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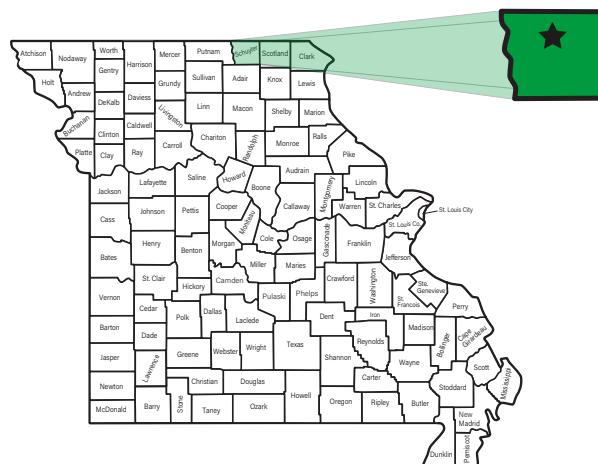
Dennis Weiser

Missouri Courthouses: Building Memories on the Square

In 1845, Schuyler County's first count seat moved from the town of Tippecanoe to a town a few miles away called Lancaster. There, the court built a small, two-story frame building as a temporary courthouse. At one point, the court considered painting two sides of this building white and the other two sides red, with green trim on the doors and windows, but the colorful order was rescinded at the next session.

In 1856, the court replaced the temporary building with a neat foursquare-style, two-story brick building that served the

county until 1894. An architect's survey found the building to be unsafe, and it was demolished in preparation for the replacement courthouse, a brick, three-story building with a square tower over the main entrance. That courthouse was replaced by the current courthouse in 1961. The red-brick, white-stone-trimmed building with a modest cupola was a compromise design that was selected after some residents objected to the architect's earlier plan that they judged to be too modern.



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The office building of the Missouri Association of Counties was destroyed by an EF-3 tornado that struck Jefferson City on the night of May 22. The building was built in the early 1870s and once served as the home and office for the physician who worked at the Missouri State Penitentiary. The above picture was taken the morning after the tornado, which damaged many homes and office buildings in its path.

Capital City tornado destroys MAC's office building

By Charles Ban
NACo County News

Dick Burke woke up to a nightmare.

Overnight, a tornado tore through Jefferson City, destroying the top floor of the building that housed the Missouri Association of Counties. Upon arriving May 23, he and the rest of his eight-person staff learned the building was structurally unsound and the state association would have to find somewhere else to work.

"We took a direct hit, and looking around several blocks, we got hit as hard as anybody," Burke said.

The office was in a 147-year-old converted home that was a city landmark. The association had occupied the building

since 1990.

"We took a lot of pride in it and it's painful to look at it now and realize there's probably no way we can go back or rebuild," Burke said.

The tornado recorded a maximum speed of 160 miles per hour – EF 3 level – and was on the ground for almost 20 miles, destroying houses and businesses and injuring 32 people, though causing no fatalities, the National Weather Service reported. Local news sources counted that approximately 200 buildings suffered serious damage.

The state association's building lost its roof, exposing the second-floor conference center and opening the building to heavy water damage. Though the staff was able to enter the

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MAC acquired its historic building to be used as its office in 1990. The two buildings were erected in the early 1870s by Judge W.C. Young, a contractor who built many historic homes in the Jefferson City area.

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building and retrieve personal effects, Burke said the three hours they had to do that wasn't close to enough time to finish the job.

"I probably have 10 file drawers in there I might not be able to get," he said. "It's structurally unsound and we can't get back in. We couldn't get a tarp over the second floor to try to protect the first floor offices."

Until the association can find long-term temporary working space, Burke said the staff would likely spend a few weeks working out of their homes, all of which escaped damage. The state's legislative session closed May 17 and the association's server was located elsewhere.

"We're getting through it, you just have to keep going and literally take it one step at a time and that's what we're doing," he said. "We appreciate the outreach from people and knowing

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Editor’s note: MAC is currently looking for a temporary office to serve as its headquarters. The MAC board will have several discussions in the near future about finding a permanent office and what to do with the damaged building and land at 516 East Capitol Ave.

