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### Saline County

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Missouri Courthouses: Building Memories on the Square

During the first 20 years of its existence, the legislature moved the county seat among three different communities — Cambridge, Jonesboro and Arrow Rock — before settling on Marshall. In 1839, Jeremiah Odell and his wife, Elizabeth, conveyed 65 acres to the county for the purpose of establishing a county seat. The court began meeting there in 1840.

In 1841, the court built the first courthouse in Marshall, which burned during the Civil War. In 1868, a replacement building was erected, but evidentially suffering from poor workmanship or faulty material, it was considered beyond repair less than 10 years later and shuttered and closed for good in 1879.

In 1881, voters approved a bond issue to fund the current courthouse. The completed building was accepted by the county in 1882. In 1973, the building was fully restored and still serves as the county courthouse.





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The new bridge over the Missouri River on Route 47 in Franklin County, shown under construction, was opened in December 2018. After voters failed to approve Proposition D in November, MAC continues to support finding a transportation funding solution to address Missouri's infrastructure needs.

# MAC sets legislative priorities for the 2019 session

During the annual conference in November 2018, MAC members adopted five resolutions which will be the focus of the association during the upcoming 2019 legislative session.

# Support fully funding state mandates on county government

MAC respectfully requests that the Missouri General Assembly and the governor include in the state's Fiscal Year 2020 budget: (1) an increase in the appropriation for prisoner per diem reimbursement authorized under Sec. 221.105, RSMo.; (2) an appropriation to fully fund state assessment maintenance reimbursements; (3) an

appropriation to fully fund any new obligations placed on the election officials of this state, including state payment of a proportional share of primary and general election costs; (4) an appropriation to fully fund the reimbursement for the detention and care of neglected and/or delinquent juveniles, as well as the salaries of juvenile court personnel in singlecounty circuits; (5) an appropriation that would relieve counties of the cost of providing office space and certain utility expenses for the various state public defenders' offices; (6) an appropriation that would relieve counties from salary and retirement contribution increases for county prosecuting attorneys; and (7) request

that the General Assembly continue to refrain from implementing the requirements of SB 711 relating to property tax enacted in 2008 until full state funding for the same is authorized.

Additionally, recognizing the difficult budgetary constraints that the state of Missouri is experiencing and the dim prospects for additional state appropriations for these programs and, as a partner with the state in the delivery of these services, MAC requests the governor and the Missouri General Assembly hold county governments harmless from any further state budget cuts in these areas.

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#### Support a transportation funding package that addresses the state's dire infrastructure needs

Missouri's agricultural industry, a strong economic factor for the state, heavily relies on the state's roads and bridges to transport livestock and crops. However, there is no new state funding beside the current system. Missouri has the seventh largest system in the nation and ranks 47th in funding. Missouri currently has the ninth highest number of obsolete bridges in the nation. MAC respectfully requests the General Assembly support a new package that will address Missouri's dire infrastructure needs without the conveyance of any state-owned lettered highway or route to county government.

### Oppose pre-emption of local authority

Missouri's county officials have expressed their opposition to the erosion of local authority, allowing counties greater flexibility to deal with local issues and problems. County officials believe in protecting the citizens they represent from large scale developments that infringe on their lives, and oppose the weakening or repeal of Section 229.100 RSMo., which requires county commission approval of utility easements through, across or under public roads or highways. MAC respectfully opposes the pre-emption of local authority, but does support the repeal of Missouri's prevailing-wage law.

#### Oppose legislation that erodes the local tax base and calls on the General Assembly to address Missouri's antiquated tax structure

In response to annual increases for the cost of county services, MAC

will be calling upon the General Assembly to limit legislation that would have a negative budgetary effect on local governments without guaranteed replacement revenue. Additionally, MAC will request the General Assembly to address Missouri's antiquated tax code, especially as it relates to sales tax and the South Dakota v. Wayfair ruling, so that both state and local governments are well-positioned in the future to meet the increasing service needs of their citizens. Local governments are losing billions of dollars because of the lack of enforcement for "use" tax collections, which puts local businesses at a competitive disadvantage. MAC also supports legislative changes that

