



Pioneer Medical Center Seeks Community Support for 22.5 Hospital Mill Levy

Pioneer Medical Center (PMC) plays a crucial role as a healthcare provider in our community, and we are grateful for your consistent support.

This July, we are asking for your continued support of the PMC mill levy. This levy is essential for sustaining the stability of hospital departments, resources, and critical infrastructure to ensure the continuation of safe, high-quality healthcare services for our community.

We understand property values have changed; in an effort to keep tax rates manageable for Sweet Grass County residents, we are asking for community support to continue the current mill levy in a reduced capacity. We are decreasing the ask of the community from the current 25 levied mills to 22.5 levied mills for the next five years.

What the Mill Levy DOES:

- Secures vital funding for necessary hospital improvements, maintaining current infrastructure (building, equipment, ambulances, etc.), and key healthcare services.

What the Mill Levy does NOT do:

- This will not increase your current PMC Mill Levy. It will decrease the tax rate associated with local healthcare.

Key points to consider:

- Rural healthcare is financially delicate; Hospital and Emergency Medical Response costs have increased by 24% in the past three years.
- The mill levy ensures stability, allowing us to continue providing crucial community services. Without it, PMC could face significant financial challenges potentially leading to service closures.
- The mill levy sustains 24/7 healthcare services in Sweet Grass County, including:
 - Long-term care and assisted living, which are vital community resources.
 - 24/7 emergency services, healthcare professionals, clinical staff, lab services, and radiology.
 - Supports repair/upgrades of equipment for life-saving services.
 - Upkeep and repair of the facility.
 - Supports Sweet Grass County Ambulance for improved patient safety and faster emergency response.
- The need for local healthcare services is growing. In 2023, PMC's emergency room treated 1,161 patients, with an expected increase year over year.
- Pioneer Medical Center is our local community hospital, a community partner, the second-largest employer in the county, and a non-profit organization established in our community to ensure access to quality healthcare services.

"PMC has become a place where Sweet Grass County residents can access quality healthcare, thanks to the community's contributions and support. We appreciate the partnerships we have established, which we believe allow us to continue providing high quality care within Sweet Grass County. We continue to be dedicated to delivering quality services, serving our community members in the years ahead."

-Ian Peterson, PMC CEO