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**Nodaway County Courthouse,  
Maryville, Mo.**

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### Nodaway County

**Dennis Weiser**

*Missouri Courthouses: Building Memories On The Square*

Early courts in Nodaway County met in schoolhouses, private homes and other available meeting spaces. In 1846, the court ordered construction to begin on the county's first courthouse, a two-room, log building.

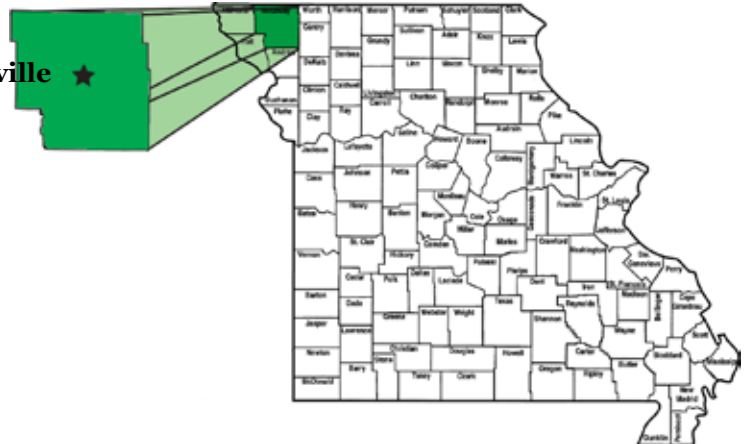
The court's second courthouse, a foursquare building, was started in 1853 and ready for occupancy in 1855. Apparently, the allocation of space in the new building was not to everyone's satisfaction, and

in 1869, the courtroom on the first floor and the offices on the second floor were switched. These moves satisfied all concerned, until the building was razed in 1881 to make way for construction of the current courthouse.

The voters authorized the present courthouse and a jail in 1881. After [134] years, the courthouse's rakishly thin, tall clock tower continues to please the eye. It is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

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*"I look forward to my year as MAC president to help facilitate the county-state-federal partnership that is important to elected officials. Advocating county government to the Missouri General Assembly is something I have enjoyed doing in my 27 years as Cooper County clerk, and I will continue to do with the guidance of MAC and the affiliate associations. MAC events educate its members on pending legislation and critical management issues in a neutral setting to produce results that otherwise would not occur if individual associations attempted solely on their own. You will see me in the halls of the Capitol working for county issues that benefit all of our members. I encourage all county officials to do the same." -- Kempf*



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# 2015 MAC Legislative Priorities

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During the annual conference last November, MAC members passed nine resolutions to focus on in an attempt to implement change during the 2015 session.

## **Upgrade Missouri's 9-1-1 Wireless Emergency Services**

Since Missouri is the only state in the nation without a state wireless recovery fee, the system is behind and outdated. MAC will support legislation to design a complete and detailed plan for upgrading the system. The life of 9-1-1 service equipment is seven years, many of which are already outdated. Without the recovery fee, Missouri will never attain statewide enhanced 9-1-1 services.

## **Support Fully Funding State Mandates On County Government**

MAC respectfully requests that the Missouri General Assembly and Gov. Nixon include in the state's Fiscal Year 2016 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, (4) both an appropriation to fully fund the reimbursement for the detention and care of neglected and/or delinquent juveniles and the salaries of juvenile court personnel in single-county 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, and (6) also 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 that Gov. Nixon and the Missouri General Assembly hold county governments harmless from any further state budget cuts in these areas.

## **Oppose The Pre-Emption Of Local Government Authority**

MAC will oppose legislation that would prevent a county's authority to deal with local issues and problems. It is critical for county government to be able to protect their citizens, which includes complying with local planning and zoning and other ordinances.

## **Oppose Legislation That Erodes The Local Tax Base And Call Upon 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, 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 for online, telephone and catalog sales, which also puts local businesses at a competitive disadvantage.

## **Support A Transportation Funding Package That Will Address 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 besides the current system, and federal funding is expected to diminish soon. MAC will respectfully request the General Assembly support a new package that will address Missouri's dire infrastructure needs.

## **Support Funding For The County Assessment Maintenance Fund From Additional Withholdings**

MAC supports the state's fully funding the per parcel reimbursement rate at the \$7.00 level allowable by law. In addition, MAC supports legislation to allow additional withholding from local property tax collections to offset the lack of adequate funding from the state of Missouri. Even though the parcel counts were historically frozen at 2009 levels, but were increased

to a higher 2013 count in the 2014 legislative session, the reduction in the reimbursement rate from \$6.00 per parcel to the current level of \$3.00 per parcel (with the possibility of additional cuts in the future) has put a tremendous budgetary strain on county governments.

