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2016 Brown Co Budget Adopted

(KNZA)--The Brown County Commission has adopted a 2016 budget of nearly \$9.8 million that contains a slight property tax levy decrease.

The action followed a public hearing Monday during which county resident Bill Pollock asked several questions about the budget.

The budget contains an estimated tax rate of 36.946 mills, which is to generate \$5.5 million.

Even though the budget contains about a 4-tenths of mill levy decrease, the county will collect \$447,000 more in tax revenue due to a increase in the county's assessed valuation.

Hiawatha CPA Jim Scherer, who prepared the budget, said the county's assessed valuation has increase nearly \$21 million since 2014. As a result, he said a mill will raise just over \$149,000 compared to nearly \$129,000 in 2014.

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