

**DECEMBER 22, 2005 THE 23<sup>RD</sup> DAY  
OF THE OCTOBER ADJOURN TERM**

The County Commission met in the County Commission Office at 10:30 a.m. pursuant to adjourn with Chuck Pennel, Presiding, Ron Herschend, Western District, and Danny Strahan, Eastern District present. The following proceedings were had and made a matter of record.

**TRANSFER OF FUNDS**

Commissioner Herschend made a motion to approve the transfer of \$104,323.89 from Sewer Sales Tax to General County Revenue and the transfer of \$64,896.75 from Road and Bridge Trust to GCR: Commissioner Strahan seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Pennel (yes), Herschend (yes), Strahan (yes).

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The County Commission met in Associate II Circuit Courtroom at 12:31 p.m. pursuant to adjourn with Chuck Pennel, Presiding, Ron Herschend, Western District, and Danny Strahan, Eastern District present. The following proceedings were had and made a matter of record.

**ANNUAL BUDGET REPORT  
RICK FINDLEY**

Rick Findley, Auditor read the following letter into record:

**COUNTY OF TANEY, MISSOURI  
2006 BUDGET MESSAGE**

It is my privilege to present to you the Budget for Taney County, Missouri for the year January 1 to December 31, 2006, with information and estimates for the year 2006, as required by the Missouri statutes.

The 2006 budget was prepared on an actual cash-based balance and is based upon estimated revenues from 2005 resources. Each department provided information important in preparing this document. This document outlines the services to be provided and the resources required for payment of these services. The monies appropriated for actual general county operating expenses totals \$11,362,906.59. The time and efforts of the people involved in providing information for this documentation are very much appreciated. I am pleased with the efforts of our elected officials and department heads to keep costs down. I hope they will continue to be patient with me, and my department as we try to improve the counties efficiency.

It was the desire of the commission in the planning and budget process to:

Be conservative in all of our revenue estimates planning. Therefore after reflecting on the previous years we believe we can expect 3% growth in the county.

Be fiscally responsible to the citizens of the county, and provide the funds necessary for each department to provide citizens with services they deserve. We feel the 11.4 million dollars appropriated for general county operations is a bargain for the citizens of Taney County. The Commission is working to ensure future

improvements for Taney County by applying monies not expended into capital improvements, which will be for the construction of the new jail and courts building.

As in any organization the very most important aspect is the workforce. We feel that our employees are our greatest assets. The average annual salary for employees increased more than \$1144. Salaries are always very hard to deal with because we have so many good employees that deserve better pay. We hope the benefits and pay we offer provides a good place to work.

As your county auditor and budget officer, I am honored to work with those that had a part in the budget process. I would like to extend a special thanks to the staff, department heads, office holders, and commissioners, all of whom had an important role in building this budget.

