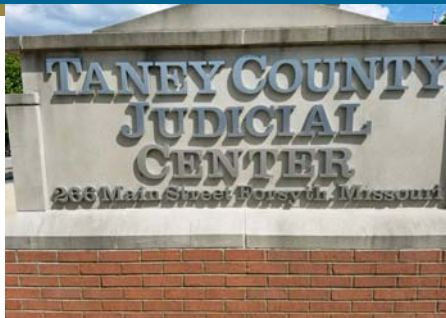




# Taney County

## *A report to our citizens*



### How the County Operates

The County of Taney is organized and operates under the first class county statutes of Missouri. The county commissioners and other elected officials who serve in a leadership capacity, provide policy direction. Collectively, the elected officials are responsible for all administrative aspects of the government, with most of the administrative and operational functions falling under the purview of the county commission.

Elected officials include the presiding commissioner, eastern and western commissioner, auditor, assessor, clerk, collector, coroner, prosecuting attorney, public administrator, sheriff, recorder of deeds, and treasurer. There are also several positions appointed by the commission that perform administrative duties. A more comprehensive list can be found on the county website.

There are also judges and a circuit clerk that are elected at the county level, but are actually state employees. These do have important roles in the services that the county provides.

### The County Makeup

The county is made up of several different departments. The general county departments include administrative departments, election authorities, sheriff and law enforcement, planning and zoning, and tax collection. There is a separate department for roads and bridges, sewer, and transfer station. The county also provides space for the state judicial facilities.

There are several entities that are closely tied to the county either by statute or by funding. The county works with the Taney County Regional Sewer District, Taney County Health department, Senior Citizen Board, Developmentally Disabled Board, all Taney county schools and cities, as well as the Taney County Ambulance District. These entities also supply services to the citizens of Taney county. Even though they are not a part of the Taney County government they are closely tied because of the services provided or because of the way they are funded.

### Selected Demographics

	2000	2010	2017
Population	39703	51675	NA
Per Capita Income	NA	\$35,102	NA
Number of county employees	198	293	272
% of total population employed by county based on most recent census	00.50%	00.57%	00.49%
Average county employee wage using budgeted amounts in 2017	\$21470.88	\$29624.99	\$33884.95

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### Mission

Provide core public services which are accessible, transparent, and responsive to the needs of the public.

### Vision

Be a collaborative and innovative organization that is future focused and committed to excellence.

### Our County Website

You can find more information as well as recorded minutes at [www.taneycounty.org](http://www.taneycounty.org). There is more contact information there if you have other questions. We are here to serve you the citizens.

# How We Have Progressed

*Fiscal year 2016*

## From the beginning

According to the White River Valley Historical Society: Taney County was proposed in 1835; and established 6 Jan 1837 by the Missouri State Legislature. Named for Roger B. Taney, a "distinguished citizen of Maryland". After several interim locations, including the farms of Jesse Jennings (Cedar Point) and Joseph Price (mouth of Bull Creek), the county seat and courthouse were established near the mouth of Swan Creek in the new town of Forsyth in 1845.

Taney County moved with the town of Forsyth and is now on the area above Swan Creek. The county operated under 3rd class county statutes until 2000. At that time the county growth had moved the county to a size that was commensurate with the 1st class counties. It has operated under those statutes since that time.



## Come Visit us today

The Taney county administration building has been upgraded many times. This is a recent photograph. This building houses the Assessor, Collector, Commission, Auditor, Clerk, Recorder of Deeds, Treasurer and other offices for the county. In 2017 these offices processed payroll and accts payable for all county departments, recorded 44,000+ documents, held elections, assessed and collected for over 47,000 real estate parcels, as well as other administration duties.



## 2016 Accomplishments

- All departments operated as statute required during 2016.
- The county operated within the budget set in 2016
- Invested the time and money to keep county roads and bridges at or above previous levels.
- Provided law enforcement as well as detention facilities for inmates convicted or awaiting trial in Taney county in order to provide a safer society.
- Cooperated with schools, cities, and other entities to assess and collect property taxes.
- Provided for recording legal documents for real estate transactions and other important documents on a very timely basis.
- Recorded and accounted for the many transactions necessary to carry on the county business.
- Continued its record for strong fiscal stewardship — maintaining its triple A bond ratings
- Held 4 elections including the presidential election efficiently and accurately

The above building houses the sheriff, prosecuting attorney, public administrator, juvenile and courts. The jail is also in this facility. We have 4 court rooms in addition to offices for all of these departments. The two pods of the jail facility allow us to house prisoner total levels above 200. Some of these are prisoners housed for other entities at a cost to those entities. This is also where bad checks are processed, traffic violations are dealt with, as well as assaults, felonies, and all other prosecuting processes. We also house the juvenile department here which handles juvenile cases. The public administrator is housed in this building where 100 plus wards have their affairs administered.

The sheriff's office also houses all administration of law enforcement, dispatch, and booking in this building.

This facility came at great cost to the people of Taney county so we give every effort to put it to the best and most efficient use. It has much of the state of the art equipment in the jail and in the judicial areas. If you haven't been in your judicial facility you should take the time to visit.

