

PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

For default in the payment of debt secured by a deed of trust executed by Antony Ivan Torres and Helen Kathleen Torres, dated February 27, 2009, and recorded on March 3, 2009, Document No. 2009-714, in Book No. 885, at Page 208 in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds, Texas County, Missouri, the undersigned Successor Trustee will on August 18, 2023, at 1:00 PM, at the Front Door of the Texas County Courthouse, Houston, Missouri, sell at public vendue to the highest bidder for cash:

A PART OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF THE NORTH-EAST QUARTER OF SECTION SIXTEEN (16), TOWNSHIP THIRTY-THREE (33) NORTH, RANGE ELEVEN (11) WEST, TEXAS COUNTY, MISSOURI MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCE AT THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF SAID SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF THE NORTH-EAST QUARTER AND RUN EAST ALONG THE SOUTH LINE THEREOF TO A POINT TWO HUNDRED NINE (209) FEET WEST OF THE WEST RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF AW, AS NOW LOCATED, FOR THE TRUE PLACE OF BEGINNING; THENCE RUN NORTH ON A LINE PARALLEL WITH THE EAST LINE OF SAID SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF THE NORTH-EAST QUARTER TWO HUNDRED NINE (209) FEET, THENCE RUN WEST ON A LINE PARALLEL WITH THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF THE NORTH-EAST QUARTER ONE HUNDRED FIFTY (150) FEET, THENCE RUN SOUTH ON A LINE PARALLEL WITH THE EAST LINE OF SAID SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF THE NORTH-EAST QUARTER TWO HUNDRED NINE (209) FEET TO THE SOUTH LINE THEREOF AND THENCE RUN EAST ON SAID SOUTH LINE ONE HUNDRED FIFTY (150) FEET TO THE TRUE PLACE OF BEGINNING., commonly known as 12372 Lark Dr, Plato, MO, 65552

subject to all prior easements, restrictions, reservations, covenants and encumbrances now of record, if any, to satisfy the debt and costs.

C. Rene Bocio Successor Trustee

First Publication: July 27, 2023. For more information, visit www.southlaw.com

NOTICE

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debt collector is attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose (Casefile No. 239965-1004056).

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IN THE 25TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, TEXAS COUNTY MISSOURI

Judge or Division: PROBATE

Case Number: 23TE-PR00072

In the Estate of DANA LADENA BARTON, Deceased.

Notice of Letters of Administration Granted (Supervised Administration)

To all Persons Interested in the Estate of DANA LADENA BARTON, Decedent:

On August 4, 2023, the following individual was appointed the personal representative of the estate of DANA LADENA BARTON, decedent, by the Probate Division of the Circuit Court of Texas County, Missouri. The personal representative's business address is:

Lonnie Barton, 16280 Indian Creek Trail, Houston, MO 65483

The personal representative's attorney name, business address and phone number are:

C o u r t n e y Fletcher, 2805 Ingram Mill Rd, Springfield, MO 65804, 417-447-4400.

All creditors of said decedent are notified to file claims in court within six months from the date of the first publication of this notice or if a copy of this notice was mailed to, or served upon, such creditor by the personal representative, then within two months from the date it was mailed or served, whichever is later, or be forever barred to the fullest extent permissible by law. Such six-month period and such two-month period do not extend the limitation period that would bar claims one year after Decedent's death, as provided in Section 473.444, RSMo, or any applicable limitation periods. Nothing in Section 473.033, RSMo, shall be construed to bar any action against a decedent's liability insurance carrier through a defendant ad litem pursuant to Section 537.021, RSMo.

Date of the decedent's death: **July 18, 2022**

Date of first publication: **August 10, 2023**

(Seal) /s/ **Erin Smith, Circuit Clerk**

By Kristine Logan, Probate Clerk

Receipt of this notice by mail should not be construed by the recipient to indicate that the recipient necessarily has a beneficial interest in the estate. The nature and extent of any person's interest, if any, can be determined from the files and records of this estate in the Probate Division of the above referenced Circuit Court.

16/4t

IN THE 25TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, TEXAS COUNTY MISSOURI

Judge or Division: PROBATE

Case Number: 23TE-PR00077

In the Estate of PATRICK L. GUTSCHER, Deceased.

