

Notice of Proposed Total Budget and Property Taxes

The Benton County board of commissioners will hold a public hearing on its budget and on the amount of property taxes it is proposing to collect to pay for the costs of services the county will provide in 2007.

SPENDING: The total budget amounts below compare the county's 2006 total actual budget with the amount the county proposes to spend in 2007.

<u>2006 Total Actual Budget</u>	<u>Proposed 2007 Budget</u>	<u>Change from 2006 – 2007</u>
\$29,825,275	\$33,519,383	12.4%

TAXES: The property tax amounts below compare that portion of the current budget levied in property taxes in Benton County for 2006 with the property taxes the county proposes to collect in 2007.

<u>2006 Property Taxes</u>	<u>Proposed 2007 Property Taxes</u>	<u>Change from 2006 – 2007</u>
\$16,506,873	\$17,968,696	8.9%

LOCAL TAX RATE COMPARISON: The following compares the county's current local tax rate, the county's tax rate for 2007 if no tax levy increase is adopted, and the county's proposed tax rate for 2007.

<u>2006 Tax Rate</u>	<u>2007 Tax Rate if NO Levy Increase</u>	<u>2007 Proposed Tax Rate</u>
67.78%	61.27%	66.70%

Attend the Public Hearing

All Benton County residents are invited to attend the public hearing of the county board to express their opinions on the budget and on the proposed amount of 2007 property taxes. The hearing will be held on:

Thursday, December 7, 2006 at 7:00 p.m.
Commissioners Board Room
Benton County Courthouse
531 Dewey Street
Foley

If the discussion of the budget cannot be completed, a time and place for continuing the discussion will be announced at the hearing. You are also invited to send your written comments to:

Benton County Administrator
531 Dewey Street, Box 129
Foley, MN 56329