### **Allow Local Governments To Be Exempt From or “Opt-In” To Any Sales Tax Increase Or Sales Tax Exemption**

There is a serious erosion of the local tax base because of the unprecedented growth of uncollected sales and use taxes on Internet purchases. In addition, Missouri’s tax laws are antiquated. Since counties are already on strict budgets and rely on local sales tax, the Missouri Association of Counties requests that the local portion of any state-imposed sales tax exemption be exempt or – at the very least – local

governments be given the chance to “opt-in” to the sales tax exemption. Significant tax breaks could result in higher property taxes for Missouri citizens.

### **Support Legislation To Recover Costs For Housing State Prisoners In County Jails**

County governments bear the burden of funding and providing housing, feeding, transportation and healthcare of state prisoners in county jails which takes up a large portion of their budgets. Even though the state reimburses the county, the reimbursement rate paid for housing state prisoners has been grossly insufficient to offset the cost of operating county jails. MAC seeks legislative action to recover costs to counties from the state for housing state prisoners.

### **Oppose To Lowering The Current U.S. EPA Ozone Standards**

The EPA’s science advisors have recommended that ozone standards be lowered as low as 60 parts per billion, which could result in up to a 15 percent increase in residential electric rates, up to a 32 percent increase in residential natural gas prices, and the potential shutdown of 78 percent of Missouri’s coal-fired generating capacity. The lower standards could cost over 40,000 jobs or job equivalents per year and impact Missouri manufacturers’ current operations, as well as any plans for expansion and construction projects in Missouri. In addition to MAC’s opposition, MAC calls upon the governor to intervene with EPA Administrator Gina McCarthy to outline the potential damage to Missouri’s economy and jobs and to support the current ozone standard.



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### **Cape Girardeau County – Melaina’s Magical Playland**



In 2009, a family from Cape Girardeau County realized the limitations of playgrounds within the county. Their 3-year-old daughter, Melaina, was afflicted with Nemaline Myopathy and found local playgrounds difficult to experience due to her disability. Not willing to let her disease curb her adventurous spirit, she was determined to play anyway. As a result, her parents, Jeff and Andrea Cunningham, saw the need for an all-accessible playground in the county.

It just so happened, that the Cape Girardeau County park board had just finished a 5-year plan that determined the need to upgrade the playground equipment within the county park since most of the equipment was beyond its service life and needed to be replaced. Seeing an opportunity to better their own community, the Cunningham’s created the Melaina Cunningham and Friends Park Fund Inc. The fund raised over \$750,000 through charity events, soliciting local service groups, and leveraging county donations. The county applied \$303,000 and received a matching \$75,000 grant from the Land Water Conservation Fund.

The original cost expectations were \$500,000 for the equipment, playground surface, labor, installation and grading. In the end, there were some additional features and amenities added that weren’t originally in the plan. Those amenities included a shelter/bathroom combination, fencing, lighting and security features. The county donated the shelter/bathroom at a cost of \$92,665 and the other costs were made up in donations. In order to address the ongoing expenses of maintaining the playground, the 501 (c) (3) has had five annual golf tournaments, dinners, trivia nights, and other fund-raising activities that will continue into the future.

Melaina’s Magical Playland is a destination for the tri-state region. Kids of all ages, with and without

disabilities, can be found enjoying this playground all hours of the day. Along with the Missouri Department of Conservation’s Nature Center, also located within the Cape Girardeau County Park, the park is a destination location for kids to play and learn about the world around them.

### **Clay County – Public Administrator’s Ward Restoration Program**



Created in 2005 by Public Administrator Debbie Gwin (along with case managers and a PhD from William Jewell College), the goal of the program is to reintegrate the wards into the community and the workplace through utilizing support systems. Currently Gwin’s office serves more than 350 wards. These individuals come under guardianship for a number of reasons that include mental illness, head trauma, drug abuse, dementia and other causes.

Each deputy case manager is charged with more than 65 open cases. The program has six phases. Participating individuals are given guidelines and workbooks that detail their progress on each level. For instance, Phase 1 includes attending and participating in scheduled, structured activity; remaining compliant with supports and medications by recognizing all medications, why they are taken, and the dosage and frequency prescribed; being attentive to personal hygiene needs; and keeping rooms and residences neat and clean. As the individual completes each phase, he/she can easily track areas of success and areas of struggle that require extra effort. The goal of the program is full or partial restoration of the client’s assets and care.

The program operates at no cost to the county and is easily replicable.