At this time, MAC has its main phone

line working at 573-634-2120 and is accepting faxes at 573-634-3549. MAC staff members are working from their homes and meeting twice a week in a Jefferson City office until a temporary office is found. The association will keep members updated on the situation.

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Missouri lawmakers form local government caucus

Local governments in Missouri have some allies inside Capitol. And it's not a lobbyist.

"As legislators down here, we have to do our part to make sure we pass legislation that protects our citizens and their local governments," State Rep. Bill Falkner III, R-St. Joseph, said when he formally announced the formation of the Missouri General Assembly Local Government Caucus in April to kick off Local Government Week during a press conference in the House Lounge at the Capitol in Jefferson City.

Every year legislation is filed that may impact local governments, which includes counties, cities and school boards throughout Missouri. Falkner says that was one of the reasons he chose to run for office, and it's the reason he helped put together the caucus, which is made up of state lawmakers that have served in elected positions at the local level.

"Serving as mayor for eight years in St. Joseph, I experienced some of the pain that some of the legislation that came out and has affected our community," Falkner said. "That is one of the main reasons I wanted to come



Rep. Peggy McGaugh, R-Carrollton, speaks to members of the press in April at the Capitol in Jefferson City about the importance of having members of the General Assembly representing local governments around the state.

down here. It's important that we get our message across. There is knowledge here and we do know how it will affect our local school districts, our counties and our cities."

State Rep. Peggy McGaugh, R-Carrollton, says she is excited about the formation of a caucus that will help to educate other lawmakers on how legislation may affect local

governments.

"We need to form a caucus to help educate, support and provide guidance to our colleagues in both the House and Senate," McGaugh said. "So, establishing this Local Government Caucus is a great idea for an organized effort to meet together to discuss and study the bills affecting our counties.

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As a former president and board member of the Missouri Association of Counties (MAC), McGaugh served as the Carroll County Clerk before being elected to represent the 39th District for the Missouri House of Representatives. During her time in those positions, McGaugh knows the importance of having a strong voice for counties, cities and school boards in the halls of the Capitol.

“When you think about those three entities, it’s the same constituents, and so to provide lawmakers with prior knowledge of something that would be detrimental to any of those three or something that they would want to get behind and support, it’s good to have caucus members on the ground that can get the information out.”

Rodger Reedy, R-Windsor, is also a member of the caucus. The first-year representative, who was also a former MAC president and board member, says the caucus intends to meet regularly throughout the year



Former MAC members and part of the newly former Local Government Caucus include (from left): Rep. Brad Hudson, Rep. Danny Busick, Rep. Rodger Reedy and Rep. Peggy McGaugh.

and during sessions to review bills that deal with local governments and the potential effects they may have on their constituents and communities.

“We have to look at how these bills are going to affect our citizens back at the local level, because coming from local government we were close to

the people,” Reedy said. “We always have that desire to think how it’s going to affect everyone back in our communities.”

Falkner said the caucus will have around 30-40 members but that it could grow because several lawmakers have shown an interest in joining the

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caucus, which Falkner knows will help when working with the bill handlers on legislation that deals with local governments.

“We need to get together and work with the bill handler to try to lessen the impact on local governments and school districts, and try to work together on trying to get something out that we can get across the finish line that will have support,” Falkner said. “There will be concessions made on each side, but we need to work together instead of getting it on the floor and being contentious. We need to do that before it hits the floor to try and come up with things.”

While McGaugh said that MAC does good work for counties, she believes having more support, especially inside the Capitol, will be a benefit for county officials.

“Missouri counties need to adequate representation in the halls of the Capitol,” McGaugh said. “It will be

the job of these caucus members to ensure that we stay vigilant in our commitment to our constituents in our communities. ... Anytime you

can get former county officials to be able to educate current legislators with experience, it’s good for both sides.”

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Help spread the word about MO ABLE

By Scott Fitzpatrick
Missouri State Treasurer

According to the American Psychological Association 64 percent of Americans cite money as a major contributor to stress in their lives.

This is not surprising—in fact, one might imagine the number would be higher. For people living with a disability and parents of children with disabilities, this stress is often multiplied.

This is why MO ABLE is such a game changer for Missourians.

