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#### **News**

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Grundy County voters, in August, will again vote on a use tax question. The proposal received 49% support in April after getting 43 percent support a year earlier.



Grundy County Commissioners say the use tax would be the same rate as the combined county sales taxes---1 1/2%. Money generated would be used for the County's 911 system and for road rock.

Commissioners have said the average consumer would pay relatively little, if any, use tax.

Use tax involves out of state purchases totaling more than \$2,000 in a calendar year. Those exceeding the \$2,000 limit generally are large scale purchasers, primarily big business and industry.

It's called a use tax because it involves out of state goods or materials shipped into Missouri and used by the purchaser. Commissioners have said raw materials and items purchased for resale are not charged the use tax.

All of the counties surrounding Grundy already have the tax. In addition, the State of Missouri collects a use tax equal to the State's in-state sales tax rate.

Grundy County currently is able to collect use tax on motor vehicles purchased out of state. However, Presiding Commissioner, Rick Hull,---prior to the use tax vote in April---said the County must pass a local use tax by the end of the year 2016 to maintain that ability to tax those vehicles.

The proposal on the August ballot would do that, plus add other items to the use tax.