



## TANEY COUNTY BID TAB & AWARD FORM

BID DATE; Wednesday April 24, 2019  
BID FOR; County Tax Sale  
BID NUMBER; 201903-428

RESPONSES RECEIVED (Company)	COST / BID RESPONSE (Price per column inch on 9 pt. type with 10.5 pt. leding.)
Branson Tri-Lakes News - Branson, Missouri (Tri-Lakes Newspapers – Branson / Hollister, Missouri)	\$8.00
Springfield News Leader - Springfield, Missouri (Gannett Missouri Publishing, Inc. – Dallas, Texas)	\$5.00

Wednesday April 24, 2019: After opening responses from both of the above listed newspaper services today initial details were noted by Taney County Deputy Collector Myka Braschler, and myself. These responses will be thoroughly reviewed by staff members of the Taney County Collector's Office. An agenda request has been made, and approved, to deliver a formal recommendation for award to the Taney County Commission on Monday April 29, 2019.

Monday April 29, 2019: After completion of a thorough review Taney County Collector Mona Cope recommended the Springfield News Leader as the low Bidder at \$5.00. However, given the fact that the low Bidder is headquartered in Springfield (Greene County), Missouri - there was an immediate question concerning their *actual* current circulation within Taney County, Missouri. The answer to that question indicated their circulation to be lower than initially estimated, and much lower than Branson Tri-Lakes News. Another consideration was that the Taney County Tax information would most likely be scheduled to run in the Springfield paper, if awarded to them, on the same dates as the Greene County Tax information. This issue would most likely create extensive confusion for Taney County Readers. After discussion regarding these issues as well as statutory wording - the Taney County Commission made a motion vote to table the final award decision for one week until more research could be completed.

Monday May 6, 2019: The Taney County Commission met today and after taking into consideration all of the above issues – a lack of local business presence, less circulation, and possible reader confusion by using the low Bidder out of Springfield – they awarded this bid to Branson Tri-Lakes News. Despite the higher amount the Commission believes this decision is acting in the best interest of all of the citizens of Taney County Missouri. Their motion vote to award as such was unanimous.

Thank you.

Ron Erickson,  
Director of Purchasing  
Taney County Missouri  
May 13, 2019