## Jackson County – Historic Truman Courthouse Renovation



In 2009, engineers warned the county that its historic Truman Courthouse (which has been listed on the National Register of Historical Places since 1972) was in peril. After decades of neglect, its structural integrity was reaching a point of being beyond repair. In addition, the population has been expanding in the eastern part of the county and there is an immediate need for more courtrooms in Independence.

The building was far from construction-ready. In fact, a large amount of materials (some hazardous) needed to be removed before renovations could be done. Without an elevator, the building was not accessible on all floors. It was necessary to drill 28 17-foot piers with 12-inch diameters. This was needed to protect the original 1848 foundation. It was imperative to bring the building up to current standards with regard to electrical, phone and data, but it was equally important that all of these new lines be as unobtrusive as possible. The solution was to locate the new wiring in the baseboard raceway.

Throughout the renovations, the goal was to keep the feel and as many remnants of the 1933 Truman Courthouse renovation as possible. Truman's courtroom was left basically untouched except for some cleaning. County Executive Mike Sanders declared a public emergency in January 2009, thus freeing up contingency funding to save the courthouse and fully renovate the structure. The total cost for the project was \$5.6 million. The reopening was celebrated Sept. 7, 2013, exactly 80 years to the day that Harry S. Truman rededicated the same courthouse following the extensive renovations he supervised as a county judge in 1933.

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## Jasper County – Abandoned Cemetery Cleanup Project



There were more than 50 county-owned cemeteries in Jasper County that had been abandoned until the Jasper County Cemetery Board coordinated with the sheriff's office to use inmate labor to help clean up these abandoned cemeteries. Over the past 150 years, cemeteries had been established and then given to the county. Some of these cemeteries were badly overgrown with brush and trees, and some were no longer accessible by road. Families were prohibited from visiting

the gravesites of their loved ones.

Since there were no funds for the cleanup or maintenance of the county-owned cemeteries, former Jasper County Clerk Majorie Bull and current head of the cemetery board, reached out to Sheriff Randee Kaiser. Bull suggested using inmate labor to help with the cleanup of the abandoned cemeteries.

The project was implemented using the free labor of low-risk county inmates. The heavy work clothing, boots and gloves were donated by local businesses, and the food to feed the inmates was oftentimes donated by local businesses as well. The tools used for cleanup were on loan from the Jasper County Highway Department. The labor for guarding the inmates was provided by patrol, transportation and jail deputies that were on duty. This resulted in a nearly zero start-up and continuance cost for the project. This project has no cost associated with it as the sheriff's office is using various patrol and detention officers that are already on duty.

After just the first visit, a noticeable improvement was made. Access to the first cemetery was opened up, and families were finally able to access the gravesites. After the first year of this project, several abandoned cemeteries have been cleaned up.



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## **Pettis County – Government Innovation Leads To Success**



Pettis County government, not unlike most others, depends largely upon sales tax revenue, over which they have very little direct control. The challenge was to identify potential savings in current expenses and to encourage all elected officials, department heads, and staff members to be innovative in their approach to provide current and new services. This led to significant results. Pettis County will realize over \$1 million in total

savings this year.

One area of prime focus involved publishing the annual financial statement. They partnered with the local newspaper to prepare short articles on each county office and made the publication a detailed source of county services. The collector's office now accepts recordings electronically, which saves time and money involved with mailing or hand-delivering documents. Real estate taxes can be paid monthly by e-check, or debit/credit cards. With 900 miles of road to maintain, an innovative process of recycling and reusing the old asphalt yielded over \$800,000 in savings. They further partnered with the City of Sedalia for biannual aerial photography, in exchange for providing Change Finder. Change Finder software shows new construction and new additions to current buildings and homes. This updated information eliminates the necessity for the staff assessor to view every property in the county. Still additional savings pertained to solar power, negotiating a 15 percent discount with a natural gas supplier, and lighting upgrades.

