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### **Tax proposal budget revised**

The proposed Sheriff's Office pay increase has been eliminated from Greene County's 1/8-cent Law Enforcement Sales Tax proposal.

The tax proposal originally called for \$298,628 of the estimated \$5 million annual revenue to fund a 3-percent salary adjustment for Sheriff's Office employees. The Sheriff's Office's average officer salaries are among the lowest in Greene County and comparable agencies in Missouri and Kansas.

Greene County Sheriff Jim Arnott and his staff requested the pay increase to be removed from the proposal's budget, and for that funding to be applied to other critical needs throughout the county's criminal justice system.

The tax proposal is set to appear on Greene County ballots on April 3, 2012.

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