

2022 Brown County budget adopted

(KNZA)--The Brown County Commission has adopted a 2022 county budget of \$12 million that calls for a 1.1 mill property tax levy increase.

The action came on a 2-1 vote Tuesday following a public hearing, with Commissioner Bill Pollock casting the dissenting vote.

During the hearing, County resident Annette Hoskins voiced her concerns about the proposed budget.

The budget contains an estimated tax rate of 32.159 mills, which is to generate \$6.7 million in local tax revenue.

Commission Chairman Rich Lehmkuhl said the commission had cut several thousands of dollars from the budget and transferred funding from capital outlay in an effort to reduce the mill levy. He noted that Brown County has the third lowest property tax rate in the state.

Following a second public hearing prior to the budget hearing, the Commission approved a resolution to levy a property tax rate exceeding the revenue neutral rate that was established by new legislation approved by the Kansas Legislature this year.

During the hearing, county residents Annette Hoskins and Brady Hoskins voiced their concerns about the mill levy increase.