

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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