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**TANEY COUNTY PROSECUTOR STARTS COLLECTING BOARD BILLS AND
EXTRADITION COSTS FROM INMATES**

FORSYTH, MO - Taney County Prosecuting Attorney, Jeffrey M. Merrell announced today that his office has initiated a new policy to recover incarceration and extradition costs from inmates housed at the Taney County Jail. Under the new policy anybody who is convicted of a crime and given a jail sentence will be responsible, as a condition of their plea agreement, for the cost of their incarceration at the new Taney County Jail. Currently, it costs forty-five dollars per day to house each inmate at the new Taney County Jail.

In addition, individuals who have to be extradited on an a warrant from neighboring states and counties to answer for criminal charges in Taney County will be responsible for the costs of their transportation as a condition of their plea agreement. Currently, transportation costs of inmates from other states and counties are paid through the Taney County Sheriff's Department.

Taney County Prosecuting Attorney, Jeffrey Merrell had the following to say about the new policy: It doesn't make sense that the citizens of Taney County should have to pay for the irresponsible behavior of others in these tough economic times. It just makes good common sense to require those serving time in the jail to pay for the time and services spent. Although we may not be able to recoup every dollar spent to house all of our inmates, every dollar that can be collected provides some bit of relief for the taxpayers. In addition, I am grateful for the cooperation of Brenda Neal and the Courts in the implementation of this new policy."

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