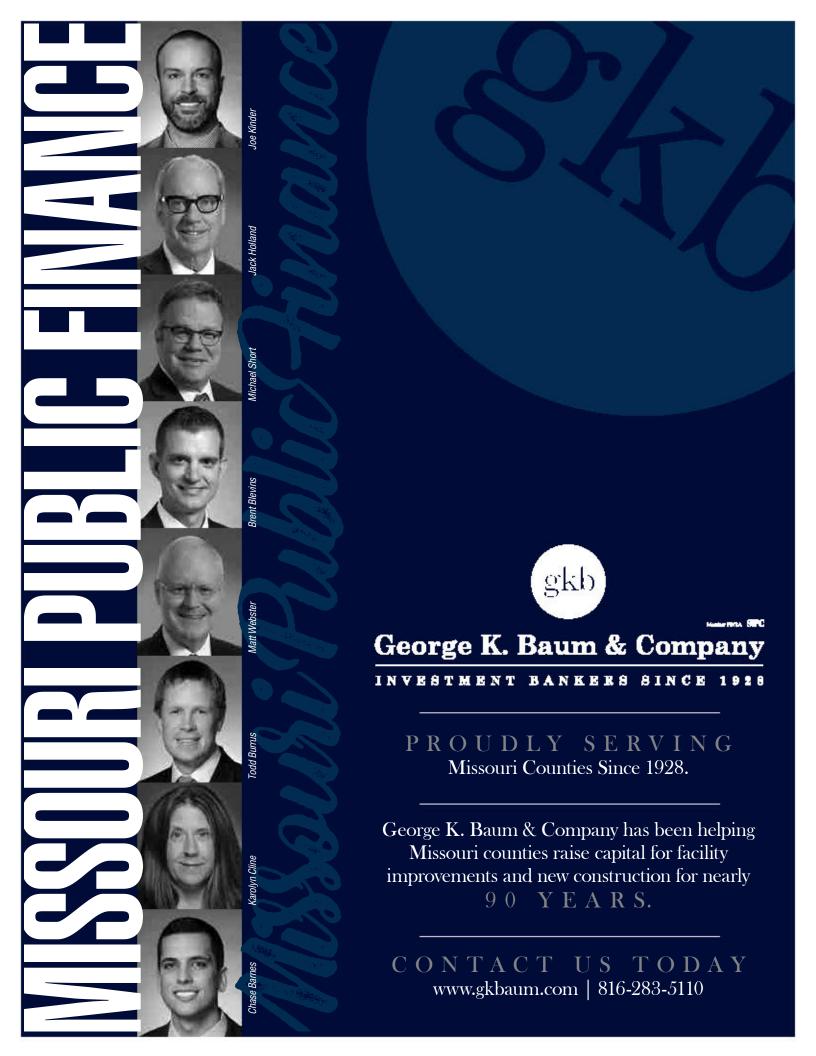
preserves local assessment of wind and solar generation and transmission regardless of ownership with all tax related revenues to be taxed and distributed at the local level.

### Support the full repeal of prevailing wage

Missouri county officials are charged with ensuring taxpayer money is being used wisely when bidding for public work projects. However, Missouri's current prevailing-wage law, despite being reworked in 2018, still can be a burden on the budgets of local governments. With the costs of construction projects fluctuating from year to year, MAC supports a full repeal of Missouri's prevailing wage in an effort to lessen the burden on what local governments spend on public work projects, as well as make the bidding process for those projects more competitive.









Pettis County Eastern Commissioner Israel Baeza, center, poses with Pettis County Presiding Commissioner David Dick, left, and Pettis County Clerk Nick La Strada at the 47th Annual MAC Conference & Expo in November at Tan-Tar-A Resort in Osage Beach. Baeza, who is Missouri's first Hispanic-American county commissioner, was appointed to the position by Gov. Mike Parson in November.

# Tackling a new challenge

Israel Baeza knows a little about a lot of things.

As a former goalkeeper, Baeza knows how to stop a shot on goal. As an assistant soccer coach, he knows how to teach fundamentals and tactics to young aspiring athletes. As an election clerk who worked in the Pettis County Clerk's Office, he knows about elections, and the multitude of other duties handled in those busy offices on a daily basis. He also knows he wants to some day practice law.

But in his new role — a first in Missouri history — he knows he has to use what he has learned to take him even further.