Notice of Letters of Administration Granted

(Supervised Administration-Non-Resident Fiduciary)

To all Persons Interested in the Estate of PATRICK L. GUTSCHER, Decedent:

On August 4, 2023, the following individual was appointed the personal representative of the estate of PATRICK L. GUTSCHER, decedent, by the Probate Division of the Circuit Court of Texas County, Missouri. The personal representatives' business address and phone number is:

Nikki L. Gutscher, 7521 High Drive Prairie Village, KS 66208.

The personal representatives' attorneys' name, business address and phone number are:

Jacob Garrett, PO Box 1090, 202 Aid Ave, West Plains, MO 65775, 417-255-2222.

The non-resident personal representatives' designated agents' name, business address, and phone number is:

Jacob Garrett, PO Box 1090, 202 Aid Ave, West Plains, MO 65775, 417-255-2222.

All creditors of said decedent are notified to file claims in court within six months from the date of the first publication of this notice or if a copy of this notice was mailed to, or served upon, such creditor by the personal representative, then within two months from the date it was mailed or served, whichever is later, or be forever barred to the fullest extent permissible by law. Such six-month period and such two-month period do not extend the limitation period that would bar claims one year after Decedent's death, as provided in Section 473.444, RSMo, or any applicable limitation periods. Nothing in Section 473.033, RSMo, shall be construed to bar any action against a decedent's liability insurance carrier through a defendant ad litem pursuant to Section 537.021, RSMo.

Date of the decedent's death: **May 23, 2023**

Date of first publication: **August 10, 2023**

(Seal) /s/ **Erin Smith, Circuit Clerk**

By Kristine Logan, Probate Clerk

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Texas County Health Department of Texas County will hold a public hearing to adopt their 2023 tax rate. The meeting will be held at 950 N. Highway 63, Houston MO 65483 at 3:00 pm on Tuesday, August 22, 2023.

The 2022 Assessed Valuations were: \$276,011,151.

Real Estate; \$197,385,160 Personal Property; \$78,625,991

The 2023 Assessed Valuations are: \$298,516,537

Real Estate; \$214,948,000 Personal Property; \$83,568,537

The 2022 Tax Rate Ceiling was 0.0986

The 2023 Tax Rate Ceiling is 0.0986

Angel Wells, Administrator 16/2t

Notice

To Whom It May Concern: Notice is hereby given that by an order of the Circuit Court of the County of Texas, Missouri, Division No. 25, Case No. 23TE-CC000191 made entered on the record on July 11, 2023, the name of Khaleesi Raelym Stoops-McAdams was changed to Khaleesi Raelym Brown-McAdams.

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TRUSTEE'S SALE

IN RE: Matthew A. Brown and Carly J. Brown, husband and wife Trustee's Sale:

For default in payment of debt and performance of obligation secured by Deed of Trust executed by Matthew A. Brown and Carly J. Brown, husband and wife dated October 22,

2012 and recorded in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds of Texas County, Missouri in Book 2012, Page 3133 the undersigned Successor Trustee, at the request of the legal holder of said Note will on Wednesday, September 13, 2023 between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., (at the specific time of 10:45 AM), at the West Front Door of the Court House, City of Houston,

County of Texas, State of Missouri, sell at public vendue to the highest bidder for cash the following described real estate, described in said Deed of Trust, and situated in Texas County,

State of Missouri, to wit:

A PART OF THE EAST HALF OF LOT 1 OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER AND A PART OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER 5, TOWNSHIP 30 NORTH, RANGE 9 WEST MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS

FOLLOWS: BEGINNING AT AN IRON PIN AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF THE EAST HALF OF LOT 1 OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF SAID SECTION 5, THENCE NORTH 89 DEGREES 34 MINUTES 43 SECONDS WEST ALONG THE NORTH LINE THEREOF 567.01 FEET TO AN IRON PIN, THENCE SOUTH 01 DEGREE 21 MINUTES 13

