

I want to know how the county spends my money.

Taking the detailed county financial statement out of the newspaper is cutting services, and it's wrong!

What goes on in this county today will affect me tomorrow and my children years from now. I want to know what the city council, school board and county commission are doing.

I want to know what they're spending my tax money on. I read the newspaper, and I want that information in my newspaper.

State law requires many counties to publish an annual detailed financial statement in a newspaper.* Some county officials want to summarize that statement. They claim it's too expensive and nobody is interested in the full details.

I'm a citizen, a voter, a taxpayer, and I say **WRONG!** I don't want to have to go to the courthouse to find out what my elected officials are doing. They're spending my money, and I have a right to know what they're spending it on without having to make a trip to the county clerk's office.

The money they spend to publish the financial statement in my newspaper is the best money they spend all year, and it's only pennies per taxpayer. It holds them accountable to me, the one who gives them the money. And I'm going to tell them that. You should too.



It's tax time. Do you know where your money goes?

* RSMo. 50.800.

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