"My future goal was to be an attorney, and that's still my goal. But for now, I am very focused on the county," said Baeza, who became the first Hispanic-American county commissioner in

the state's history when Gov. Mike Parson appointed him the Eastern Commissioner of Pettis County in November. "I put everything in my life on hold for this and I made a promise to be a full-time commissioner. My short-term goal is to learn the most I can and talk with the most people I can. Meet with my department heads to make sure that we are serving our citizens effectively, so that they can serve the county better.

"I enjoy what I'm doing so far, and I do see it as something that I want to do long term. I think I can make a positive impact. Then, if I were to go to law school, I would love to continue to be in public service. That's where I get a lot of satisfaction."

Baeza was nominated by the Pettis County Republic Central Committee to be considered for the appointment of the Eastern Commissioner seat that was left vacant when former Eastern Commissioner Brent Hampy resigned to accept a position in the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

While he knows of the difficult tasks that lie ahead in his new position of serving the citizens of Pettis County, he believes his journey to it has prepared him for the challenge.

Baeza, 26, was born in Guadalajara, Mexico, where his father worked as an architect and his mother was a doctor. When Baeza was very young, his family immigrated to Missouri to serve as Baptist missionaries with his father taking over the pastoral duties at the First Hispanic Baptist Church of Sedalia.

In high school, Baeza was a goalkeeper on the school's soccer team. He took his talents in the sport forward and

played one season at MCC-Maple Woods, a community college in north of Kansas City, before moving on to the Sporting KC U-18 squad. He eventually would go on to train with the Sporting KC first team, but didn't get any game-time minutes. Still, he learned a lot while he was there.

"During my time in Sporting KC, Jimmy Nielsen was the starting keeper and I learned a lot from him," Baeza said of the Denmark keeper, who was named Major League Soccer's Goalkeeper of the Year in 2012. "In my opinion, he's probably one of the best goalkeepers in the league and the best goalkeeper that I ever trained with."

Baeza was able to use what he learned from Nielsen, as well as what he learned in training and scrimmages, and parlayed it into professional contracts with Club Deportivo Oro and Real Zamora, which are teams that play in the Mexican football league system.

Although his professional soccer career has since ended, he didn't stray too far from the pitch. He currently works an assistant soccer coach for the soccer teams at Sedalia Sacred Heart High School and State Fair Community College, where Baeza is also enrolled and working toward getting his political science degree. He also passes on his soccer knowledge by volunteering during youth clinics that are hosted by a local soccer association.

Helping people is one thing that drew Baeza into the public sector. Now, as a commissioner, he wants to continue helping his community.

"Service has always been something that has been very fulfilling for me," he said. "I think it's where I always felt most comfortable, and I can serve people and make a difference in their life, especially in this position as a commissioner. I can be a voice for people who think they don't have a voice."

Even though he may be the first Hispanic-American commissioner in Missouri's history and is currently one of the youngest serving county commissioners, he doesn't think his inexperience will be a problem because his time working in the county clerk's office has prepared him for this next step.

"In the county clerk's office, we work very closely with the commission in different capacities," Baeza said. "That really gave me a sense of what they do."

Dealing with elections was the largest part of Baeza's job as an election clerk, but he also got to deal with constituent complaints.

"We were that first step before we would direct those complaints to the appropriate department," Baeza said. "You get to hear people, their concerns, and the things that they would like to see different on all levels of government."

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The clerk's office also handles payroll and accounts payable so the office worked closely during the budget process, which helped Baeza see how the commission worked. Baeza believes his experience in the clerk's office and its close proximity to the work done by the county commission will allow for a smooth transition into his new role.

"Just the fact that I was around all that, we were kind of the middle man for every department and that's going to really help me to continue to collaborate with different elected officials."

An associate commissioner's biggest duty is dealing with the roads and bridges of the county. The commissioners must work with their road and bridge departments and within the county budget to prioritize the projects that require the most attention.

"Roads and bridges are not cheap to maintain and they're not cheap to build," Baeza said. "Funding is always a big part. We have to make decisions based on our budget. We'd love to get all of our bridges up to par but we have to prioritize what needs the most attention at the moment. Our citizens expect our roads and bridges to be maintained because they pay taxes for it. They expect to be safe and expect their community to be well maintained."

In addition to the roads and bridges, Baeza said communication with county residents is one thing he wants to focus on, and he wants to remind everyone that his door is always open.