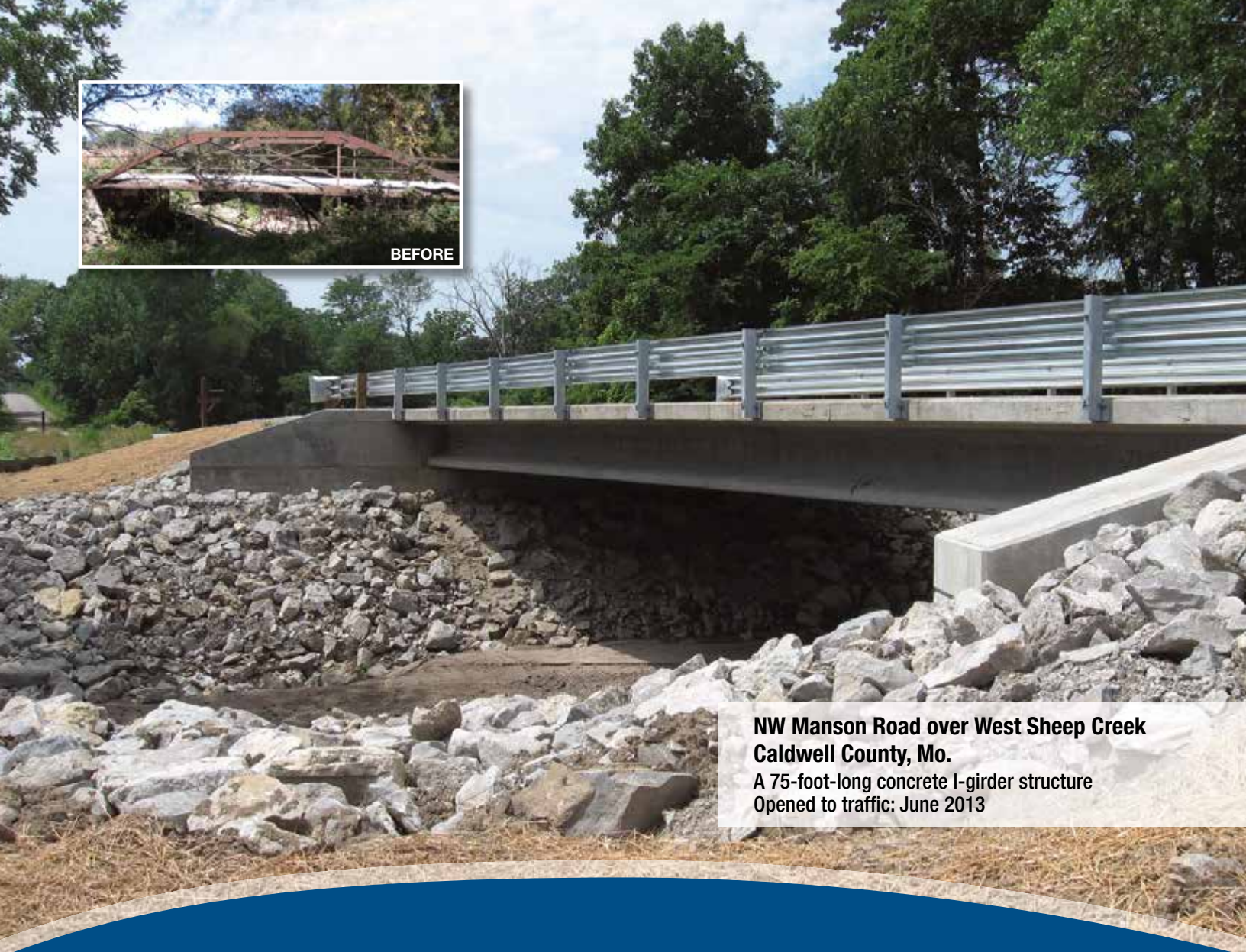
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## Mr. Kempf Goes To Washington

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MAC President Darryl Kempf and Executive Director Dick Burke attended the National Council of County Association Executives' (NCCAE) 2015 meeting in Washington, D.C. The 2-day conference is an opportunity for local county leaders to take advantage of the National Association of County's (NACo) services and become familiar with their legislative priorities.

"This meeting is a great occasion for the different states' county association presidents to network with their peers across the country and bring back innovative and successful practices," said Burke.

The meeting entailed legislative updates, round table discussions and leadership workshops, as well as presentations from several speakers from Capitol Hill, NACo Executive Director Matt Chase, NACo President Riki Hokama and other NACo staff. The group also visited the White House Old Executive Office Building.

"Even when counties differ greatly in size, they face the same struggles to administer funds from their budgets," said Kempf. "Like state legislatures, Congress tends to pass legislation that affects our revenue source. This meeting was a great way to interact with other counties and discuss the issues that greatly impact counties across the nation."

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The trust's goal is to provide value-added and innovative solutions for its members' training needs. Each quarter the online university will rotate 15 different classes that members can take. Course selections include a variety of training topics ranging from corrections and law enforcement, health and wellness, human resources, safety and environmental concerns.

The courses are available anytime, from any computer with internet access. Once a course has been passed, a certificate of completion may be printed. Additionally, there is a wide array of administrative tools to assist in keeping track of all training conducted online. Account administrators will have the ability to add/remove users, run completion reports, and document all training conducted.

