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Flat 2022 Preliminary Property Tax Levy Approved

The Anoka County Board of Commissioners unanimously approved a flat preliminary property tax levy during the board's regular meeting Sept. 28.

The 2022 proposed budget reflects the priorities of the county to provide safe roads and eliminate congestion; work with residents to improve their lives; protect and serve the community in a manner that preserves public trust; attract and retain an engaged, skilled county staff; and provide clear, accurate and effective information to residents and staff about county initiatives.

The county's Truth in Taxation meeting is at 6 p.m. Dec. 2. Details about that meeting will be posted on the county's website, anokacounty.us. The Board of Commissioners will approve the final levy and budget during their 9:30 a.m. Dec. 3 regular meeting. The levy can be reduced prior to final approval, but it cannot increase.

"We're doing things responsibly in Anoka County, we really are — commissioners and staff met many times throughout this budget process to craft a preliminary levy that is no increase over the previous year's final levy," said Scott Schulte, chair, Anoka County Board of Commissioners. "The influx of federal and state dollars we received due to COVID-19 certainly helped this past year. We were able to give a lot of that money back to the community, and we were able to utilize it to offset some county expenses. This board always takes the budgeting process seriously, and this year the goal was to establish a flat preliminary levy. We accomplished our goal, and I'm proud of the work that was put in to make it happen."

Note: Anoka County only has authority over the county portion of the property tax bill; cities and school districts have their own taxing authority.

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