"There's always a lot of room to better ourselves, but one of the biggest things is communication," Baeza said. "That's one of my big priorities. I want to have that one-on-one connection with constituents. Even though the position of commissioner is part time, I've been very open to the fact that I'm actually going to be a full-time commissioner. I want citizens to expect that my door is always going to be open and they're more than welcome to come in and talk with me because that's the only way we're going to get things done."

Since being appointed and taking over as the Eastern Commissioner of Pettis County, Baeza has been invited to several city council meetings within the county to learn about the new 911 law, along with other items that the cities and county work together to achieve. To him, it's been helpful.

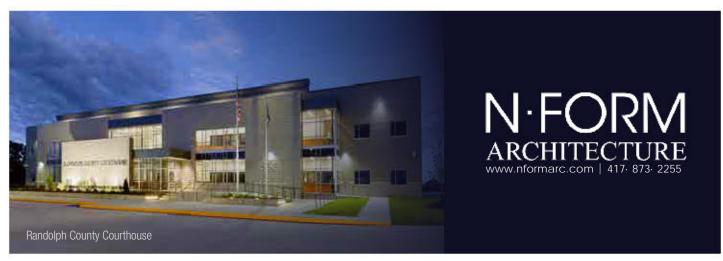
"The more I can collaborate with people, the more accessible I can be to them," Baeza said. "It's all about relationships. If we want to get things done, we have to have a positive relationship with different entities and I think I can be that bridge."

Baeza will serve out the remaining two years of Hampy's term before he will have to go out and seek election to his office in 2020. It will be the first election where his name will be on the ballot and not someone else's, as he seen so many times working as an election clerk.

He admits he is looking forward to 2020 and promoting himself to the voters of Pettis County based on his accomplishments while in office. But that shouldn't be a problem because he's already done a good job at that. In order to be considered for the appointment, Baeza was one out of 11 candidates that submitted their names to be nominated for the vacant Eastern Commissioner seat by the Pettis County Republic Central Committee. Then, he was one of the three candidates that lasted the first two rounds of voting, before winning 54 percent of the committee's vote in the third and final vote.

Still, Baeza knows he has a lot to learn in his new role as Eastern Commissioner, but he doesn't have to learn how to be grateful to all those who have passed along their knowledge for him to be where he is at today, especially those in Pettis County.

"It's a very humbling experience when people, who you work with on a daily basis, can give you their trust to serve them," Baeza said. "It's something very special and I look forward to serving the people of our county and working with the other commissioners around the state."





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Members of Boone County's Live Well by Faith Program accept their 2018 MAC County Achievement Award during the business meeting at MAC's 47th Annual Conference & Expo in November at Tan-Tar-A Resort in Osage Beach.

### Boone, St. Francois receive MAC County Achievement Award for 2018

Boone County and St. Francois County received MAC County Achievement Awards for 2018 during the association's 47th Annual Conference & Expo in November for their following county programs.

### Boone County - Live Well by Faith

The Columbia and Boone County Department of Public Health and Human Services conducted a Community Health Assessment (PHHS), which found that African Americans in Boone County had significantly poorer health outcomes than whites. Disparities in the prevalence of diabetes and hypertension were particularly great. A 2013 study found that the death rate for heart disease among African-Americans living in Boone County was almost twice the rate for whites, while the rate of death due to diabetes for

blacks was over three times higher than the white demographic.

Closing these disparities was essential to improving the overall health of Boone County, and is why the Live Well by Faith Program was started. The goal of the program was to decrease the prevalence of hypertension and diabetes using community churches to help create an environment that promotes healthy living.

Live Well by Faith established partnerships between the African-American churches and PHHS, which worked together to determine the needs of each church's congregation and address them through the use of individual health ministry teams or "Lifestyle Coaches."

After a survey was completed and assessed, PHHS met with the church's health ministry team to provide access to health education, evidence-based

programs, technical support and resources necessary to run effective programs. The health ministry team chose from a menu of programs that addressed the health needs of their congregation. Lifestyle Coaches were educated, trained and certified to teach the programs themselves in hopes of creating sustainability.

The participating churches made policy changes in their facilities, such as only water being made available in the facility, as well as other things to promote healthy living. Participating churches also made some environmental changes that include making blood pressure cuffs available in the facilities and the creation of a community garden. In just two short years, the Friendship Community Garden has increased from eight planting beds to 31, which increased the harvest.