The MAC Trust's training partner, LocalGovU, will be personally reaching out to all members following the launch of the program to assist in adding personnel to the



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*January 1, 2015 to March 31, 2015*

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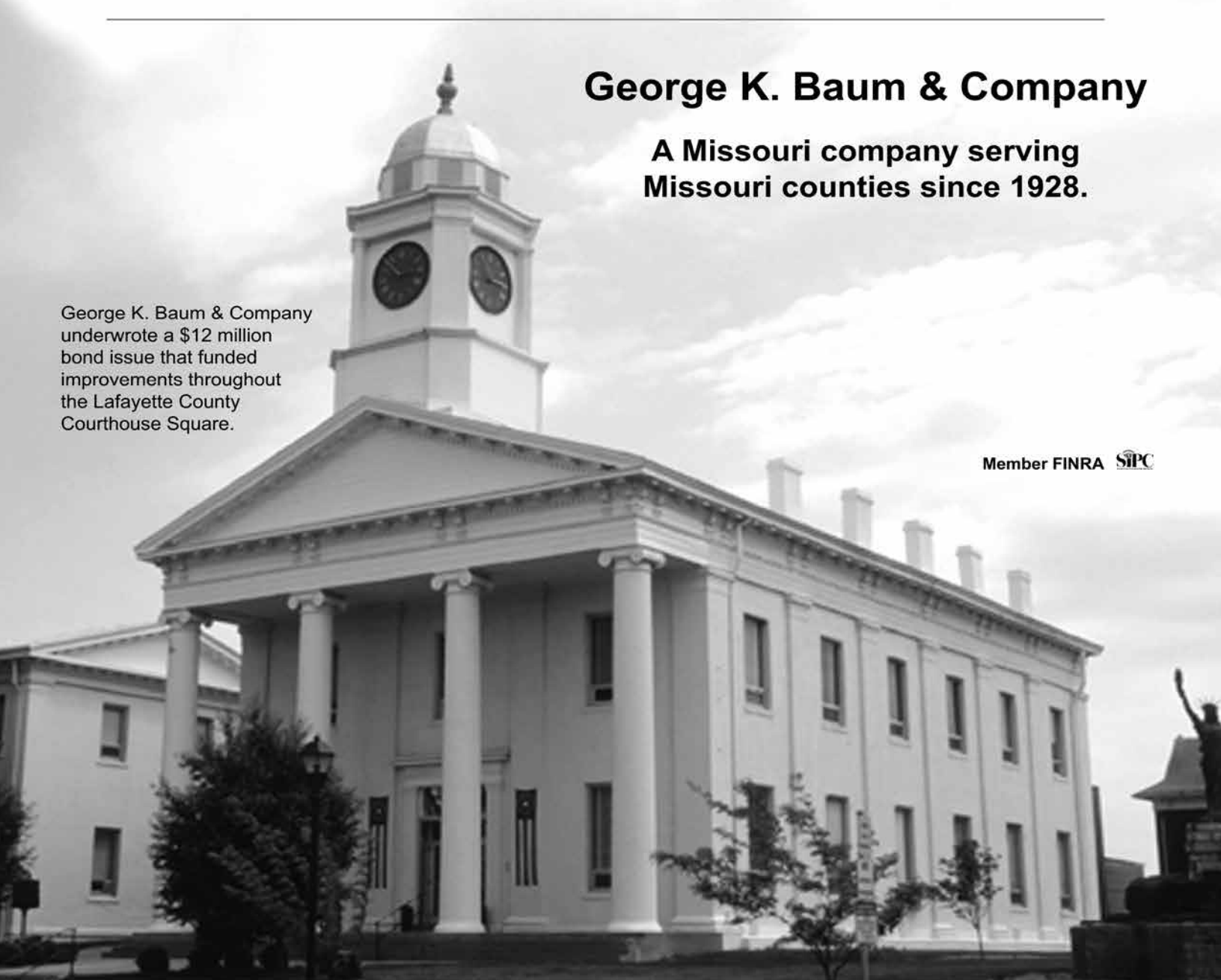
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# Missouri Claims First Female County Official

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It's no secret that males have dominated politics since the beginning. However, there have always been feminists who have fought to have their voices heard, such as Jeannette Rankin, the first female congressperson and Victoria Woodhull, the first woman to run for president (1872). Missouri boasts an equally strong woman as its own trail blazer.

According to the State Historical Society of Missouri, Anna "Annie" White Baxter was not only the first woman elected to public office in Missouri, but also the first female county clerk in the United States. Baxter, born in 1864 in Pennsylvania, moved to Carthage, Mo. in 1876. When Baxter graduated from Carthage High School, she was employed as an assistant clerk by the Jasper County clerk. Later she was appointed deputy clerk by the next county clerk and then worked for his successor.

