

# TAX LEVIES OF COUNTIES GAIN

Auditors Report Higher Rates For 1926 in Majority of Cases—Owen Figure of \$1.19 Is Highest.

Reports to The Indianapolis Times from thirty-two of the ninety-two county auditors in the State show an increase in a majority of cases in the 1926 tax rates.

The figures do not include township, State or city levies, but show only what is to be raised for the county governments.

Owen County, one of the poorest in the State, shows the highest tax rate, \$1.19. This is an increase of 26 cents. Owen County residents, in addition, must pay the 23 cents State levy, township levy, and if they live in a corporation, the levy of the latter.

Marion county's tax rate is 32 cents, an increase of 5 1/2 cents.

## Counties Report

The following counties, in alphabetical order, reported to The Times, as follows:

ADAMS, Decatur, county seat; 1925 budget, \$121,400; 1926 budget, \$125,505. Tax rate of 31 cents unchanged, with a 5-cent decrease in macadam road repair.

BARTHOLOMEW, Columbus; tax rate of 46 cents unchanged. Valuation cut \$1,877,800, or 4.5 per cent. BOONE, Lebanon; 1926 budget, \$152,928; tax rate, 24 cents; 1925 budget, \$170,395.50; tax rate, 9 cents, an increase of 15 cents.

CASS, Logansport; 1926 budget, \$167,851.49; tax rate, 22 cents; 1925 budget, \$124,870.49; tax rate, 17 1/2 cents. Increase of 4 1/2 cents in levy is due to the elections next year, which necessitate \$15,000, which was

not appropriated; \$7,500 for county hospital; \$7,500 for surveyor's office; \$3,000 for ditch assessments.

CLINTON, Frankfort; 1926 budget, \$112,945; tax rate, 45 cents; 1925 budget, \$118,048; tax rate, 45 cents; increase, 3 cents.

DAVIES, Washington, 1926 budget, \$88,741.37; tax rate, 26 cents; 1925 budget, \$75,400; tax rate 22 cents. Increase 4 cents. County road bond fund each year 16 cents; county unit road bond fund, next year 4 cents, none this year; gravel road repair next year 20 cents, this year 30 cents; reduction in total county tax rate 2 cents.

DEKALB, Auburn, 1926 budget, \$162,000; tax rate 24 cents; 1925 budget, \$170,000; tax rate 21 cents. Increase, 3 cents.

ELKHART, Goshen, 1926 budget, \$176,671.04; tax rate 30 cents; 1925 budget, \$178,640.19; tax rate 30 cents.

FRANKLIN, Brookville, 1926 budget, \$73,000 to stand. Tax rate of 26 cents increased to 34 cents.

GIBSON, Princeton, 1926 budget, \$142,844.42; tax rate, 51 cents which includes 18 cents for county proper, gravel roads repair, 20 cents and county unit bonds and interest, 13 cents; 1925 budget, \$137,000, tax rate 50 cents, which includes county proper, 18 cents, gravel road repair fund, 20 cents and county unit roads 12 cents, an increase of 1 cent over this year. Valuation of the county as a whole has decreased \$1,500,000.

GREENE, Bloomfield, 1926 budget, \$120,805.50; tax rate 40 cents; 1925 budget, \$87,359.50; tax rate 17 cents. Increase of 23 cents.

JASPER, Rensselaer, 1926 budget, \$112,000; tax rate, 35 cents; 1925 budget, \$111,950; tax rate, 30 cents. Increase of 5 cents is due to depreciation in total net values.

JEFFERSON, Madison, 1926 budget, \$64,485; tax rate, 67 cents; 1925 budget, \$57,371.29; tax rates, 64 cents; increase, 3 cents.

HENRY, Newcastle, 1926 budget, \$138,240; tax rate, 30 cents; 1925 budget, \$126,942; rate 27 1/2 cents. Increase of 2 1/2 cents is due to election and bridge construction costs. The levies include 13 cents for maintenance of highways.

MARSHALL County has petitioned for a review of county levies by the State tax board. Rates will be determined later.

MIAMI, Peru, 1926 budget, \$112,197.87; tax rate, 20 cents; 1925 budget, \$98,056.22; tax rate, 18 cents.

OWEN, Spencer; 1926 budget, \$78,000; tax rate, \$1.19; 1925 budget, \$68,000; tax rate, 93 cents; increase of 26 cents.

PULASKI, Winamac; 1926 budget,

26 cents. Tax rate includes county revenue, county unit roads, road repair and county bonds and interest.

MORGAN, Martinsville, 1926 tax rate, 58 cents; 1925 rate, 62 cents. Decrease of 4 cents.

OHIO, Rising Sun, 1926 budget, \$42,489; 1925 budget, \$41,924. Same tax rate of 70 cents.

PIKE, Petersburg; 1926 budget, \$86,000; tax rate, 55 cents; 1925 budget, \$90,000; tax rate, 45 cents.

PULASKI, Winamac; 1926 budget,

\$33,747.02; tax rate, 13 cents; 1925 budget, \$31,982.80; tax rate, 12 cents. This is for the general fund only.

PORTER, Valparaiso; 1926 budget, \$119,470.98; tax rate, 20 cents; 1925 budget, \$147,470.58; tax rate, 25 cents. Decrease, 5 cents.

RIPLEY, Versailles; 1926 budget, \$87,500; tax rate, 27 cents; 1925 budget, \$81,700; tax rate, 30 cents. Decrease, 3 cents.

SHELBY, Shelbyville; 1926 budget,

\$96,214.50; tax rate, 8.8 cents; 1925

budget, \$85,078.50; tax rate, 9 cents. Decrease, 2 cents.

STUBEN, Angola; same budget of \$60,000 to stand. Tax rate cut from 24 to 23 cents for next year.

ST. JOSEPH, South Bend, 1925 budget, \$605,198; 1926 budget, \$548,080. Same tax rate of 42 cents to stand.

SULLIVAN, Sullivan, 1926 budget,

\$197,230; tax rate, 53 cents; 1925 bud-

get, \$159,394; tax rate, 32 cents. Increase of 26 cents.

TIPPECANOE, Lafayette, 1926 budget, \$205,500.30; 1925 budget, \$174,117.75. Tax rate of 35 cents to stand.

VANDERBURGH, Evansville, 1926 budget, \$538,816.25; tax rate, 31 cents; 1925 budget, \$425,968.50; tax rate, 27 cents. Increase 4 cents.

VERMILION, Newport, 1926 bud-

get, \$127,240; tax rate, 35 1/2 cents. Increase 16 cents.

WARREN, Williamsport, 1926 bud-

get, \$73,209.30; tax rate, 25 cents. 1925 budget, \$79,000; tax rate, 21 cents.

WHITE, Monticello, 1926 budget, \$93,918.40; tax rate, 10 cents; 1925 budget, \$96,347; tax rate, 12 cents. This is for county fund only.

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