

RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION NO. 1179

A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE PROPERTY TAXATION POLICY OF THE BOARD OF ATCHISON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS WITH RESPECT TO FINANCING THE 2000 ANNUAL BUDGET FOR ATCHISON COUNTY.

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

WHEREAS, the ad valorem property tax is a primary source of revenue for financing county services; and

WHEREAS, it is the policy of the Board of Atchison County Commissioners to minimize the property taxes used to finance county services at the lowest possible level, while exercising our stewardship responsibility to maintain basic services for our citizens; and

WHEREAS, it is the policy of the Board of Atchison County Commissioners that, to the extent possible within the context of community needs and service expectations, a 2000 budget for Atchison County will be adopted that does not require property taxes to be levied for county purposes in an amount exceeding an amount levied to finance the 1999 Atchison 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, despite the desire of the Board of Atchison County Commissioners to adopt a 2000 budget while adhering to a maximum level of property taxation described in the foregoing paragraph, the public is to be aware that the 2000 Atchison County budget *may require* property taxes to be levied in an amount greater than the level defined in the desired maximum level defined in the preceding paragraph, due to 1) "the operational costs associated with opening a new 72-bed jail," 2) "the extraordinary, unplanned cost of road repairs and bridge repairs or replacement" and 3) employee benefits costs.

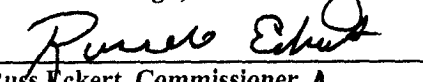
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Atchison County Commissioners that it is our desire to notify the public of the *possibility* of increased property taxes to finance the 2000 Atchison County budget as defined above, and that all persons are invited and encouraged to attend budget meetings with the Board of Atchison County Commissioners to learn about and offer constructive feedback concerning the 2000 budget, work program, and financing plan for services provided by Atchison County. The date and time of budget hearings with the Board of Atchison County Commissioners will be published in the Atchison Daily Globe. Interested persons can also address questions concerning the budget to Atchison County Clerk's Office by calling 367-1653 between the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday excluding holidays.

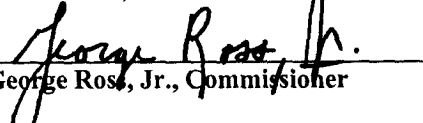
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution shall be published in the official County newspaper and that all reasonable, additional efforts shall be made to engage the public in a dialogue about year 2000 service levels as well as opportunities and constraints for financing the 2000 Atchison County budget.

ADOPTED this 27th day of August, 1999 by the Board of Atchison County Commissioners.

BOARD OF ATCHISON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS


Mike Cavanaugh, Chairman


Russ Eckert, Commissioner


George Ros, Jr., Commissioner

ATTEST:


Pauline M. Lee, County Clerk