In 2014, Congress passed the Achieving a Better Life Experience Act (ABLE) which created tax-free savings accounts for people with disabilities. MO ABLE, which launched in 2017 and is administered by the State Treasurer's Office, allows people with disabilities and their families to save and invest—tax free—up to \$15,000 per year without losing their federal benefits. Not only do these savings grow tax free, but contributions are also eligible for a



state tax deduction up to \$15,000—a benefit that could be worth as much as \$800 per year for participants.

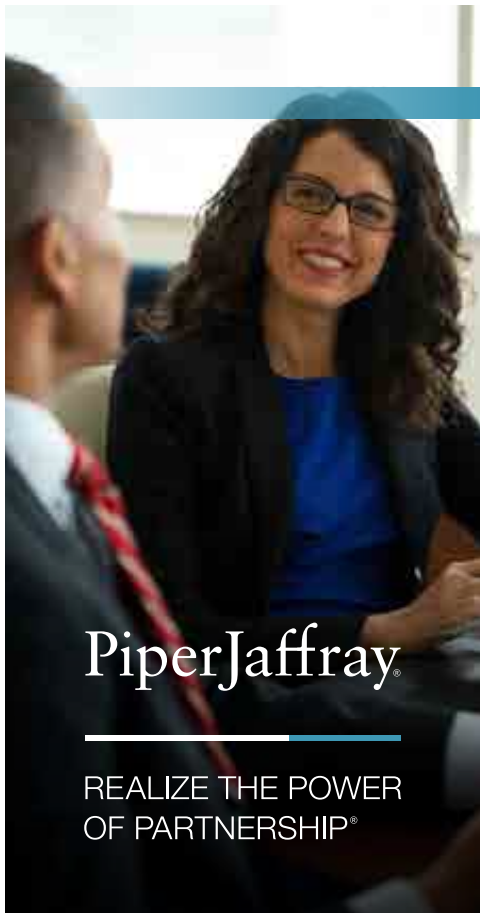
Before ABLE Accounts, people with disabilities were told they could never have more than \$2,000 without risking the loss of their federal benefits like Medicaid and SSI. Now, people with disabilities can save for something they've always dreamed of having—like a car or a house.

In the two years since its launch, we have heard from individuals with disabilities who say the independence they've gained in this one part of their life—their financial well-being—has given them a sense of freedom beyond their physical limits. This is something to celebrate.

We have also heard from parents of children living with a disability who say that the tax savings they receive from using a MO ABLE account help alleviate some financial strain. And regular contributions have provided a buffer for unexpected expenses.

So why write about this in your newsletter?

We recently crossed the 1,000 accounts threshold—a major milestone for MO ABLE, one of the largest programs of its kind in the country. While this is great news, there is still much work to be done. Across Missouri, there are 800,000



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individuals living with a disability. Perhaps you know one or more of them. As the elected officials and employees of your respective counties, I ask that you tell your friends, neighbors, or family members to visit MOABLE.com to learn more about how the program can help them reach their goals and achieve financial independence.

My Office is also working to partner with businesses across the state to encourage adding payroll deductions for MO ABLE to their offered benefits. CoxHealth in southwest Missouri was the first business to do this. Your county can also do this for its employees to make it even easier for Missourians to save money and receive the peace of mind ABLE can provide.

Historically, saving money has been difficult for people with disabilities because of federal regulations—and that's why I am hopeful that businesses and governmental entities like yours will make it easier for employees to save for their future.

During the 2019 legislative session, my Office worked with Representative Jonathan Patterson and Senator Brian Williams to pass legislation that clarifies that a conservatorship is not required for individuals and families using MO ABLE accounts. Although this issue arose out of a specific ruling in St. Louis County, this clarification ensures the original intent of the MO ABLE legislation is not lost to unnecessary bureaucratic hurdles. As we worked on the legislation, we consulted with Public Administrators to ensure that the changes being made did not impact their ability to use ABLE accounts for those individuals under their care. We want it to be as easy as possible for families and county public administrators across the state to use the program to help individuals with disabilities.

