levied is up about \$500,000 over the same two year period.

Commissioners said the primary reason for the mill levy increase is due to a more than \$3 million decrease in the state assessed valuation placed on utilities that run through the county.

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