The amount budgeted for this project was \$164,931.12. The project did come within the budget. Funding was provided through the Boone County Community Health Fund.

Since the implementation of Live Well by Faith in October 2016, there have been remarkable improvements in blood pressures and weight loss among participants. Data from July 2018 showed 25 percent of the participants had a blood pressure in the normal range compared to 14 percent when the program started. Of the participants that completed a pretest and a post-test, a total of 77 of the 99 participants lost weight. Participants have also seen improvements in mood. The percent of participants that reported feeling tense, anxious or depressed decreased from 36 percent to 33 percent. Additionally, the percent of participants that reported feeling satisfied or very satisfied with life increased from 64 percent to 70 percent. Participants are also improving

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in health behaviors, as there has been an increase in their consumption of fruits and vegetables, and the percent of participants exercising for at least 30 minutes each day increased from 56 percent to nearly 70 percent.

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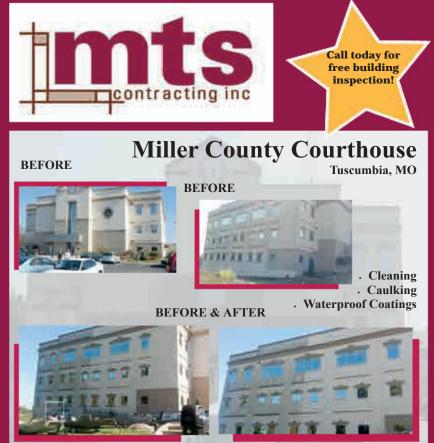
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### St. Francois County - Saving taxpayer dollars by volunteering

St. Francois County has 390 miles of county roads. These roads are highly traveled, which results in an increase in people throwing trash out the window of their vehicle that ends up along the sides of the road.

Approximately 25 miles of highly traveled roads in the county have more trash than the rest. In order to keep the roads clean, the county's County Road and Bridge Department would have to dedicate a complete eight-hour work day to picking up the trash using the department's resources and manpower.

The problem of trash on the sides of the roads also became worse when mower operators would begin to cut the high weeds, turning the trash into little pieces if the debris if not cleaned up.

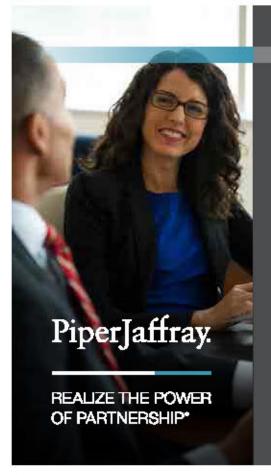
In order to resolve the issue, the St.



Members of St. Francois County pose with their 2018 MAC County Achievement Award for their Adopt A County Road Program during the business meeting at MAC's 47th Annual Conference & Expo in November at Tan-Tar-A Resort in Osage Beach.

Francois County Commission came together and created the "Adopt A County Road" Program. The county provides volunteers with high visibility reflector vests, trash bags and grabbers. The county picks up the trash bags

that are set on the roads when they are cleaned up and presents the volunteers with a certificate of appreciation. The county also recognizes the volunteers by installing signs on the roads stating their name.



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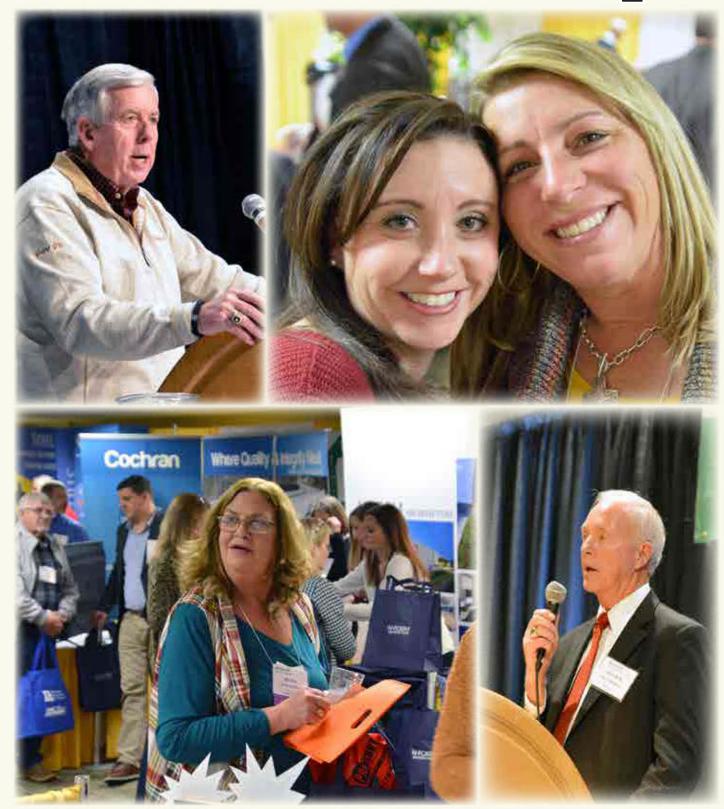
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# Improving customer service through enhanced online services and the post-Wayfair landscape