Recently, we were pleased to welcome Clay County Public Administrator Sarah Mills to the MO ABLE board. Mills uses MO ABLE for several residents of Clay County who fall under

her care as Public Administrator. We are looking forward to working with her and having her county-level perspective on our team.

My Office is always willing to do a presentation about MO ABLE and its benefits. If you are interested in requesting a presentation, you can reach out to team@stableaccount.com.

Together, we can work to ensure that the MO ABLE program reaches its potential by helping all Missourians who can benefit from the program save more money and foster greater independence in their lives.

Scott Fitzpatrick is Missouri's 47th State Treasurer. You can follow his Office on Twitter, Facebook, and Instagram @motreasurer.

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Department of Labor issues proposed overtime pay rule

By **Travis A. Elliott**
MAC General Counsel

On March 7, 2019, the Department of Labor (“DOL”) issued a proposed regulation to update overtime provisions relating to exempt employees.

Under DOL regulations, there are three primary requirements in order to treat an employee as exempt for purposes of overtime pay: (1) the employee must be paid on a salary basis (the salary basis test); (2) the salary must meet a minimum level (the salary level test); and (3) the employee’s duties must satisfy the requirements under the definition of an executive, administrative or professional. The proposed rule seeks to modify the salary level test.

The proposed rule would raise the minimum weekly pay threshold required to treat employees as exempt under the executive, administrative and professional overtime pay exemptions.

The existing required salary rate is \$455 per week (\$23,660 annually), while the proposed salary rate is \$679 per week (\$35,308 annually), a proposed increase of \$224 per week, or \$11,648 annually. The DOL’s proposal raises the weekly pay threshold to the 20th percentile of earnings for full-time salaried workers in the lowest-wage Census Region. While the proposed rule does not contain any

provision that automatically increases the salary level requirement, the notice of proposed rulemaking includes a commitment to periodically review the salary level threshold. However, any update would require notice and comment rulemaking. As members will recall, the prior administration’s rule proposed to set the salary rate at \$913 per week (\$47,476 annually). DOL anticipates that the proposed rule, once finalized, will become effective in January 2020.

As in 2016, MAC will continue to monitor the DOL’s actions, and as the year progresses, counties should evaluate their current exempt employee

workforce to determine whether it is necessary and appropriate to increase the salary of exempt employees in the event the final rule goes into effect based on the number of hours those employees work over 40 in a work week, or whether it would be appropriate to convert particular positions to non-exempt and pay those employees on an hourly rate of pay basis.



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Please use the format below as a guide in creating the first page of the entry form submission for the MAC Achievement Award Competition:

Title of the entry

(to be used on this award — maximum of seven words)

County name (for joint submissions, please list all counties involved)

Contact name and title

Mailing address

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Organize the entry’s executive summary as follows:

- Overview** – Provide a brief, 25-word summary of the program or project.
- Problem or Challenge** – Describe the problem or challenge the county faced and the process used to address it.
- Solution** – Describe the steps taken by the county to solve the problem or overcome the challenge.
- Budget/Cost/Savings** – How much money was budgeted for funding the project?
- List all sources of funding for the project.
 - Did the project come within/under budget?
 - What is the measure of increased productivity or time saved?
- Results** – Describe the results of the program/project. Discuss how the program or project has positively affected the community, improved delivery of services to the public, or improved administration of a program internally.
- Project or Program Contact** – List the name, title, mailing address, phone and email address of the person who can be contacted about the program.
- Optional Submission** – If the program involved the development of a video, brochure or pictures of progress, please enclose or email copies with the submission. Items will not be returned and become the property of MAC.

General information

All recipients will be notified by mail upon completion of judging in the fall.

The awards will be presented at MAC’s Annual Conference and Expo on Nov. 17-19 at the Lake of the Ozarks.

In the event that a multi-county application is honored, each county will receive an award.

If you have any questions, contact Carah Bright, MAC Member Relations, at 573-634-2120, or email cbright@mocounties.com

Include the following

- Completed entry form.
 - Three-page executive summary.
 - Copy of endorsement letter authorizing entry.
- (One letter may be used for multiple entries, but please include a copy for each entry.)*

Mail all of the above to:

Missouri Association of Counties
P.O. BOX 234
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Fifth Annual **Partners in Governance Conference**

The Missouri Association of Counties teamed up with the Missouri Municipal League, Missouri School Boards' Association and Institute of Public Policy in the Harry S. Truman School of Public Affairs at the University of Missouri for the annual Partners in Governance Conference in April.