SECONDS WEST 215.00 FEET TO AN IRON PIN, THENCE NORTH 89 DEGREES 37 MINUTES 32 SECONDS WEST 192.08 FEET TO AN IRON PIN, THENCE SOUTH 43 DEGREES 29 MINUTES 17 SECONDS WEST 525.45 FEET TO AN IRON PIN, THENCE SOUTH 25 DEGREES 24 MINUTES 02 SECONDS WEST 541.19 FEET TO AN IRON PIN, THENCE SOUTH 03 DEGREES 38 MINUTES 28 SECONDS WEST 224.75 FEET TO AN IRON PIN, THENCE NORTH 89 DEGREES 13 MINUTES 49 SECONDS WEST 21.26 FEET TO AN IRON PIN AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF THS [THE] NORTHEAST QUARTER OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF SAID SECTION 5, THENCE SOUTH 01 DEGREE 20 MINUTES 46 SECONDS WEST ALONG THE WEST LINE THEREOF 270.00 FEET TO AN IRON PIN, THENCE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 13 MINUTES 49 SECONDS EAST 420.00 FEET TO AN IRON PIN, THENCE SOUTH 01 DEGREE 20 MINUTES 46 SECONDS WEST 472.50 FEET TO AN IRON PIN, THENCE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 13 MINUTES 49 SECONDS EAST 942.15 FEET TO AN IRON PIN ON THE EAST LINE OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF SAID SECTION 5, THENCE NORTH 01 DEGREE 21 MINUTES 13 SECONDS EAST ALONG THE EAST LINE THEREOF 742.50 FEET TO AN IRON PIN AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF THE EAST HALF OF LOT 1 OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF SAID SECTION 5, THENCE NORTH 01 DEGREE 21 MINUTES 13 SECONDS EAST ALONG THE EAST LINE THEREOF 1322.44 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING PER SURVEY #M-5744-C, PLS 1385. ALONG WITH AN EASEMENT FOR INGRESS AND EGRESS OVER AND ACROSS AN EXISTING ROADWAY THAT IS LOCATED AT THE END OF SUNSET DRIVE AND ALONG THE EAST 30 FEET OF THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED

TRACT: ALL THAT PART OF THE E 1/2 OF THE SE 1/4 OF SECTION 5, IN TOWNSHIP 30

NORTH, RANGE 9 WEST, DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: FROM THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF SAID E 1/2 SE 1/4, RUN SOUTH 45 RODS FOR THE PLACE OF BEGINNING OF THE TRACT HEREIN DESCRIBED; THENCE WEST 54 RODS AND 9 FEET; THENCE SOUTH APPROXIMATELY 44 RODS TO THE CENTER OF THE OLD HOUSTON AND RAYMONDVILLE PUBLIC ROAD; THENCE EAST WITH THE CENTER OF SAID ROAD

ABOUT 690 FEET TO THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF THE FORMER J.M. ROBERTS PROPERTY; THENCE NORTH ABOUT 420 FEET TO THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF THE SAID J.M. ROBERTS TRACT; THENCE EAST TO THE EAST LINE OF SAID

E 1/2 SE 1/4; THENCE NORTH TO THE PLACE OF BEGINNING. [THE INFORMATION CONTAINED IN BRACKETS HAS BEEN ADDED TO MORE ACCURATELY REFLECT THE LEGAL DESCRIPTION] to satisfy said debt and cost.

MILLSAP & SINGER, P.C., Successor Trustee 612 Spirit Drive St. Louis, MO 63005 (636) 537-0110 File No: 215708.091323.433209 FC

NOTICE

Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, 15 U.S.C. §1692c(b), no information concerning the collection of this debt may be given without the prior consent of the consumer given directly to the debt collector or the express permission of a court of competent jurisdiction.

The debt collector is attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

PUBLISH ON: Aug. 17, 2023 Aug. 24, 2023, Aug. 31, 2023, Sept. 7, 2023

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Piney Township of Texas County will hold a public hearing to adopt their 2023 tax rate. The meeting will be held at The Piney Township Maintenance Shed at 6:00 pm on Wednesday, August 30, 2023.

The 2022 Assessed Valuations were: \$59,076,173.

Real Estate; \$44,688,450 Personal Property; \$14,387,723

The 2023 Assessed Valuations are: \$64,740,371

Real Estate; \$49,116,230 Personal Property; \$15,624,141

The 2022 Tax Rate Ceiling was 0.0933

The 2023 Tax Rate Ceiling is 0.0929

Marty Merckling 17/2t

Notice of Public Hearing for Texas County Library

A public hearing will be held at Texas County Library, 117 W. Walnut, Houston, MO., on the 23rd day of August 2023, beginning at 5 p.m. at which time citizens may be heard on the property tax rates proposed to be set by said subdivision.

The rate shall be set to produce the property tax revenues for which the library budget for the fiscal year beginning Jan. 1, 2024, shall be determined.

Each tax rate is determined by dividing the amount of the revenue required by the current assessed valuation. The result is multiplied by 100 so the tax rate will be expressed in cents per \$100 in valuation.

The Proposed 2023 Administrative Rate is .0986.