#### By Mark Godfrey

Taxation Division Director Missouri Department of Revenue

A new year is here. For the Missouri Department of Revenue's Taxation Division, that means one thing: tax season is in full swing once again. 2018

was a busy and exciting year for the Department of Revenue, but the word that best describes the previous 12 months has to be transformative.



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Department of Revenue team has been working to transform how we do business in order to better serve our customers, including the members of the Missouri Association of Counties. For the Taxation Division, a critical part of our transformation has focused on providing customers with a host of enhanced online services through the MyTax Missouri portal. With MyTax Missouri, everything customers need to file and pay their Missouri taxes quickly, easily, and securely is under

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In spring 2018, the Department of Revenue, in coordination with the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations, launched an improved online registration tool for new businesses on MyTax Missouri. We wanted to make starting a business as easy as possible, so we worked together to simplify the registration process. This benefits counties in a number of ways: ensuring there are low barriers to entry for businesses and faster startups, allowing customers to get back to growing their business sooner, and creating a better overall business climate.

New businesses can now register online for the following tax types: Sales Tax, Unemployment Tax,

Vendor's Use Tax, Tire and Lead Acid Battery Fee, Consumer's Use Tax, Corporate Income/Franchise Tax, and Withholding Tax. This system has cut the average processing turnaround time it takes to register a new business with the state from 12 days down to two.

As of writing this article, the state has received more than 21,680 new business registrations through the online portal since the application went live. In comparison, about 9,350 paper registrations have been received during that same time period. Moreover, the new registration system has proven to be such a time-saver that Taxation Division staff use it to key in the paper new business registrations we receive.

Behind the scenes, we have also focused on transitioning from a

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decades-old tax collection system to a new integrated tax system, known as Revenue Premier. Prior to Revenue Premier, the Department of Revenue was using a mixture of 20- to 30-year old mainframe and PC software systems to annually collect approximately \$8 billion in general revenue and \$1 billion in highway-related revenue.

In 2017, the department released its new integrated sales and use tax system, through which it administers, collects, and distributes sales and use tax for more than 1,400 local political subdivisions and taxing districts. All political subdivisions may now access the MyTax Missouri portal and may receive monthly distribution reports at no cost. This gives each political subdivision the opportunity to monitor business filings within their boundaries. The entire process has become more transparent and user-friendly. If there are ever any ways we can improve or any functions that counties would like to see added to the MyTax Missouri portal, please email mytaxfeedback@ dor.mo.gov.

Revenue Premier will soon be making the process of filing taxes for multiple locations faster and easier than ever before. The department will be implementing an Excel upload feature that will save taxpayers valuable time by enabling them to upload all of their sales and use tax returns with just a few clicks. With the Excel upload, there

is no need to manually enter return data. This eliminates errors and helps customers file their taxes correctly the

first time. The new feature also ensures the funds remitted are deposited and distributed to local jurisdictions in a timely manner, providing a smoother process for counties and the business community.

From eliminating the need for staff

to physically move large stacks of paper at each step of the process to reducing the amount of time spent continued on page 24







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training new staff, Revenue Premier has enhanced productivity across the Taxation Division. This translates to better customer service for Missouri taxpayers.