We also have buildings for road and bridge maintenance, transfer station, and the

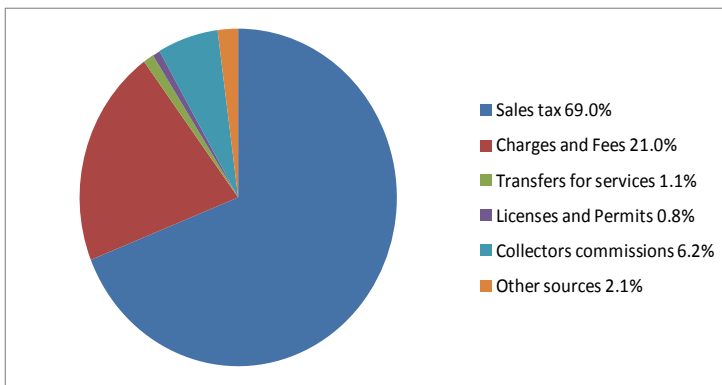
# Our Finances

## Revenues and Expenses

### What are the costs to serve the citizens and how are those costs paid?

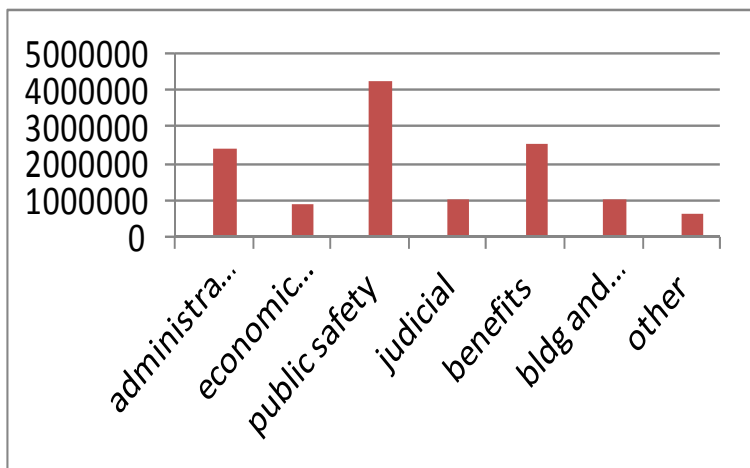
There are three major funds in the county. The road and bridge fund and the sewer fund are special purpose funds while the general county fund exists to account for the resources used to pay for other services traditionally associated with local government. Included are police, parks and recreation, planning and economic development, general administration of the County and any other activity for which a special fund has not been created. There are several other smaller funds that make up a small proportion of the county funds and are used by different departments specifically for purposes in those departments. All of these funds are subject to state statutes and to an annual audit which is performed by a professional auditing firm. Below is a summary of the **General County Funds** revenues and expenditure in 2016.

### General County Revenue by Source



Column1	% of total	amount
Sales tax	69.0%	\$7,900,334.00
Charges and Fees	21.0%	\$2,400,425.00
Transfers for services	1.1%	\$122,795.00
Licenses and Permits	0.8%	\$87,214.00
Collectors commissions	6.2%	\$707,777.00
Other sources	2.1%	\$238,964.00
<b>Total general revenues</b>		<b>\$11,457,509.00</b>

### Expenditures by Service Area



administration	2,372,966.62	19.7%
economic dev	865,000.00	7.2%
public safety	4,216,586.19	34.9%
judicial	1,029,593.01	8.5%
benefits	2,551,695.84	21.1%
bldg and infrastructure	1,035,519.51	8.6%
other	600,245.95	5.0%
<b>total</b>	<b>12,071,361.17</b>	

*These charts include only the General Revenue for the county. The road and bridge funds, sewer funds, and special use funds are not included.*

### Independent Audit

Independent audits of the County's finances were conducted, resulting in clean opinions. Complete financial information can be found at [www.taneycounty.org](http://www.taneycounty.org)



# What's Next

## *What are goals of the county*



We want to be as efficient as possible with all of the resources of the county. We know that the efficiency of many things are driven by the availability of technology, materials, as well as the work environment provided to those performing the tasks at hand. As a county we want to provide the citizens the best services at the least cost. We will strive to continue to grow with and for the people of Taney county. The pictures to the left shows our recorders office.



The county administration recognizes the importance of excellent employees. We want to maintain a work environment that allows the county to compete for the best workers in all fields. We think the work environment is a very important aspect of employee retention and efficiency. Right is assessors office.



The county has a responsibility to encourage growth and productivity of the entire county. There are many things that would encourage that, but we are aware that infrastructure is one of the most important. The general county must provide safety, roads, sewer, clean water, and places to enjoy . The county uses the general fund and special use funds to provide these to the citizens. The county also encourages collaboration with all the other entities in the county to improve these things.

### **We want to hear from you.**

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For more information on our services, visit our website at [www.taneycounty.org](http://www.taneycounty.org)

Above a deputy drives by on his way to the office. Our old building on the left and the new judicial facility on the right.