

### COUNTY TAX LEVY TO BE MUCH LESS NEXT YEAR THAN IN 1913

#### Prospect Is 3 Mills Will Be All Required; Budget Advisory Board Finishes.

Including roads and library maintenance, the county budget, as compiled yesterday by County Assessor Reed and Carl S. Kelly, members of the budget advisory board, will total \$1,637,518. The items are yet subject to revision and will be gone over tonight by members of the budget committee. It is expected that the budget will be ready to submit to the county commissioners next Thursday morning.

In the budget is included \$445,508 for roads and \$153,598 for library maintenance. Both these items are to be raised by levies additional to the levy for the \$1,024,412 for county expenses. Only approximately \$25,000 will need be raised for the roads, as it is estimated that there will be a balance of \$130,000 in the road fund and the county will receive approximately \$20,000 from the apportionment of automobile license fees.

#### Road Fund Estimate.

The road fund includes an item of \$158,255 for the Columbia river highway. Road expert Lancaster estimated that amount would be necessary to complete the scenic highway to the county line. With the \$75,000 already being utilized in construction work on this highway, the cost of the road will be \$233,255.

From the \$1,038,512 for general expenses it will be possible to deduct approximately \$260,000, which is estimated by Auditor Martin will remain unexpended from the present year and \$160,000 which is estimated the county will receive during the coming year from sources other than taxation. This will leave approximately \$618,512 to be raised by taxation.

Figured on a basis of \$340,000,000 assessed valuation in the county, it is thought that the total levy for county purposes, including roads and the library, will not exceed 3 mills. The property valuation, exclusive of interest public utilities, totals over \$308,000,000 and Assessor Reed estimates that the county's apportionment of the public utilities valuations will bring the total assessed valuation to \$340,000,000.

#### Levy Less Next Year.

The 1913 budget, including the library and road expenses, was \$1,725,821. This also included approximately \$400,000 for the courthouse and \$218,356 for the library building. Both these buildings are completed and the money is available to complete payments on them. The levy for last year was 5.15 mills, including 3 mills for county purposes, 3 of a mill for the roads and 1.35 mills for the library building and maintenance. The library levy this year will be approximately 45 mill, the roads less than one mill and the county less than two mills, according to estimates.

#### Budget Itemized.

Registration and elections	\$ 77,125
Board of county commissioners	7,900
Purchasing agent	3,900
Auditor	9,440
Assessor-main division	40,410
Assessor, tax collecting	5,025
Board of equalization	550
Board of treasurer-main division	5,700
County clerk	65,425
Sheriff	55,465
Board of health	1,212
Courthouse	34,255
County engineer	1,000
County farm	26,208
County hospital	3,800
Indigent relief	13,373
Poor relief	18,280
County jail	12,025
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