In 1890, the Jasper County Democratic Convention nominated Baxter for county clerk. Since women were not allowed to vote yet, it was questioned if she could legally run for office, but Baxter ran for office and defeated her Republican opponent, Julius Fischer, by over 400 votes. Fischer filed an election challenge, but Baxter prevailed when the Greene County Circuit Court judge supported the election results.

In 1894, Baxter was defeated. Cornelius Roach, a friend from Carthage, was elected Missouri Secretary of State in 1908. Roach, a Democrat, appointed Baxter state registrar of lands where she excelled in her new position and remained there until 1916.

In 1922 Baxter was hired as the financial secretary for the Missouri Constitutional Convention. She stayed active in Democratic politics



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and was a delegate to the 1936 Democratic State Convention. Annie Baxter Street in Joplin is named in her honor.

Annie White Baxter died on June 28, 1944, in Jefferson City.

Jasper County Assessor Connie Hoover is proud to have the first female county official in the U.S. from her home county. She said she first ran for the position because, like Baxter, she worked in the office and grew to enjoy it.

**Q. How does it make you feel that the first female county official in the nation is from your home county?**

A. *"I think it's great that the first female county official is from Jasper County. We have very wise women and men that shape our county. We have a good balance. Someone had to open the door to a woman, and we are fortunate that it was our county."*

**Q. Have you ever felt that you were discriminated against because of your gender?**

A. *"In my political career, I have never felt discriminated against"*

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*for being female; however, I do feel some people react differently to a woman than they would if I were a man, especially arguing values on real estate. Our Board of Equalization is all men except for me, when the process has gone that far, the men make the decision."*

Boone County Treasurer Nicole Galloway uses her personal experiences as a woman to help her in her official duties. Galloway believes that diverse backgrounds make successful governments.

**Q. What do you think the future for woman in politics is?**

A. *"From my experience, the future for woman in politics is strong, especially in Boone County. Of the 13 elected positions in county government, eight are women. In the 13th Judicial Circuit that includes Boone and Callaway Counties, seven of 10 are women. Most are known for being leaders in their field, and their example sets a path for other women to follow their lead. Women have a much-needed voice in our public debate – and not specifically on typical women's issues. The more diverse the experiences that contribute to a conversation, the better the outcome for all those who are affected. Broadening this voice statewide is essential."*

**Q. What is your advice to women running for an office?**

A. *"Oftentimes women spend a lot of time evaluating how an elected position would match their current skill set. Asking themselves – could I even do that job? This disqualifies her ability to learn and grow in a higher position or to stretch herself to the next level."*

*"I believe many men don't ask themselves this question or don't see the need to qualify their current skill set as a pre-requisite for running for office. Women should instead ask themselves – why couldn't I do that job?"*

**Q. What needs to happen for women to have equal representation in politics?**

A. *"Women need to vote for those that represent their interests, and for that to happen, more women need to run for office in all levels of government and not be afraid to lose in the effort. I look forward to this country having a female president, but not many have tried. To get to the highest office in the country, women need to backfill all the other available positions. Without trying, there will never be equal representation for women in government."*

Dent County Clerk Angie Curley ran for office because she wanted to show leadership in her local government. Curley believes

her passion and connection with her community helps her county overcome the daily challenges it faces.

**Q. What do think the future for women in politics is?**

A. *"I believe women still play a viable role in today's politics. We provide strong values and goals on issues that can provide a positive change for our government."*

**Q. What is your advice to women running for an office?**

A. *"My advice to other women running for office would be to utilize your resources to educate yourself on the responsibilities and commitments required for the position that you are interested in. You will need to identify your strengths and weaknesses to see if you're a fit for that position. This position will require support, time, money and knowledge so you can make a difference in your community."*

**Q. What needs to happen for there to be equal representation for women in politics?**

A. *"We need to continue to support female politicians on all levels. Our female elected officials need to show our potential female candidates that they have our support financially, organizationally and politically when they are elected."*



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# EPA Proposes Controversial Ozone Rule

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The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency recently stated that the current federal ozone standard is insufficient to protect the public and that it should be strengthened to protect public health and the environment.

EPA issued a 626-page proposed rule to tighten the current standard of 75 parts per billion (ppb) to a range of 65–70 ppb. Additionally, the agency indicated in its Nov. 25 rule that it would consider raising the proposed standards to 60 ppb.

Currently, 227 counties — primarily urban and in the East — are considered in non-attainment of existing ozone standards. However, under the proposed rule, this number could increase dramatically, as could the costs for compliance. Under a 70 ppb standard, 358 counties would

be in violation. If it were lowered to 65 ppb, an additional 200 counties would not comply.

