



# Capital-Journal spends nearly \$1K obtaining records

By Aly Van Dyke  
aly.vandyke@cjonline.com

The Topeka Capital-Journal spent \$970 — in addition to several months spent requesting, amending and analyzing — on 2013 salary data.

Only nine of the 44 taxing entities charged the paper to fulfill the open records request. Washburn University charged the highest amount — \$250 for its database, which includes salaries of 1,641 university, Washburn Tech and athletics employees.

Soldier Township was the only smaller municipality to request payment. It charged \$104.75 for employment records for 58

people.

Shawnee County charged \$24, and the city of Topeka charged \$39.

The other 35 entities — including the federal government, which supplied data for 17,219 employees — didn't ask for payment.

Other taxing entities that didn't require payment for the open records request include the other 15 townships and cities in Shawnee County, the county's five rural fire districts, the Topeka Metropolitan Transit Authority, Metropolitan Topeka Airport Authority and the Topeka and Shawnee County Public Library.

Contact Aly Van Dyke at (785) 295-1270 or @alyvandyke on Twitter.

## RECORDS CHARGES

The Topeka Capital-Journal paid \$969.75 for the records in its 2013 public employee salary database. Only nine of the 44 entities requested payment.

Entity	Amount charged	Number of employees
Washburn University	\$250	1,641
KU Athletics	\$232.50	788
State of Kansas	\$190	42,745
Soldier Township	\$104.75	58
FHSU Athletics	\$64.50	40
KSU Athletics	\$50	495
City of Topeka	\$39	1,212
Shawnee County	\$24	1,059
Wichita State University athletics	\$15	74