

CORINNA TOWNSHIP

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Dear Corinna Township Property Owner:

Thank you for your participation in Corinna Township's recent annual meeting. This represents "grass roots" government at its best. We are contacting you in response to a handout that a resident distributed that evening that appeared to be from the Wright County Auditor's Office. You may remember that it led to many people questioning its validity.

When shown to the Auditor's Office, they denied it came from their office, and further stated that the per capita levy figure was false. Their office and other county employees alleged that another county department manufactured the data. Further more, using census population to figure tax levy per capita, and comparing us to other townships is bogus. Tax levy is based on multi-land classifications, property values, and spread out to all taxable units. Here are some differences between townships and taxable units to show why:

	<u>Seasonal Properties</u>	<u>Homestead Properties</u>
Corinna Township	1003	1237(commercial-non-homestead-394
Rockford Township	40	1757
Silver Creek	206	1705
Buffalo Township	27	1041

A levy varies from townships in large part is miles of road maintained, if they contract services, or have their own equipment/maintenance employees. Here are some examples between townships:

	<u>Road Miles</u>	<u>Own Equipment</u>	<u>Contract Services</u>
Corinna	66.5	2 full time men, 1-p.time	
Rockford	58.0	2 full time men	
Silver Creek	66.0	2 full time men	
Buffalo	27.5		Contract

Corinna Township includes their obligation bonds (road improvements) in their budget. Rockford, Silver Creek and Buffalo Townships do not. While it was unfortunate that false data was handed out at the annual meeting, it does give us a chance to offer correct information about Corinna and other townships in the county, along with what makes Corinna Township somewhat unique in its make up with them.

Sincerely,

CORINNA TOWNSHIP BOARD
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