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Lauer earns MAC Legislative award

It may have been a little delayed, but Jeanie Lauer finally received the honors she deserved when the Missouri Association of Counties presented her with her MAC Legislative Award at the May board meeting for her hard work and dedication to improving Missouri's 911 emergency communication.

In 2018, Gov. Mike Parson signed House Bill 1456, designed to help Missouri and its local governments modernize 911 communications, into law. The bill changed how counties can fund 911 services, allowing local governments to implement a surcharge up to \$1 on any device that is able to contact 911 with voter approval. The surcharge can only be placed on the ballot if the county does not already have a tax dedicated for emergency communications. The bill also created the State Grant Pool, which will be funded through a charge on pre-paid wireless. A portion of the charge will go back to the counties where the device was purchased, while the rest will go into the grant pool. Funding from the pool will be for PSAP consolidation, technology, training and emergency medical dispatch pre-arrival instructions that dispatchers use during an emergency.

With the increase in the number of wireless devices, some local communities had a difficult time pinpointing the location of calls, which increased the time it took for emergency personnel or law enforcement to respond to emergency situations.

Lauer, who now serves on the Jackson County Legislature and is a member of the MAC Board of Directors, has been working with MAC for a number of years on legislation that was geared toward helping local governments have better opportunities to receive more funding for emergency services.

This year lawmakers passed Senate Bill 291, which helps



Jeanie Lauer receives her MAC Legislative Award at the MAC board meeting in May in Jefferson City for her work in getting legislation passed last year that will help to modernize the state's emergency communication service. MAC President Clint Tracy (second from left) presented Lauer with the award, along with CCAM President Charlie Herbst (left) and former MAC President Doc Kritzer.

to clarify language for telecommunications companies surrounding the pre-paid wireless portion of the law. The bill will also require Jackson County to ask voters to place a monthly fee, up to \$1, for emergency communications instead of a telephone service tax or countywide sales tax.

In April, voters in Adair, Pettis and Randolph, approved a 911 monthly fee in accordance to the new law, while voters in Maries County rejected it.

Although it may take some time for Missouri to modernize its emergency communication services at the state and local levels, the aim of Lauer's bill was never far from the mark.

"This has never been just a bill," she told members of the MAC Board of Directors in May. "This is about saving people's lives, and I know some of you in your area have a need for 911 enhanced services because of Missouri being so far behind."



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Holt receives recognition for years of service



Former Jasper County Collector, MAC board member and NACo representative Steve Holt speaks to MAC board members during the May board meeting at the Capitol Plaza Hotel in Jefferson City.

Steve Holt was recognized for his years of service and dedication to public service during the May board meeting of Missouri Association of Counties.

Holt retired in March after serving as the Jasper County Collector for nearly 30 years.

He was a board member of MAC for a number of years and served as the president of the association in 1998. In 2010, Holt was elected to be the association's NACo representative. He also served as president of the Missouri Collectors Association in 2001 and was the president to the National Association of County Collectors, Treasurers and Finance Officers in 2012.

Current MAC President Clint Tracy presented Holt with an American flag that was flown at the U.S. Capitol in Washington D.C. for his years of service.

"I would like to thank you all for the privilege to serve as your NACo board representative over the last several years." He told members of the MAC Board of Directors in May.

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Increase in projected revenue for FY 2020 CART funds expected

Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT) officials project that each penny of the state gas tax is expected to bring in \$41.4 million for FY '20. With the total gas tax set at 17 cents, that means \$703.8 million will be divided among the state, counties and cities for road and bridge maintenance and repair.

For FY '20, the county share of the gas tax is projected to be approximately \$82.2 million. MoDOT also projects the county intake from the FY 2020 motor vehicle sales/use tax will be \$17.03 million, while projecting vehicle fees for the new state fiscal year will net counties an estimated \$11.5 million.

Total county revenues from these three sources should be approximately \$110.7 million, higher than last year's projection of \$109.8 million.

