

**County Printing.**

A Board of County Commissioners have not authority to divide the county printing and contract with more than one newspaper for such work.

Helena, Montana, March 2, 1907.

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Dear Sir:—

I am in receipt of your favor of the 27th ult. making request for an opinion of this office as to whether or not the Board of County Commissioners have authority under the law to let a contract for public printing to more than one newspaper published in the County.

After careful consideration of the question you present, and of the law bearing on the subject, I am of the opinion that the contract must be let to only one paper for the reason that by the express provisions of Section 4233 it is made the duty of the County Commissioners to contract with some newspaper of general circulation published within the county to do and perform all printing for the county. The use of the language "some newspaper" and "to do and perform all printing" clearly indicates a legislative intent but that one newspaper shall have the contract.

Very truly yours,  
ALBERT J. GALLEN,  
Attorney General.