The economic impact on counties of tighter standards could be considerable. Counties in non-attainment are subject to more restrictive regulations and rules. A number of counties that currently exceed Clean Air Act (CAA) ozone levels say it can be difficult to attract new businesses to their areas since these companies would need to meet the stricter standards, causing the counties to lose out to areas that are in attainment.

Under the CAA, EPA is prohibited from considering the cost of new National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS) rules. However, to comply with Executive Order 12866 on Regulatory Planning and

Review and Office of Management and Budget guidance, the agency releases a Regulatory Impact Analysis (RIA) to analyze potentials costs and benefits.

A 70 ppb standard would cost \$3.9 billion per year and impact primarily eastern states, according to the EPA. If the standard were set at 65 ppb, costs are estimated at \$15.2 billion annually. The cost to California is not included in these calculations, since a number of California counties would be given until 2032–2037 to meet the standards. The costs are estimated based on both existing and future pollution control technologies.

EPA said the benefits created by the proposal would yield significant savings in health care costs and outweigh costs by as much as three

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## How the Clean Air Act Works

- The National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS) are established under the Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. 7401 et seq.) and overseen by the EPA. NAAQS apply to outdoor (ambient) air quality and are intended to protect public health.
- In addition to ozone, five “criteria” pollutants — carbon monoxide, lead, nitrogen dioxide, particulate matter and sulfur dioxide — are regulated under NAAQS. Each standard has its own requirements on how many times the standard may be exceeded; generally, a three year average is used.
- The Clean Air Act (CAA) instructs EPA to set both a primary and secondary NAAQS for each criteria pollutant. Primary standards encompass those intended to protect public health and the environment, and secondary standards are intended to protect public welfare, which includes damage to crops, plants, property, wildlife, etc. Under statute, the agency is only able to create standards based on health considerations.
- Under the CAA, air quality standards for each criteria pollutant are reviewed every five years in conjunction with the Clean Air Scientific Advisory Committee (CASAC). CASAC provides advice to the EPA on NAAQS. EPA must designate areas as attainment, non-attainment and unclassified. States then must complete a State Implementation Plan (SIP) to address pollution exceedances in non-attainment areas. A SIP is a specific plan to reduce air pollution that includes control strategies that are implemented by states and local governments.



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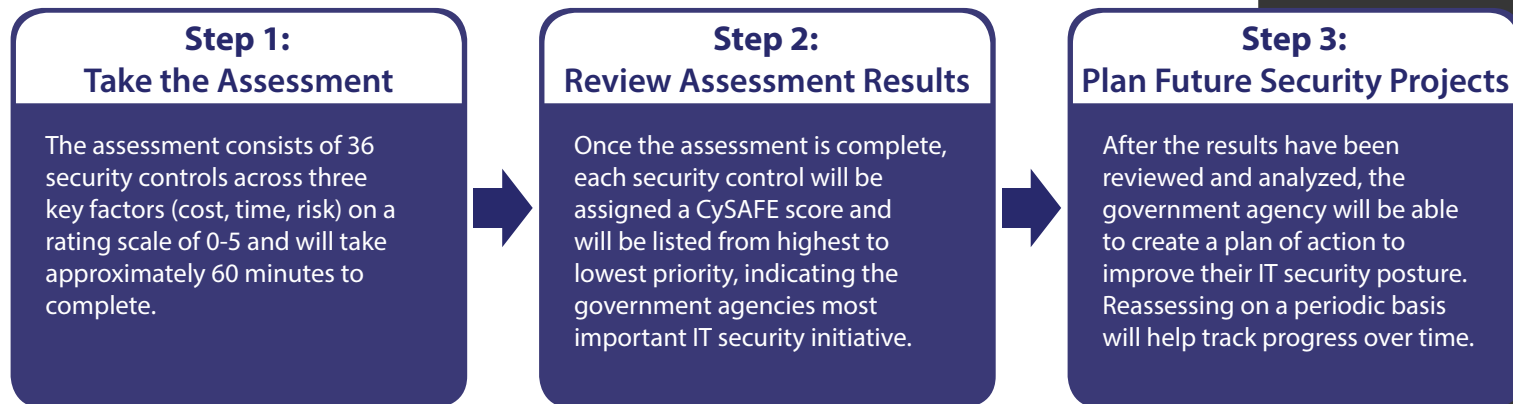
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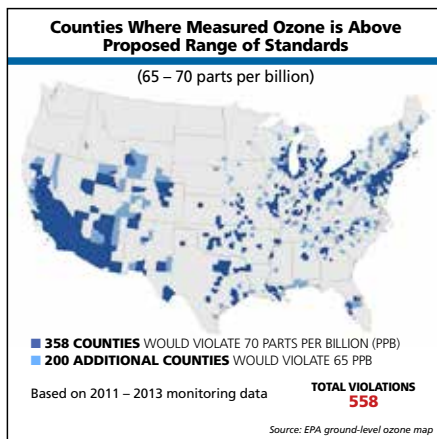
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to one. Tightening the standards would result in significant health care savings and prevent 750 – 4,300 premature deaths yearly by 2525, the agency said.