Louise Beasley, Director, Texas County Library 17/1t

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NOTICE OF TAX CERTIFICATE SALE

The following is a publication of lands, lots and mineral rights in Texas County, upon which tax certificates are to be offered for sale at the front door of the Texas County Administrative Center in Houston, Missouri, on Aug. 28, 2023, beginning at 10 o'clock a.m. and continuing until sold as indicated by undersigned according to the provisions of Revised Statutes of Missouri 140.170.

Richard R. Lane, 62690 Virden, Ill., 12 1/2 percent Mineral Rights SE4 NE4, S 07, T 33, R 09. Parcel #02-03-07-000-000-001.02. 2018, \$120.69; 2019, \$144.61; 2020, \$168.56; 2021, \$17.43; 2022, \$16.52 total cost plus fees, \$467.81.

Richard Lane, 62690 Virden, Ill., 12 1/2 percent Mineral Rights S SW4 S2 NW4 S2 NE4 NE2 SE4, S 08, T 33, R 09. Parcel #02-03-08-000-000-002.02. 2018, \$177.18; 2019, \$195.57; 2020, \$214.44; 2021, \$57.62;

2022 \$52.33; total cost plus fees, \$697.14.

Valeriy Kesov, contact county collector, 4 percent Mineral Rights part NWQ NE Q S of Highway N, S 29, T 33, R 09. Parcel #02-09-29-000-000-009.01. 2019, \$144.61; 2020, \$168.56; 2021, \$17.43; 2022, \$16.52; total cost plus fees, \$347.12.

Paul Williams, 1 percent Mineral Rights NWQ NE Q S of Highway N, S 29, T 33, R 09. Parcel #02-09-29-000-000-009.51. 2020, \$168.56; 2021, \$17.43; 2022 \$16.52 total cost plus fees, \$202.51.

Raymond E. & Pamela Wallace, 32 Highway, Licking, Mo., All that part N 1/2 NW lying N & E of Big Piney River and N & W of new Highway 32, S 12, T 32, R 10. Parcel #08-01-12-000-000-007. 2020, \$167.52; 2021, \$16.52; 2022, \$15.65; total cost plus fees, \$199.69.

Melvin L. & Sharon Mitchell, Higgins Dr. Licking, Mo., NEQ SWQ

ex a 165' x 264 tract in SE corner thereof, S 28, T 32, R 08. Parcel #10-08-28-000-000-006.03. 2020, \$597.71; 2021, \$451.60; 2022, \$469.33; total cost plus fees, \$1518.64.

Steve A. Crawford, Peacock Lane, Bucyrus Mo., The N 329.88' of the E 398.64' of the SWQ NWQ, S 29, T 31, R 10. Parcel #14-09-29-000-000-005.04. 2020, \$347.34; 2021, \$256.47; 2022, \$226.07; total cost plus fees, \$829.88.

Steve A. & Sandra K. Crawford, Peacock Lane, Bucyrus, Mo., part SEQ SWQ NWQ lying N of Hwy 17, S 29, T 31, R 10. Parcel #14-09-29-000-000-005.05. 2020, \$508.80; 2021, \$400.23; 2022, \$352.16; total cost plus fees, \$1261.19.

Steve A. & Sandra K. Crawford, Peacock Lane, Bucyrus, Mo., tract J, S 29, T 31, R 10. Parcel #14-09-29-000-000-005.08. 2020, \$330.28; 2021, \$241.46; 2022, \$212.91; total cost plus fees, \$784.65.

Ted Witte, 725 W. Hwy 17 Houston Mo., First Fairview Addition W 87' of S 74' Lot 2 & W 87' Lot 3, 725 W. Hwy 17, S 00, T 02, R 00. Parcel #20-03-07-001-028-007. 2020, \$800.33; 2021, \$573.25; 2022, \$503.66; total cost plus fees, \$1,877.24.

Susan Ferguson, 65 Junction St., Raymondville, Mo. part W2 L2 NEQ Cr Yukon Road and Town Road L 105' x 110', S 05, T 30, R 08. Parcel #21-03-05-001-000-012. 2020, \$232.26; 2021, \$153.93; 2022, \$136.24; total cost plus fees, \$522.43.

Jamey Jameson, 225 Brushy Creek Road, Houston, Mo., N 733' of E 224' of NE SE EX N 527', S 06, T 30, R 08. Parcel #21-03-06-000-000-014. 2020, \$743.72; 2021, \$534.86; 2022, \$470.56; total cost plus fees, \$1749.14.

Ronnie Scott, 2nd Street, Summersville, Mo., part NE NE a 110' x 80' tract lying N of Highway 106, S 24, T 29, R 07.

