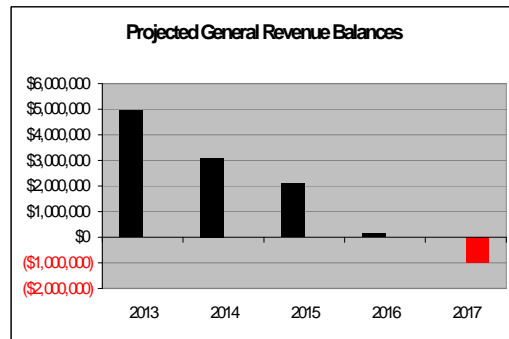# What is the need?

This ballot initiative will allow the county to prevent a deficit by year 2017 which would mean cuts to vital services.

Projected General Revenue Balances

DID YOU KNOW?

- Greene County's General Fund supports many services such as:
    - Law Enforcement, the Courts and Juvenile Services,
    - Tax collections for school and fire districts,
    - Official recording of documents for property sales and bank loans.
    - Building safety and zoning permits.
    - Elections.
- Greene County has cut budgets for other services by nearly 25% in order to maintain vital law enforcement services.

November 5, 2013 Ballot Language:

PROPOSITION "A"

SHALL THE COUNTY OF GREENE IMPOSE A LOCAL USE TAX AT THE SAME RATE AS THE TOTAL LOCAL SALES TAX RATE, CURRENTLY ONE AND ONE QUARTER OF ONE PERCENT (1.25%), PROVIDED THAT IF THE LOCAL SALES TAX RATE IS REDUCED OR RAISED BY VOTER APPROVAL, THE LOCAL USE TAX RATE SHALL ALSO BE REDUCED OR RAISED BY THE SAME ACTION? A USE TAX RETURN SHALL NOT BE REQUIRED TO BE FILED BY PERSONS WHOSE PURCHASES FROM OUT-OF-STATE VENDORS DO NOT IN TOTAL EXCEED TWO THOUSAND DOLLARS ($2,000.00) IN ANY CALENDAR YEAR."

_____Yes _____No

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Greene County

Use Tax Initiative

Election Date:

November 5, 2013

Greene County voters will decide on a proposal for a **Use Tax**

A Use Tax will:

- Support local businesses by leveling the playing field with out of state retailers.
- Prevent cuts in vital services for citizens of Greene County

A Use Tax means:

- NO LOCAL SALES TAX INCREASE

What is it?

In common terms, a Use Tax is a tax applied to out-of-state purchases.

A Use Tax is applied at the same rate as the local sales tax.

The State of Missouri and the City of Springfield currently have use taxes. Greene County does not.

It is estimated that a Use Tax would generate $3 million annually in new revenue for Greene County.

It is important to note that a Use Tax is **not** an increase in local sales tax and **does not change** the amount of sales tax collected on purchases made from local businesses.

Reliable government services are an important component of a strong local economy. Revenue from the Use Tax will allow the County to maintain important services which the community depends upon every day.

- Commissioner Roseann Bentley

Who benefits?

LOCAL BUSINESS & OUR ECONOMY

A Use Tax helps maintain a level playing field for local businesses. This is a smart move toward stronger economic growth.

Local businesses invest in our community and provide employment for our citizens.

Local business supports law enforcement and other County services by paying sales and property taxes.

Every $1 spent at a local business adds $2.23 to our local economy.

THE CITIZENS AND COUNTY SERVICES

Voter approval of this measure will allow the County to once again collect tax revenue on out-of-state vehicle and boat purchases, in compliance with a recent Missouri Supreme Court ruling.

Revenue from the Use Tax will help the County prevent cuts to vital services including law enforcement and other services which our citizens rely upon.

Out of state businesses show little concern over their impact on the economy of Greene County. They do not support Greene County with employee payrolls or benefits.

- Joe Jenkins, owner, Jenkins Diesel

How does this affect you?

- You won't pay a penny more at the supermarket, the mall or any store in town.

- You aren't required to file a Use Tax return unless you spend $2,000 or more on out-of-state purchases in any calendar year.

- ***You pay no more for vehicles purchased anywhere in Missouri.***

A Use Tax will allow the County to maintain vital services with **no local sales tax increase!**