To figure a county's portion of FY '20 County Aid Road Trust (CART) revenues, simply use the \$110.7 million multiplied by the county's new percentage share listed in the table at the right.

Example #1 (for Callaway County)
 $\$110,700,000 \text{ million} \times .0146 = \$1,616,220$

In order to know the breakdown from each of the three sources that make up county CART revenues, use the following steps:

Example #2 (for Callaway County)
Gas tax revenues
 $\$82,200,000 \text{ million} \times .0146 = \$1,200,120$

Motor vehicle sales/use tax revenues
 $\$17,030,000 \text{ million} \times .0146 = \$248,638$

Motor vehicle fees
 $\$11,500,000 \text{ million} \times .0146 = \$167,900$

The tally of these figures will approximate the amount in Example #1 and provide the county's **"projected"** CART revenues for FY '20.

Please note: Projections are for the state's FY '20 budget. In addition, Senate Bill 147, if it becomes law, will increase motor vehicle fees on Aug. 28, which may change the projection. Based on the bill's final fiscal note, counties are projected to receive an additional \$300,000.

County Aid Road Trust (CART) funds

CART Funds are apportioned on the basis of two factors: one-half of the funds are credited on the ratio a county's road mileage bears to the total county road mileage in the unincorporated areas, and one-half is based on the ratio that county rural land valuation bears to the rural land valuation of the entire state. Total 2019 Missouri county road mileage is 73,677.1. Total 2019 assessed valuation in the unincorporated areas is \$25,571,753,042.

The CART distribution percentages for FY '20 are based on these 2019 figures.

County CART percents for 2020 budgeting

Adair	0.0057	Linn	0.0056
Andrew	0.0064	Livingston	0.0053
Atchison	0.0058	McDonald	0.0067
Audrain	0.0076	Macon	0.0075
Barry	0.0120	Madison	0.0030
Barton	0.0061	Maries	0.0040
Bates	0.0082	Marion	0.0051
Benton	0.0070	Mercer	0.0037
Bollinger	0.0051	Miller	0.0077
Boone	0.0149	Mississippi	0.0036
Buchanan	0.0053	Moniteau	0.0049
Butler	0.0105	Monroe	0.0059
Caldwell	0.0051	Montgomery	0.0051
Callaway	0.0146	Morgan	0.0112
Camden	0.0245	New Madrid	0.0073
Cape Girardeau	0.0095	Newton	0.0113
Carroll	0.0073	Nodaway	0.0100
Carter	0.0030	Oregon	0.0047
Cass	0.0124	Osage	0.0051
Cedar	0.0054	Ozark	0.0062
Chariton	0.0066	Pemiscot	0.0050
Christian	0.0131	Perry	0.0056
Clark	0.0046	Pettis	0.0097
Clay	0.0079	Phelps	0.0078
Clinton	0.0059	Pike	0.0053
Cole	0.0100	Platte	0.0135
Cooper	0.0051	Polk	0.0083
Crawford	0.0063	Pulaski	0.0075
Dade	0.0050	Putnam	0.0050
Dallas	0.0062	Ralls	0.0051
Daviess	0.0062	Randolph	0.0074
DeKalb	0.0065	Ray	0.0070
Dent	0.0058	Reynolds	0.0069
Douglas	0.0067	Ripley	0.0040
Dunklin	0.0072	St. Charles	0.0345
Franklin	0.0197	St. Clair	0.0056
Gasconade	0.0050	St. Francois	0.0073
Gentry	0.0045	Ste. Genevieve	0.0067
Greene	0.0315	St. Louis	0.1001
Grundy	0.0041	Saline	0.0068
Harrison	0.0066	Schuyler	0.0027
Henry	0.0073	Scotland	0.0041
Hickory	0.0041	Scott	0.0045
Holt	0.0044	Shannon	0.0056
Howard	0.0036	Shelby	0.0048
Howell	0.0105	Stoddard	0.0097
Iron	0.0033	Stone	0.0114
Jackson	0.0091	Sullivan	0.0045
Jasper	0.0122	Taney	0.0112
Jefferson	0.0381	Texas	0.0088
Johnson	0.0123	Vernon	0.0086
Knox	0.0042	Warren	0.0064
Laclede	0.0077	Washington	0.0050
Lafayette	0.0076	Wayne	0.0049
Lawrence	0.0095	Webster	0.0088
Lewis	0.0042	Worth	0.0022
Lincoln	0.0114	Wright	0.0061

MOBILE APP LAUNCH

Introduction

Accurate connectivity data is the foundation for investments in broadband infrastructure. Unfortunately, connectivity data provided to the Federal Communications Commission is often inaccurate and inflated – leaving many rural communities overlooked and disconnected.