Parcel #23-06-24-001-001-020. 2020, \$338.49; 2021, \$164.72; 2022, \$25.89; 2022, 169.23; total cost plus fees, \$698.33.

Ada Scott Et Al, 2nd Street, Summersville, Mo., 6 Old survey point L1 BLK 8, S 24, T 29, R 07. Parcel #23-06-24-001-001-021. 2020, \$261.41; 2021, \$97.88; 2022, \$15.03; 2022, \$100.30; total cost plus fees, \$474.62.

Phyllis Greufe, Hidden Valley Rd. Mountain Grove, Mo., Lost Creek Estates Lot 5, S 00, T 00, R 00. Parcel #29-01-11-000-000-014. 2020, \$273.77; 2021, \$139.17; 2022, \$124.52; total cost plus fees, \$537.46.

Elmer Compton, 707 Tindel Terrace, Cabool, Mo., Hillcrest Acres W 12' L 12 and all the part Lot 21 lying W of to P of W bank of creek, S 00, T 00, R 00. Parcel #30-01-01-003-010-022. 2020, \$223.35; 2021, \$83.06; 2022, \$74.62; total cost plus fees, \$381.03.

Christa Curbow, 808 Cherry Street, Cabool, Mo., Old Survey Lot 10 Block 7, S 00, T 07, R 00. Parcel #30-01-12-002-017-006. 2020, \$625.62; 2021, \$343.47; 2022, \$305.33; total cost plus fees, \$1,274.42.

Roger L. Looney, Off of Cessna Road, W2 SW NE (EX N 15'), S 22, T 28, R11. Parcel #30-05-22-000-000-007.01. 2020, \$1,063.05; 2021, \$873.25; 2022, \$772.28; total cost plus fees, \$2,708.58.

Shelly Baser & Elli Christifer, Willow Springs, Mo., All that part of NWQ SW Q lying S & E of road, S 04, T 28, R 09. Parcel #32-02-04-000-000-004. 2020, \$1,071.78; 2021, \$879.89; 2022, \$807.43; total cost plus fees, \$2,759.10.

Robert W. & Debra J. Bates, Boiling Springs Road, Part NEQ NEQ 630' x 420', S 26, T 32, R 10. 2020, \$266.70; 2021, \$154.25; 2022, \$136.87; total cost plus fees, \$557.82

Transparency tool to return after Missouri governor signs fix to donor privacy law

Missouri Gov. Mike Parson signed legislation earlier this month making changes to a donor privacy law blamed for impeding public access to state contract information.

The Personal Privacy Protection Act received bipartisan support on its way to being signed into law last year. The aim was to shield nonprofits from having to disclose their donors to government agencies.

But for months leading up to the law going into effect, state officials complained both publicly and privately about impacts it could have on key government functions — from hampering the administration of certain tax credit programs to conflicting with existing laws regarding records of investigations by law enforcement agencies.

Those concerns culminated last August, when the Parson administration shut down immediate public access to state contracts, a major blow to government transparency. The governor's office later cited the law as justification for withholding information about a fundraiser at the governor's mansion.

Proponents of the Personal Privacy Protection Act called the Parson administration's interpretation absurd, arguing that Missouri was the only state that ran into these sorts of transparency issues after implementing the law.

Nevertheless, they rallied behind a legislative fix aimed at resolving the problems. It was included as an amendment on a wide-ranging bill Parson signed earlier this month.

"I'm just hopeful it provides the clarity needed to ensure the privacy of Missourians is protected while ensuring government remains open and transparent," said Jeremy Cady, state director for Americans for Prosperity Missouri and a major proponent of the Personal Privacy Protection Act.

A spokesman for the Office of Administration, which handles contracts for state government, confirmed in May that if Parson signed the changes "the contracts website would be restored to its pre-Aug. 28, 2022, status."

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Notice of Public Hearing For City of Houston, MO

A public hearing will be held at Houston City Hall on the 21st day of August, 2023 at 5:30 p.m. at which time citizens may be heard on the property tax rates proposed to be set by said subdivision. The following information is provided pursuant to RSMo 67.110.

Assessment Year 2023:	Year
Real Estate: \$26,906,562	
Personal Property: \$5,666,374	
New Construction & Improvements: \$734,993	

Total: \$32,906,562

Assessment Year 2022:	Year
Real Estate: \$24,370,880	
Personal Property: \$5,503,689	
New Construction & Improvements: \$697,000	

Total: \$29,874,569

The rate shall be set to produce the revenues for

which the budget for the fiscal year, beginning Jan. 1, 2023 show to be required for the tax.

