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**COUNTY RESOLUTION
RESOLUTION NO. 2004-20**

A resolution expressing the property taxation policy of the Board of Jefferson County Commissioners with respect to financing the 2005 annual budget for Jefferson County.

Whereas, K.S.A. 79-2925b provides that a resolution be adopted if property taxes levied to finance the 2005 Jefferson County budget exceed the amount levied to finance the 2004 Jefferson 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, budgeting, taxing and service level decisions for all county services are the responsibility of the board of county commissioners; and

Whereas, Jefferson County provides the essential services to protect the health, safety, and well being of the citizens of the county; and


Whereas, the cost of provision of these services continues to increase; and

Whereas, the 2004 Kansas State Legislature failed to fulfill its obligations in regard to the statutory funding of demand transfers and, by significantly limiting state revenue sharing payments to counties, has contributed to higher county property tax levies to finance the 2005 Jefferson County budget.

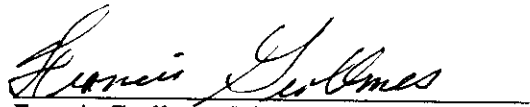
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Jefferson County Commissioners that it is our desire to notify the public of the *possibility* of increased property taxes to finance the 2005 Jefferson County budget due to the above mentioned constraints, and that all persons are invited and encouraged to attend budget meeting conducted by the Board of Jefferson County Commissioners. The date and time of budget hearings with the Board of Jefferson County Commissioners will be published in the Oskaloosa Independent. Interested persons can also address questions concerning the budget to the County Clerk's Office by calling 785-863-2272 between the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Tuesday through Friday, and 8:00 a.m. - 6:30 p.m. on Mondays excluding holidays.

Adopted this 30th day of August 2004 by the Board of Jefferson County Commissioners.

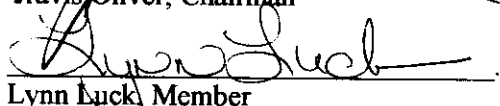
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS



Travis Oliver, Chairman



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Attest: Jefferson County Clerk

(Attach a signed copy to the budget)