

# PRESS RELEASE



## Taney County Law Enforcement Tax



### What's on the April Ballot?

Replaces existing 1/8 of 1% Sales Tax.

Puts in place a 3/8 of 1% sales tax, which is an increase of \$0.01 for every \$4.00 spent on taxable goods within Taney County.

Adds the ability to use the funds for other Taney County Law enforcement, specifically Prosecution and Juvenile services.

### What will the funds be used for and why do we need this tax?

Law Enforcement, Jail and Jail Operations, Prosecution, and the Juvenile Department.

Taney County Jail has the ability to hold roughly 268 inmates and is often times at or beyond capacity.

Currently we have only 3 to 4 road deputies on at any given time to take care of over 650 square miles. These funds will be utilized to attract more deputies and allow us to be competitive with surrounding law enforcement entities.

There are multiple, and recent unfunded mandates from the state putting requirements on the County without giving the extra resources needed to perform these tasks. Examples of these are to hire an attorney on staff for the sole purpose of the Juvenile Office, and that all 17 year olds will now be considered juveniles and no longer adults for the purpose of prosecution.

At last report, the State of Missouri owes Taney County over \$1.3 million in prisoner per diem reimbursements and is currently between \$25 and \$30 million in arrears statewide.

### Further Information or Questions:

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