Each tax rate is determined by dividing the amount of revenue required by the current assessed valuation. The result is multiplied by 100 so the tax rate will be expressed in cents per \$100 in valuation.

Proposed General Fund: 2022: .3234
2023: .3202

Proposed Debt Service Rate:
2022: .0000
2023: .0000

Total Proposed Tax Levy:
2022: .3234
2023: .3202

Heather Sponsler, City Clerk, Houston, MO. 17/1t

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Village of Raymondville of Texas County will hold a public hearing to adopt their 2023 tax rate. The meeting will be held at Raymondville Community Room,

205 E. Highway B, Raymondville, MO at 7:00 pm on Thursday, August 24, 2023.

The 2022 Assessed Valuations were: \$2,280,484. Real Estate; \$1,688,380 Personal Property; \$592,104

The 2023 Assessed Valuations are: \$2,552,760 Real Estate; \$1,857,190 Personal Property; \$695,570

The 2022 Tax Rate Ceiling was 0.4563.

The 2023 Tax Rate Ceiling is 0.4563.

Debbie Schweighauser 17/1t

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Clinton Township of Texas County will hold a public hearing to adopt their 2023 tax rate. The meeting will be held at Clinton Township at 7:00 pm on Wednesday, August 23, 2023.

The 2022 Assessed Valuations were: \$23,212,574. Real Estate; \$16,825,849 Personal Property; \$6,386,725

The 2023 Assessed Val-

uations are: \$25,819,055 Real Estate; \$18,632,851 Personal Property; \$7,186,204

The 2022 Tax Rate Ceiling was 0.5000, 0.1000.

The 2023 Tax Rate Ceiling is 0.5000, 0.1000

Marlene Maners 17/1t

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Roubidoux Township of Texas County will hold a public hearing to adopt their 2023 tax rate. The meeting will be held at 12342 Highway 32, Roby, MO at 6:00 pm on Monday, August 21, 2023.

The 2022 Assessed Valuations were: \$21,709,670. Real Estate; \$15,458,630 Personal Property; \$6,251,040

The 2023 Assessed Valuations are: \$22,860,270 Real Estate; \$16,609,230 Personal Property; \$6,251,040

The 2022 Tax Rate Ceiling was 0.0879/0.2628

The 2023 Tax Rate Ceiling is 0.0876/0.2621

Molly Houser 17/1t

Sales tax payments moving to car dealerships

The sales tax you pay when you buy a vehicle in Missouri will soon be collected at the car dealership. Gov. Mike Parson signed a bill into law that will shift away from the traditional practice of letting car buyers pay the bill at a driver's license office at a later date.

Rep. Michael O'Donnell, R-St. Louis County, said his effort is meant to crack down on expired temporary license plates that are often seen on Missouri roads.

"We're optimistic that it's going to definitely take a huge chunk, I would say a 90 plus percent bite out of anything going forward. I really do think it'll help a lot

of folks that really could just use the financing method to kind of get the monkey off their back, to get the taxes paid, and move on with their lives," said O'Donnell. "I think what's driving this is the fact that folks have to come up with such a large lump of money in conjunction with buying a car. And I hear a lot of folks say, 'well don't buy the car if you can't afford the tax,' and I get that. My head's kind of in the same place as well. But you might have somebody that had a car totaled and needs to buy a new car, and here they are at ground zero, they've got no money."

Car dealers could roll the sales tax into the

monthly car payments for buyers.

The change could take about two years because the state is working to get a new computer system up and running to accomplish this task.

"At one point the Department of Revenue was estimating somewhere between \$40 million and \$80 million of lost revenue because folks weren't paying their sales tax. So that in itself should quickly pay for the cost of the computer system that we had to buy," said O'Donnell.

Missouri will join about 47 U.S. states who already collect sales tax this way.

"The shame of it is that we're so far behind other states and think this just

kind of catches us up with where we should have been for a long time," he said. "I think one of the biggest deterrents was the cost of the system that would allow the auto dealers to connect to the Department of Revenue."

Senate Bill 398, sponsored by Sen. Nick Schroer, R-St. Charles County, also includes a ban on texting while driving for all people behind the wheel driving in the Show-Me State — with exceptions for law enforcement and emergency services workers. Drivers will still be able to use their voice-activated or hands-free options to make phone calls and for texting purposes.