

Notice of Proposed Total Budget and Property Taxes

The Pipestone 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 2009.

SPENDING: The total budget amounts below compare the County's 2008 total actual budget with the amount the County proposed to spend in 2009.

<u>2008 Total Actual Budget</u>	<u>Proposed 2009 Budget</u>	<u>Change from 2008-2009</u>
\$12,447,777	\$15,119,030	21.46%

TAXES: The property tax amounts below compare that portion of the current budget levied in property taxes in Pipestone County for 2008 with the property taxes the County proposes to collect in 2009.

<u>2008 Property Taxes</u>	<u>Proposed 2009 Property Taxes</u>	<u>Change from 2008-2009</u>
\$3,871,193	\$4,177,375	7.9%

LOCAL TAX RATE COMPARISON: The following compares the County's current local tax rate, the County's tax rate for 2009 if no tax levy increase is adopted, and the County's proposed tax rate for 2009.

<u>2008 Tax Rate</u>	<u>2009 Tax Rate if NO Levy Increase</u>	<u>2009 Proposed Tax Rate</u>
44.319%	40.696%	44.353%

Attend the Public Hearing

All Pipestone 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 2009 property taxes. The hearing will be held on:

Thursday, December 4, 2008, at 7:00 p.m.
Commissioners Room
Pipestone County Courthouse
416 Hiawatha Ave. S.
Pipestone, MN 56164

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:

Pipestone County Board
Pipestone County Courthouse
416 Hiawatha Ave. S.
Pipestone, MN 56164