

Commission delays approval of county budget

(KNZA)--The Brown County Commission voted Monday to delay approval of the 2024 county budget and look for ways to further reduce the proposed mill levy.

The commission took the action on a 2-1 vote following a public hearing on a proposed budget that contained a 4.6 mill levy increase.

Commissioner Rich Lehmkuhl cast the lone dissenting vote. He expressed concern about the impact a mill levy reduction would have on the county's ability to make needed repairs to county roads and bridges.

14 county residents attended the budget hearing, with several voicing their concerns about the proposed mill levy increase. They urged commissioners to take steps to reduce the levy to ease the burden on taxpayers.

The commission did approve a resolution to exceed the revenue neutral tax rate following a second public hearing prior to the budget hearing.

Following the hearing, the commission discussed possible options to reduce the levy and will further discuss the budget when they meet Thursday after consultant with the county auditor.

Once they agree on a new proposed budget, it will have to be republished and another hearing held before adoption.

The Commission is facing a September 20th deadline for approval of the budget.

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