NACo has partnered with the Local Initiatives Support Corporation (LISC) and the Rural Community Assistance Partnership (RCAP) to develop a mobile app designed to identify areas with low or no connectivity to help ensure adequate funding for broadband infrastructure is provided across the country.

“TestIT” is an iOS/Android mobile app that leverages a broadband sampling tool designed by Measurement Labs (MLabs) to aggregate broadband speeds across the country from app users. With the press of a single button, users will be able to test their broadband speed from anywhere. Additionally, users will be able to compare their internet speeds to the national average and minimum standards established by the Federal Communications System. **No personal information will be collected through this mobile app.**

A snapshot of each sample will be sent to a database which will allow NACo and partners to analyze connectivity data across the country. The data collected through this app will help identify areas where broadband service is overstated and underfunded by comparing the data to the National Broadband Map.

Your help identifying gaps in our nation’s broadband coverage is critical to making substantive changes to the process for reporting broadband service. We hope you will help shed light on this critically important issue and encourage your friends, family and constituents to join in the efforts as well!



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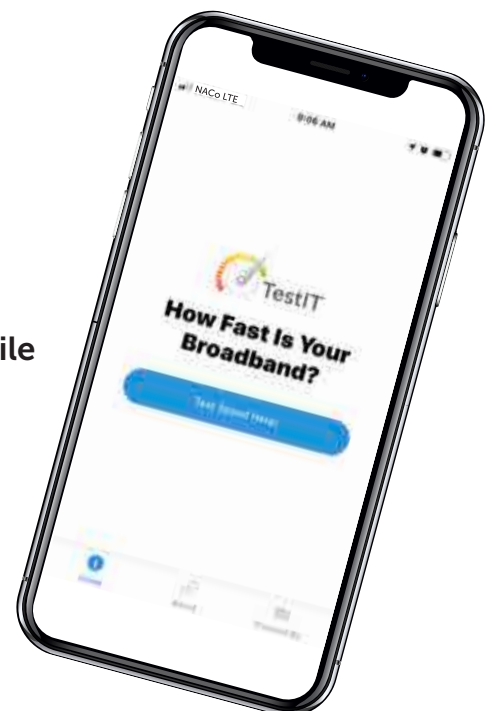


2. Search for **“TestIT”** in your mobile app store



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What Missouri owes after FY 2019 fourth quarter payments

The State of Missouri owes Missouri counties and the City of St. Louis more than \$32.5 million in jail reimbursement after making FY 2019 fourth quarter payments on claims that have been fully audited by the Missouri Department of Corrections (DOC).

Missouri reimburses county jails for detaining state prisoners for the number of days they spend in county jails while their court cases are processed. If convicted and sentenced to serve time in the DOC, Missouri counties will be reimbursed for the number of days the inmate spent being detained in a county jail before being transferred into the custody of the DOC.

This year, the state approved the funds appropriated \$38 million for jail reimbursements, and another \$1.75 million for claims made prior to FY 2019. Any remaining funds appropriated for jail reimbursements will be used toward unpaid claims.

The DOC begins paying claims after they have been fully audited and when funds are released by the state's Office of Administration, which occurs on the first business day on or after July 1, Oct. 1, Jan. 1 and April 1.

The board rate for jail reimbursement in FY 2019 was \$22.58 per day, per inmate. The FY 2020 board rate will be set later this summer based on what the General Assembly has appropriated,

Information about jail reimbursements, including instructions and forms for making a claim can be found the DOC's website at <https://doc.mo.gov/divisions/human-services/county-reimbursement>.