Before wrapping up, I want to provide a brief update on the post-Wayfair sales and use tax landscape for local jurisdictions. Missouri's statutes governing our sales and use tax were built around the physical presence standard in the U.S. Supreme Court's 1992 decision in Quill v. North Dakota. However, since the U.S. Supreme Court's June 2018 decision in South Dakota v. Wayfair, Missouri, like a number of other states, is now determining the best path forward in relation to sales and use tax on remote sellers. To this end, the Department of Revenue has partnered with key

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stakeholders in refining remote seller legislation.

Just as we are partnering with key legislative stakeholders, the Missouri Department of Revenue is committed to being a full partner with each of the Show-Me State's 114 counties and the business community. We aim to be a great resource for policymakers at all

levels, so they can make the best, most informed decisions possible.

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# Stepping Up initiative expands push for counties to collect data

The Stepping Up initiative was launched in May 2015 by The Council of State Governments (CSG) Justice Center, the National Association of Counties (NACo) and the American Psychiatric Association Foundation (APA Foundation) to mobilize local, state and national leaders to achieve a measurable reduction in the number of people in jails who have mental illnesses. CSG has also been working with Missouri in its Justice Reinvestment initiative that began in 2017 when the Justice Reinvestment Task Force was formed.

Since the launch of the Stepping Up initiative, more than 430 counties in 43 states, representing 40 percent of the U.S. population, have committed to building local leadership teams, identifying the number of people with mental illnesses entering their jail system, ensuring that those people are connected with services, and developing a comprehensive plan for systems-level change. To continue the push toward the goal of reducing the prevalence of people in jails who have mental illnesses, Stepping Up is expanding its efforts to provide counties with the tools they need to overcome difficulties in data collection. which often include limited staff capacity, lack of validated tools and insufficient data-sharing mechanisms.

"Collecting accurate data on the number of people with mental illnesses can be difficult, but it is critical to have a complete picture of what's happening in our jails," said Tracy Plouck, director of the Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services and vice-chair of the CSG Justice Center's Board of Directors. "By committing to collecting and reviewing baseline data, Stepping Up counties will be



able to bring to scale their programs and solutions, identify and fill gaps in treatment and services and track their progress towards the goal of having fewer people with mental illnesses in jail."

In order to help overcome these challenges, the Stepping Up partners have identified a three-step approach to collecting accurate data that includes:

- Establishing a shared definition of serious mental illness;
- Ensuring everyone booked into the jail is screened for mental illnesses using a validated tool, and referring those who screen

- positive for a clinical assessment by a licensed mental health professional; and
- Regularly reporting on this population.

Stepping Up's seven Innovator
Counties — Calaveras County, Calif.;
Miami-Dade County, Fla.; Champaign
County, Ill.; Douglas County, Kan.;
Johnson County, Kan.; Franklin
County, Ohio; and Pacific County,
Wash. — have each implemented this
approach and will be sharing their
experiences identifying and gathering
data on the people entering their jails
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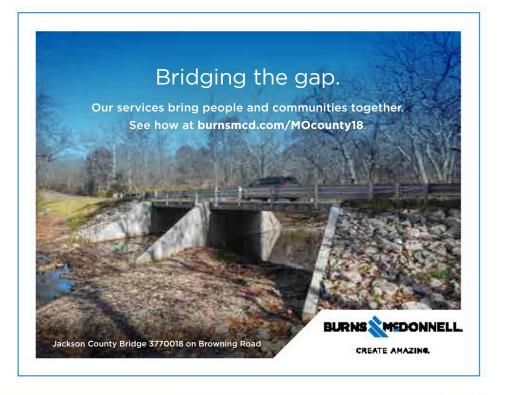


committed to using this approach are encouraged to become an Innovator County.

"These Innovator Counties — with populations ranging from 22,000 to 2.6 million — demonstrate that collecting accurate information on people with mental illnesses in jail is both critical and possible," said NACo President Roy Charles Brooks. "Stepping Up has made much progress in its first three years. Helping counties build on our accurate data collection and other efforts will move the needle even further."

Stepping Up counties will receive technical assistance and resources to improve their mental health screening and assessment processes and strengthen their data collection and tracking so that they are equipped to deploy strategies that create a system-wide impact.

"Understanding the full scope of this problem is essential to help communities develop a comprehensive plan to confront this crisis," said Dr. Altha Stewart, president-elect of the APA. To learn more about Stepping Up, access resources and see if you are following the three-step approach, visit **stepuptogether.org**.