Respectfully submitted,

Rick C. Findley  
Taney County Auditor

**GENERAL COUNTY REVENUE FINAL**

Dept	05 Budgeted	06 Requested	Difference	% I or D	W.35 RAISE	DEPT #
AIRPORT	\$203,287.00	626,323.00	\$423,036.00	208.10%	626,323.00	140
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT/SAFETY	\$315,028.40	315,073.40	\$45.00	0.01%	315,073.40	137
ANIMAL CONTROL	\$111,352.00	92,328.00	-\$19,024.00	-17.08%	92,328.00	136
IS DEPARTMENT	\$214,759.30	250,901.00	\$36,141.70	16.83%	250,901.00	135
SEWER	\$247,464.20	259,695.20	\$12,231.00	4.94%	259,695.20	134
COUNTY EXTENSION COUNCIL	\$46,533.00	46,308.00	-\$225.00	-0.48%	46,308.00	133
COUNTY PLANNING & ZONING	\$304,653.25	256,714.00	-\$47,939.25	-15.74%	256,714.00	130
INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT BOARD	\$60,000.00	60,000.00	\$0.00	0.00%	60,000.00	127
CIRCUIT CLERK	\$27,000.00	26,800.00	-\$200.00	-0.74%	26,800.00	126
ASSOC CIRCUIT COURT DIV2	\$40,100.00	39,800.00	-\$300.00	-0.75%	39,800.00	125
TRANSFERS/DEPT SERVICE	\$320,000.00	510,000.00	\$190,000.00	59.38%	510,000.00	124
HEALTH & WELFARE	\$40,000.00	0.00	-\$40,000.00	-100.00%	0.00	121
COUNTY CORONER	\$42,112.00	42,262.00	\$150.00	0.36%	42,262.00	122
COUNTY JUVENILE	\$114,003.51	121,757.23	\$7,753.72	6.80%	121,757.23	120
PROSECUTING ATTORNEY	\$551,939.60	580,051.00	\$28,111.40	5.09%	580,051.00	119
JAIL	\$964,442.00	1,000,592.00	\$36,150.00	3.75%	1,000,592.00	118
SHERIFF	\$1,789,719.00	2,000,455.00	\$210,736.00	11.77%	2,000,455.00	117
CHILD SUPPORT	\$44,276.00	48,420.00	\$4,144.00	9.36%	48,420.00	116
COUNTY AUDITOR	\$164,790.00	165,872.00	\$1,082.00	0.66%	165,872.00	115
OTHER GENERAL COUNTY	\$14,184,738.15	15,846,711.93	\$1,661,973.78	11.72%	15,846,711.93	114
PUBLIC ADMINISTRATOR	\$75,854.00	80,477.00	\$4,623.00	6.09%	80,477.00	113
PRESIDING CIRCUIT JUDGE	\$43,548.16	43,548.16	\$0.00	0.00%	43,548.16	112
COURT ADMINISTRATOR	\$28,324.53	35,000.00	\$6,675.47	23.57%	35,000.00	111
ASSOCIATE CIRCUIT COURT DIV 1	\$37,950.00	37,450.00	-\$500.00	-1.32%	37,450.00	110
COURT REPORTER	\$2,112.00	2,112.00	\$0.00	0.00%	2,112.00	109
COUNTY RECORDER	\$269,422.00	250,092.00	-\$19,330.00	-7.17%	250,092.00	108
COUNTY COLLECTOR	\$219,927.40	220,201.00	\$273.60	0.12%	220,201.00	107
COUNTY TREASURER	\$69,225.00	76,725.00	\$7,500.00	10.83%	76,725.00	106
FRINGE BENEFITS	\$1,568,300.00	1,585,100.00	\$16,800.00	1.07%	1,585,100.00	105
BLDG & GROUNDS	\$424,450.00	498,858.00	\$74,408.00	17.53%	498,858.00	104
ELECTIONS	\$226,873.60	239,158.60	\$12,285.00	5.41%	239,158.60	103
COUNTY CLERK	\$85,061.20	80,254.00	-\$4,807.20	-5.65%	80,254.00	102
COUNTY COMMISSION	\$789,219.10	707,949.00	-\$81,270.10	-10.30%	707,949.00	101
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$23,626,464.40	26,146,988.52	\$2,520,524.12	10.67%	26,146,988.52	
LESS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS	\$13,229,310.15	13,500,000.00	\$13,500,000.00	102.05%	14,814,633.93	
ACTUAL OPERATING EXP	\$10,397,154.25	12,646,988.52			11,332,354.59	
REVENUES		12,646,988.52	less 1/8 sales tax		11,187,763.52	
BALANCE FORWARD EST.					13,500,000.00	
			total w/o 1/8		24,687,763.52	
			total to appropriate		26,146,988.52	

Commissioner Herschend asked if there would be an increase in fees as far as the services to the public? Rick Findley stated there would not be any that he is aware of and added that Taney County provides services that are not found in other counties.

Presiding Commissioner Pennel asked Commissioner Herschend if the Transfer Station was going to raise their prices because of cost of fuel? Commissioner Herschend stated that that Transfer Station dropped four years ago but went back up at the begin of last year to off set the cost of additional equipment. Herschend added that they looked at raising the prices when fuel went up but it has now gone back down and the county rolled back the property tax levy to zero.

Commissioner Pennel asked what the TIF Legislation would do to County Revenue? Rick Findley stated the he is not sure. A general discussion ensued.

Commissioner Pennel expressed his appreciation to Findley for having an actual section for General County Revenue. Findley stated that the actual is what the county operates on and that a lot of it would be spent on the new judicial facility. Herschend stated that he appreciates the clarification because people tend to look at total revenue and think that is the amount the county has to work with but it is really not.

Commissioner Pennel also thanked Findley for mentioning the average increase in employee's wages. Findley stated that the county is trying to be more competitive in the job market and added that the benefits for employees are great.

Commissioner Herschend made a motion to approve the annual budget report for 2005. Commissioner Strahan seconded the motion. Herschend then publicly thanked the Sewer Board, Park Board, Board of Adjustments, and Planning and Zoning for their contributions to the community that are not reflected in the budget. The motion passed by vote: Pennel (yes), Herschend (yes), Strahan (yes).