

Frequently Asked Questions about the Medina County 0.2% Criminal and Administrative Justice Services Sales Tax on the ballot May 8, 2018

What will the tax support?

- The tax will directly support operating the cost of the courts, Sheriff's Office, jail operations, and other law enforcement activities, such as a countywide system to enable all law enforcement to share vital safety information. It will enable the purchase of much needed safety equipment and vehicles to support those officers who ensure the safety of residents on a daily basis.
- The tax also indirectly supports seniors, children, and those with mental health needs by freeing money in the general fund operating budget that can be redirected to support our most vulnerable residents of the county.
- It is estimated that this tax will generate approximately \$5.3 million dollars annually.

What will this cost me?

- Unlike property taxes, a sales tax is charged on items purchased in the county (by residents and non-residents). The following table shows the additional sales tax per \$1 of taxable items:

| Purchase Amount | Additional Cost |
|-----------------|-----------------|
| \$1.00 | \$0.002 |
| \$10.00 | \$0.02 |
| \$100.00 | \$0.20 |
| \$1000.00 | \$2.00 |
| \$10,000.00 | \$20.00 |

Isn't Medina County getting money from Nexus? Why not just use that?

- Yes. The Nexus Pipeline will provide approximately \$1.2 million (although it is expected to decline over time). This money will be used to support non-funded mandates from the state.

Why a sales tax?

- Raising Medina County sales tax to 6.95% will keep it comparable to surrounding counties (Cuyahoga 8%; Summit 6.75%; Ashland 7%; Lorain 6.75%). One benefit of a sale tax instead of a property tax levy is that visitors to Medina County will support safety forces through the sales tax.
- A sales tax will enable long-term sustainability and support of vital services in Medina County, while not adding to our resident's property taxes.
- Other counties currently have property taxes to help support services to vulnerable residents. Medina County, at this time, does not. A sales tax is a way to continue to provide quality services without adding a tax levy.

| Property Tax Type | Property Tax Millage by County* | | | |
|-------------------|---------------------------------|----------|---------|--------|
| | Summit | Wayne | Ashland | Medina |
| Senior Citizens | 0 | 0 | 1 mil | 0 |
| Mental Health | 2.95 mils | 1 mil | 1 mil | 0 |
| Children Services | 2.2 mils | 1.8 mils | 0 | 0 |

*information is from the CCAO County Data Exchange, October 15, 2014 (most recent available). Developmental Disabilities, Park District, Library, and Health District property taxes are not included as these are established as separate units of government by the Ohio Revised Code and are not Medina County Operations.

Where can I get more information?

- Please contact Scott Miller, County Administrator at 330-722-9201. The County Commissioners welcome questions from our residents or opportunities to address residents at community meetings. Please let us know how we can help you feel confident in the needs and plans for the sales tax ballot item. You may also email Rhonda Beck, Administrative Assistant at rbeck@medinaco.org.