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### What Missouri owes after FY 2019 second quarter payments

The State of Missouri owes Missouri counties and the City of St. Louis more than \$34.4 million in jail reimbursement after making FY 2019 second quarter payments on claims that have been fully audited by the Missouri Department of Corrections (DOC) a new report shows.

Missouri is the only state that reimburses county jails for detaining state prisoners for the number of days they spent in jails while their court cases were processed.

The total amount for each county in the table does not reflect what is owed after the department began making third quarter payments, which started on Jan. 2, 2019.

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

The board rate for jail reimbursement stands at \$22.58 per day, per inmate for FY 2019. The rate is appropriated by legislation and approved by the governor.

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	County	Total outstanding
Adair	162,962.82	Livingston	107,113.00
Andrew	27,965.18	Macon	56,409.18
Atchison	4,981.64	Madison	42,971.60
Audrain	272,957.86	Maries	25,151.94
Barry	263,491.86	Marion	246,645.06
Barton	39,393.08	Mcdonald	161,308.48
Bates	119,377.46	Mercer	14,910.96
Benton	35,426.36	Miller	206,610.44
Bolinger	51,012.00	Mississippi	230,973.48
Boone	615,638.08	Moniteau	66,094.76
Buchanan	624,111.50	Monroe	15,170.44
Butler	445,909.84	Montgomery	153,549.80
Caldwell	-	Morgan	304,960.50
Callaway		New Madrid	280,332.80
Camden	166,652.45	Newton	207,415.42
Cape Girardeau	751,778.67	Nodaway	51,755.56
Carroll	26,980.12	Oregon	8,668.52
Carter	14,924.90	Osage	33,075.02
Cass	220,419.22	Ozark	24,670.88
Cedar	59,885.40	Pemiscot	146,857.96
Chariton	5,496.88	Perry	131,522.17
Christian	359,051.04	Pettis	379,980.68
City of St. Louis	4,368,589.04	Phelps	394,529.12
Clark	86,033.38	Pike	53,289.50
Clay	945,859.28	Platte	485,847.90
Clinton	31,200.78	Polk	221,279.80
Cole	160,537.30	Pulaski	280,475.03
Cooper	99,937.48	Putnam	29,435.48
Crawford	438,569.00	Ralls	19,124.16
Dade	37,194.66	Randolph	202,042.42
Dallas	117,722.31	Ray	268,577.52
Daviess	101,817.08	Reynolds	22,569.36
DeKalb	102,457.50	Ripley	120,072.18
Dent	142,394.14	Saline	303,447.13
Douglas	62,299.62	Schuyler	17,666.06
Dunklin	477,653.92	Scotland	23,616.90
Franklin	463,048.17	Scott	703,033.42
Gasconade	52,053.20		23,524.12
Gentry	12,434.14	Shelby	9,505.36
Greene	2,169,188.75		972,652.80
Grundy	51,271.38		162,113.68
Harrison		St. Francois	707,548.66
Henry	120,613.88	St. Louis County	4,996,897.79
Hickory	26,866.88		1,966.78
Holt	-	Stoddard	206,997.58
Howard	62,081.40	Stone	228,530.65
Howell	133,867.40	Sullivan	1,558.57
Iron	92,209.26	Taney	320,163.10
Jackson	1,959,620.26	Texas	115,052.99
Jasper	496,367.02	Vernon	284,155.83
Jefferson	605,056.28	Warren	126,218.98
Johnson	97,069.88	Washington	159,814.78
Knox	3,713.06	Wayne	179,761.24
Laclede	242,585.82	Webster	146,362.52
Lafayette	345,538.32	Worth	12,356.22
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### MAC starts electronic newsletter for members

The Missouri Association of Counties (MAC) has started an electronic newsletter called the Missouri County Courier. The Courier is sent out twice a month on Fridays to MAC members by email.

"We want our members to be informed of what's going on in the state and within our counties," MAC Executive Director Dick Burke said. "This is a simple, cost effective tool to keep our members up to date with the latest news, training seminars and opportunities that will help our local government leaders to remain on top of important issues."

The Courier has sections that focus on state news, using links to articles, editorials and investigations from Missouri newspapers and broadcasters. The newsletter also has a section dedicated to county news, where elected county officials can see what is



going on in other Missouri counties.

The Courier will promote conference and training sessions that will benefit MAC members, as well as other information that will be important to members.

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