According to the American Lung Association, ozone is the most widespread air pollutant and is known to cause coughing, wheezing and asthma attacks, and increases the risk of hospital admissions and emergency room visits, as well as the risk of premature death.



Ozone is a major component of smog. Primarily a summertime pollutant, it forms when sunlight reacts with pollutants such as volatile organic compounds emitted from chemical plants, gasoline pumps, oil-based paints, and auto body and print shops; sources of nitrogen oxides (NOx) include power plants, industrial facilities and motor vehicles. However, in the past decade, high ozone levels have also been observed in winter months near oil and gas operations in Colorado, Utah and Wyoming.

The current ozone standard has been in place since 2008. In 2010, EPA proposed tightening the standard to a range of 60 – 70 ppb. The rule was to be finalized in August 2010; however, EPA asked for several extensions from the courts. Ultimately, in 2011 the Obama Administration pulled the plug for the proposal — the cost of

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implementation was estimated to be between \$19 billion and \$90 billion.

The agency was under a court-ordered deadline to release the newly proposed ozone rule by Dec. 1. The court order instructs the agency to release a final rule by October 2015. Once published in the *Federal Register*, the public comment period will be open for 90 days.

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Together, the Missouri Local Leaders Partnership (MoLLP) is a powerful united voice of elected local leaders closest to the communities where Missourians live, work, raise families and contribute to our state's progress and quality of life. MoLLP is built on support of common priorities and principles that together provide a constructive vision for the communities served by our thousands of elected members statewide. These principles include:

- **Supporting strong local decision-making authority and accountability.**
- **Promoting sound economic policies at all levels of Missouri government.**
- **Preserving and building the quality of life in our communities.**
- **Protecting the safety of our neighbors and all Missourians.**

The first legislative issue the

Missouri Local Leaders Partnership supports is Senate Bill 15, introduced by Sen. Bob Dixon, R-Springfield, and co-sponsored by Sen. Paul LeVota, D-Independence. SB 15, which was heard Jan. 22 by the Senate Ways and Means Committee, would create a Study Commission on State Tax Policy.

The Missouri Local Leaders Partnership supports a comprehensive review of our state's tax policies, and commends Sens. Dixon and LeVota for seeking a broad review that has not been

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# 2015 Important Dates For Missouri County Officials

## January

Jan. 7 – Session Begins  
Jan. 21 – MAC Board Meeting

## February

Feb. 3 – Official Election Day  
Feb. 11-13 – Commissioners' Training  
Feb. 21-25 – NACo Legislative Conf.

## March

March 3 – Official Election Day (charter)  
March 4 – MAC Board Meeting  
March 9-11 – Sheriffs' Spring Conf.  
March 19 – Legislative Spring Break begins upon adjournment  
March 30 – Legislative Spring Break ends & session convenes

## April

April 1-3 – Prosecutors' Spring Training  
April 6 – Legislative Easter Break/ No Session  
April 7 – Official Election Day  
April 13 – MAC Board Meeting & Legislative Conf.  
April 20-23 – Collectors' Training  
April 21-24 – Records' Training  
April 22-24 – Auditors' Training  
April 22-25 – Public Administrators' Training

## May

May 8 – State office closing/ Truman Day  
May 8 – Appropriation bills must be Truly Agreed and Finally Passed  
May 13 – MAC Board Meeting  
May 15 – Session Ends

## July

July 10-13 – NACo Annual Conf.  
July 15 – Last day for Gov. to veto bills

## August

Aug. 2-6 – Sheriffs' Summer Conf.  
Aug. 4 – Official Election Day  
Aug. 28 – Bills passed in the 2015 session become law

## September

Sept. 2-4 – Prosecutors' Fall Conf.  
Sept. 9 – Veto Session begins  
Sept. 8-11 – Clerks' / Election Authorities' Training

Sept. 9-11 – Treasurers' Training  
Sept. 28- Oct. 1 – Assessors' Annual Conf.

## October

Oct. 6-9 – Circuit Clerks' Training

## November

Nov. 3 – Official Election Day  
Nov. 15-17 – MAC Annual Conf.

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