Westport Adopts Resolution Opposing Levy Shift

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Westport, WA - The Westport City Council last night adopted a resolution opposing the County's levy shift, Mayor Michael Bruce said; with last night's adopted 2012 budget, Westport is already raising property taxes by %1 "There's a possibility that I wouldn't have proposed that in my preliminary budget had I known the county was going to do it, because now our citizens are being taxed twice." Bruce said had he known earlier about the levy shift "I would have changed the way that I tax citizens in my community and tried to figure other ways to save money, knowing that they're going to be giving it to the county."Out-going Councilman Rex Anderson was one of the two who opposed the resolution "I don't want to pay anymore taxes, but where are they going to get the money to run the county? Should they lay off some more deputies, or court clerks, or shut down the county a couple more days a week, what should they do?"Westport joins Aberdeen, Elma, Cosmopolis, Hoquiam, and Montesano in passing resolutions opposing the move made by the County Commissioners December 5th. The decision has taken heat since then, because it moves $750-thousand in taxing authority from the road fund (paid into by rural residents) to the general fund (paid into by all county residents).