

30 Tips in 30 Minutes

Examples of how counties are doing more with less

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1. Hire a computer resources specialist (Tim Mosbey)
2. Create a 2-1-1 telephone line. (Iris Kiesling)
3. Utilize video arraignment. (Jack Roose)
4. Review and update fees for service in our health departments and other department. (Jeff Wolfe)
5. Collect back due taxes on mobile homes. (Ken Paust)
6. Reevaluate your health insurance and consider using a high deductible health insurance plan. (Tim Mosbey)
7. Send tax bills electronically (Iris Kiesling)
8. Work cooperatively with other units of local government for staff, such as Town Marshalls. (Jack Roose)
9. Consider consolidating contracts for service. (Jeff Wolfe)
10. Sign up with Proliance for Natural Gas Distribution. (Ken Paust)

11. Make use of regional resources, like grant administrators with regional Economic Development groups. (Tim Mosbey)
12. Establish a unified court and probation system. (Iris Kiesling)
13. Change the number on your cell phone often. (Jack Roose)
14. Become invested in your local Economic Development Commission. (Jeff Wolfe)
15. Consider merging departments. (Ken Paust)
16. Hire a purchase coordinator for use by all county employees. (Tim Mosbey)
17. Reuse, reduce and recycle as much as possible. (Iris Kiesling)
18. Operate a privately owned Juvenile Facility. (Jack Roose)
19. Use a mail service instead of contracts for postage machines. (Jeff Wolfe)
20. Collect brass from firing range and look for scrap metal. (Ken Paust)
21. Create economic development incentives for hiring local. (Tim Mosbey)
22. Create a joint city-county animal control and shelter. (Iris Kiesling)
23. Give kudos often- show appreciation in little ways. (Jack Roose)
24. Review software agreements to see if savings are available. (Jeff Wolfe)
25. Consider hiring part time employees. (Ken Paust)
26. Institute a drive-through flu vaccine(Tim Mosbey)
27. Learn the assessed valuation of your property because it may help with insurance. (Iris Kiesling)
28. Use current buildings and grounds staff to update equipment. (Jack Roose)
29. Update your disaster recovery plan and include municipalities to find savings and reduce redundancy. (Jeff Wolfe)
30. Review and tighten travel policies. (Ken Paust)