

Did you know.....for Vigo County

DOR does not generally track sales/use tax by county but you can use these calculations to estimate

The first is the value for businesses located in a county. This includes just businesses with a business location in the county AND consolidated taxpayers with a headquarters in the county; it does not include businesses with a location reporting only a location outside the county or certain consolidated taxpayers headquartered outside the county (for instance, large retailers). The sales tax reported for CY 2012 is \$34,979,249.71, with use tax of \$5,419,230.92 and a collection allowance for sales tax of \$184,730.49.

A second calculation is a calculation that attempts to break down what the consolidated taxpayers remitted for their counties; there are some issues regarding this report, which relies on consolidated taxpayers' self-reported data. This report is based on month for which the tax is collected. The actual payment of tax usually occurs 20-30 days after the end of that month; thus, there is a slight data mismatch, but generally not material vs. actual calendar year collections. **The amount of sales tax for Vigo County under this calculation was \$37,278,645 for CY 2012.**

– Spotlight –

### Vote Centers

*Normally, you would vote in your precinct, but with voting centers you can cast your ballot at any vote center location. All locations are donated space – and in some instances have been adapted to accommodate the voting area for privacy and other concerns. Even though Indian Code 3-11-18.1-6 only requires one center per 10,000 active voters, Vigo County Election board is providing one vote center per 4243 active voters. There are, as of the beginning of October 2013 - 74,609 Active Voters in Vigo County.*

*The vote centers will also be utilizing an e-polling book. The process of voter check in is easier to manage. The Poll workers and election officials will be able to run elections with the most current formation.*

*A question every one is asking including myself – Taxpayers dollars? Even though, as with any project, there is initial cost associated with the start and implementation. In a few years we will be seeing a reduction in election cost overall. We will have a cost reduction in the number of poll workers and calls to jurisdictions for elections. If you would like to see a copy of the plan – there is a copy available at office.*

### ISU Housing Project –

Public Works Board approved the closing of the sidewalks on 12/23/2013 to start the demolition of the buildings for the new ISU Housing project. This project is consisting of lower level retail space and upper levels of housing for ISU upperclassmen.

### Member Info Corner

**File Updating in progress** – Please send me an email if any of your information has changed, as in email or phone number.

**Invoices were emailed** out – if you have not received the membership invoice, please contact me.

Questions? Call me – I am here to assist members.



# Tax Topics

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### CrackerBarrels.....

So what is a Crackerbarrel? Actually they are a Legislative CrackerBarrel wherein our state legislators who represent our districts come here and talk about what is going on in the state government, from their perspective as well as issues they are pushing. These are held in the Library Lower Level on the second Saturdays of the month at 10:00am. Start of the 2014 meeting schedule: **Jan 11, 2014**. Coffee and donuts are provided and for January will be sponsored by Taxpayers Association. The sponsors then have an opportunity for comment or questions, followed by comments / questions from the general public. There is no fee for these meetings.

### Coke and Carbon Cleanup..... In an email from

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“ Removal of the contaminated material within the footprint of the designated work area has been completed. Backfilling will continue until completion. The project will be completed in the Spring of 2014 when the trail is installed.

We encountered a few surprises during excavation, but they were all manageable. Overall -The project has been a success. We look forward to wrapping up the project in the Spring.

Let me know if you have any further questions.”

### Taxpayers Association

The following are the schedule of meetings of the Board of Directors of the Taxpayers Association of Vigo County, Inc., for 2013:

**January 8<sup>th</sup> 2014**  
**ISU Foundation Center**

**Board meetings begin at 12 noon. Members are welcome to attend. If you are a member and are attending please email me at [taxtopics@taxtopics.org](mailto:taxtopics@taxtopics.org).**

Location is determined at each meeting for the next meeting.

*Vigo County School Corporation – Pool Project – The pool project is complete. It is heading towards bond issuance and contract awarding.*

*The Pool will be located at Vorhee’s Park on SR 63/Prairieton Road. The skate park and play ground will remain and a splash park has been added to the park rendering.*

*Next.....High Schools – Revamp or Rebuild or Football Complex for all three schools?*

**Holiday Spirit and Donations** – IRS Released December 16<sup>th</sup> tips on gift giving and donations-

**Rules for Charitable Contributions of Clothing and Household Items**

To be tax-deductible, clothing and household items donated to charity generally must be in good used condition or better. A clothing or household item for which a taxpayer claims a deduction of over \$500 does not have to meet this standard if the taxpayer includes a qualified appraisal of the item with the return.

Donors must get a written acknowledgement from the charity for all gifts worth \$250 or more that includes, among other things, a description of the items contributed. Household items include furniture, furnishings, electronics, appliances and linens.

**Guidelines for Monetary Donations**

To deduct any charitable donation of money, regardless of amount, a taxpayer must have a bank record or a written communication from the charity showing the name of the charity and the date and amount of the contribution. Bank records include canceled checks, bank or credit union statements, and credit card statements. Bank or credit union statements should show the name of the charity, the date, and the amount paid. Credit card statements should show the name of the charity, the date, and the transaction posting date.

Donations of money include those made in cash or by check, electronic funds transfer, credit card and payroll deduction. For payroll deductions, the taxpayer should retain a pay stub, a Form W-2 wage statement or other document furnished by the employer showing the total amount withheld for charity, along with the pledge card showing the name of the charity.

These requirements for the deduction of monetary donations do not change the long-standing requirement that a taxpayer obtain an acknowledgment from a charity for each deductible donation (either money or property) of \$250 or more. However, one statement containing all of the required information may meet both requirements.

Ref:<http://www.irs.gov/uac/Newsroom/IRS-Offers-Tips-for-Year-End-Giving-2013>

What others are doing –

Home Builders Association – Officers Elected

Executive Board Officers:

President: Joe Anderson

Vice Pres: Mark Clinkenbeard

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**League of Women Voters**

Carolyn Callecod – President

Supports Vote Centers

I Voted Today promotion – helping and reminding voters to vote!

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