

Riley County Budget Approved

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Mill Levy Increase

Budget requests were made by department heads and other entities the past few months, budget work sessions were held, and finally the 2014 Riley County budget was approved during Monday's commission meeting.

Commissioner, Robert Boyd asked the commission consider possibly eliminating or reducing two line items in the emergency management fund. Commission Chair, Dave Lewis and Commissioner, Ron Wells did not feel comfortable doing this, as Emergency Management Director, Pat Collins was not present. Boyd stated, "you are rewarding non-participation", as the department heads were all asked to be present.

The mill levy was set at 37.345, which is a 1.949 increase from the 2013 budget mill-34.783. Budget and Finance Officer, Johnette Shepek commented, "I don't think you're going to find more significant cuts to impact the mill levy."

County Clerk, Rich Vargo added, "the biggest change is the \$50,000, plus benefits, job that was added to the IT/GIS department".

The commission unanimously approved the budget, and it will now be moved forward for finalization.

Shepek commented that all of the deadlines should be met now that the budget is approved.