

Resolution 2003-15

A resolution expressing the property taxation policy of the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners with respect to financing the 2004 annual budget for Lincoln County.

Whereas, K.S.A. 79-2925b provides that a resolution be adopted if property taxes levied to finance the 2004 Lincoln County budget exceed the amount levied to finance the 2003 Lincoln County budget, except with regard to revenue produced and attributable to the taxation of 1) new improvements to real property; 2) increased personal property valuation, other than increased valuation of oil and gas leaseholds and mobile homes; and 3) property which has changed in use during the past year, or with regard to revenue produced for the purpose of repaying the principal of and interest upon bonded indebtedness, temporary notes, or no-fund warrants; and

Whereas, budgeting, taxing and service level decisions for all county services are the responsibility of the Board of County Commissioners; and

Whereas, Lincoln County provides the essential services to protect the health, safety, and well being of the citizens of the County; and

Whereas, the cost of provision of these services continues to increase; and

Whereas, the 2003 Kansas State Legislature failed to fulfill its obligations in regard to the statutory funding of demand transfers and, by significantly limiting state revenue sharing payments to counties, has contributed to higher county property tax levies to finance the 2004 Lincoln County budget.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners that it is our desire to notify the public of the *possibility* of increased property taxes to finance the 2004 Lincoln County budget due to the above mentioned constraints, and that all persons are invited and encouraged to attend the budget meeting conducted by the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners. The date and time of the budget hearings with the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners will be published in the Lincoln Sentinel Republican. Interest persons can also address questions concerning the budget to the Lincoln County Clerk's Office by calling 785-524-4757 between the hours of 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding holidays.

Adopted this 4th day of August, 2003 by the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners.

Lincoln County Board of Commissioners



Doug Gomel, Chairman



Dwight Heller, Vice-Chairman



Terry L. Finch, Member



Attest:



Dawn M Harlow, County Clerk