County	Total outstanding as of June 28, 2019	County	Total outstanding as of June 28, 2019
Adair	193,886	Livingston	153,496
Andrew	32,548	Macon	51,331
Atchison	1,881	Madison	60,876
Audrain	219,246	Maries	41,146
Barry	167,348	Marion	175,834
Barton	39,021	McDonald	129,027
Bates	100,383	Mercer	7,968
Benton	54,163	Miller	164,983
Bollinger	52,117	Mississippi	185,076
Boone	837,924	Moniteau	93,502
Buchanan	540,789	Monroe	—
Butler	366,739	Montgomery	175,855
Caldwell	46,590	Morgan	369,502
Callaway	352,881	New Madrid	224,549
Camden	152,963	Newton	184,519
Cape Girardeau	577,715	Nodaway	41,061
Carroll	55,823	Oregon	12,167
Carter	22,438	Osage	14,444
Cass	376,294	Ozark	45,948
Cedar	46,012	Pemiscot	77,661
Chariton	33,189	Perry	158,377
Christian	264,561	Pettis	478,033
City of St. Louis	3,477,449	Phelps	351,794
Clark	119,871	Pike	38,489
Clay	839,664	Platte	478,560
Clinton	205,946	Polk	181,837
Cole	294,577	Pulaski	281,603
Cooper	101,940	Putnam	22,419
Crawford	144,347	Ralls	15,950
Dade	51,284	Randolph	143,206
Dallas	302,367	Ray	234,213
Daviess	88,562	Reynolds	21,899
DeKalb	85,385	Ripley	99,500
Dent	221,444	Saline	197,218
Douglas	62,683	Schuyler	13,594
Dunklin	345,196	Scotland	29,214
Franklin	395,998	Scott	404,684
Gasconade	37,707	Shannon	48,281
Gentry	6,525	Shelby	18,650
Greene	2,815,589	St. Charles	933,321
Grundy	64,689	St. Clair	125,821
Harrison	53,896	St. Francois	652,192
Henry	154,153	St. Louis County	3,717,613
Hickory	51,864	Ste. Genevieve	159,800
Holt	3,007	Stoddard	254,517
Howard	31,937	Stone	95,918
Howell	121,293	Sullivan	1,559
Iron	211,882	Taney	492,205
Jackson	1,956,199	Texas	35,757
Jasper	503,225	Vernon	255,948
Jefferson	582,857	Warren	565,151
Johnson	127,293	Washington	213,350
Knox	3,713	Wayne	133,559
Laclede	392,835	Webster	113,050
Lafayette	177,987	Worth	—
Lawrence	309,788	Wright	175,559
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Linn	5,651		
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U.S. Communities awards new contract to Tradition Energy

Tradition Energy, the nation's largest and most experienced independent energy risk management and procurement advisor, announced last year that it has been awarded a new contract to provide energy consulting and management services to the participants in the U.S. Communities Government Purchasing Alliance. The City of Mesquite, Texas, served as the lead public agency and awarded Tradition Energy the contract after a competitive national solicitation.

Tradition Energy has served U.S. Communities members for the past five years, and this is Tradition's second contract awarded through the U.S. Communities cooperative purchasing program. The contract is designed to help state and local public agencies, school districts and higher education institutions, and nonprofits maximize savings on energy expenditures while improving procurement efficiency.

Contract services include but are not limited to the procurement of electricity, natural gas, transportation fuels, renewable energy, procurement aggregation, energy data management, energy bill processing and payment, energy risk management, market research and intelligence reporting, energy bill auditing and tariff rate analysis, and efficiency services.

"Tradition has done an excellent job advising the City of Mesquite and helping us manage our energy expenditures over the past 10 years," said Debbie Mol, Director of Finance, City of Mesquite. "We are excited that our current contract for Tradition's services will be available to other governments across the country through the U.S. Communities contract."

"The acceptance of this contract

by U.S. Communities participating agencies members has been enormous," said Alan Kurzer, CEO, Tradition Energy. "Over the past five years, we have seen government entities save thousands of dollars on their energy costs. We are excited to be awarded this new contract and to continue protecting agency's budgets from energy price volatility."

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