




Hardin County Government

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MEMO

TO: Magistrates, Hardin County Fiscal Court
FROM: Hardin County Judge/Executive 
Date: April 25, 2017
SUBJECT: **Judge/Executive's Proposed Fiscal Year 2017/2018 Budget**

As required by Kentucky Revised Statutes prior to May 1st, attached is my proposed County Budget for Fiscal Year 2017/2018.

The development of my proposal began with "one on one" meetings between me and elected officials and appointed leaders supervising the various offices and departments of our county's government. Their input weighed heavily in my allocation of the resources contained within this budget proposal.

The County Treasurer and I scrutinized each and every line thoroughly in our best efforts to insure, first that the county's obligations are met, and then secondly that the county's resources are applied to our established priorities in an efficient, justified, and well documented manner.

My proposed budget is structurally balanced, but very lean. It maintains all county programs and services at approximately the same levels and effectiveness as the previous year. No operational programs or services were eliminated or significantly reduced.

The proposed budget includes:

- \$32,490,568 for routine county operations
- \$24,579,100 for ongoing water and sewer projects funded by State BRAC grant funds administered thru the county but executed by the county's water districts
- \$2,100,000 for a capital project budget to complete the ongoing construction of the Phase 3B Cell Expansion project at the Pearl Hollow Landfill scheduled for completion this fall. This funding is carried forward from the current year's financing for the project.
- In all, this budget proposal totals \$59,169,668

My proposed operational budget of \$32,490,568 is 2.1% more than our current budget. As you know, our operational budget is the source of funding for the day-to-day operations of county government and includes the County's Road Fund, Jail Fund, and Solid Waste/Landfill Fund. It also includes funding for EMS, 911, Emergency Management, Animal Control, Engineering, IT, Code Enforcement, Finance, utilities, and maintenance of our county buildings and grounds.

Within the operational budget is our monetary support to the Hardin County Library System, the County Sheriff, County Attorney, County Coroner, election functions performed by the County Clerk, and funding for the county's Planning and Development Office.

My proposed budget includes:

- The following vehicle and equipment purchases –
 - One new ambulance for EMS = \$160K
 - One new vehicle for the Jail = \$36K
 - One new F550 or equivalent Service Truck for the Road Department = \$55K
 - One Tractor with loader, bucket, bush hog, and snow pusher for the Road Department = \$93K
 - One Brush Chipper for Road Department = \$66K
 - One Total Patcher for the Road Department = \$75K
- The following personnel changes –
 - Moving GIS Specialist from 911 to Engineering
 - Adding a Help Desk Specialist to the IT Department
 - Creating 2 Shift Leader positions for 911 from 2 of the 15 dispatch positions.
 - Promoting 27 lower tier Jail Deputies two Grades (10%) and promoting 4 additional Deputies one Grade (5%) for an added cost of \$120K annually, including benefits
 - Adding 5 new full-time Jail Deputies for an added cost of \$210K annually, including benefits
- Increasing expenditures for Jail facility maintenance by a total of \$135K as follows:
 - Increased building repairs by \$40K for needed roof repairs
 - Increased equipment repairs by \$30K for the replacement of HVAC Controls
 - Increased data processing equipment by \$47K for required control room upgrades
 - Increased equipment replacement by \$18K for necessary plumbing upgrades
- **A proposed budget for the Jail that is 1.5% more than the total amount the Jailer requested.**

Again, in summary, my proposed budget totals \$59,169,668, of which \$32,490,568 is the operational budget for the routine operations of county government, a 2.1% increase over the current operating budget.

My submission of this proposed budget to you today meets my statutory requirement to submit to you by May 1st a proposed balanced budget for Fiscal Year 2017/2018. It is now your responsibility to ensure the County has an approved 2017/2018 Fiscal Year budget by July 1st, 2017 – the start of our new fiscal year.

To move us along to that end, I am suggesting the following schedule:

- On Tuesday, May 2nd at 3:00 p.m., schedule a “Called” Resources and Community Support Committee meeting to discuss any potential changes to the proposed budget.
- On Tuesday, May 9th at our regular scheduled Fiscal Court Meeting, hold the required Public Hearing regarding the use of CRA and LGEA funds, approve any modifications to the budget proposal, and conduct 1st Reading of the 2017/2018 Fiscal Year Budget.
- On Tuesday, May 23rd at our regular scheduled Fiscal Court Meeting, conduct the 2nd Reading and Approval of the County’s 2017/2018 Fiscal Year Budget.

Judge/Executive's 2017/2018 Budget Proposal

HARRY L. BERRY
APRIL 25, 2017



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Operational Budget Proposal

<u>Fund</u>	<u>Revenue</u>	<u>Appropriations</u>	<u>Difference</u>
General	\$ 17,815,725	\$ 15,273,725	\$ 2,542,000
Road LGEA	\$ 2,982,593	\$ 2,982,593	\$ 0
Jail	\$ 6,325,000	\$ 8,575,000	\$ (2,250,000)
Solid Waste	\$ 5,367,250	\$ 5,659,250	\$ (292,000)
Total	\$ 32,490,568	\$ 32,490,568	\$ 0

Not Including: County Capital Projects or BRAC Funded Projects

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D e p a r t m e n t s	Emergency Medical Services	\$4,967,485
	Emergency Management	\$ 216,335
	E-911	\$1,540,000
	Coroner's Office	\$ 268,685
	Animal Care and Control	\$ 686,835
	Engineering	\$ 343,626
	Road Department	\$2,982,593
	Detention Center	\$8,575,000
	Solid Waste Disposal and Landfill	\$5,659,250

Personnel Costs

	<u>2016/2017</u>	<u>2017/2018*</u>
Payroll	\$ 9,106,513	\$ 9,134,781
Social Security	\$ 693,958	\$ 698,829
Retirement—Non-Hazardous	\$ 707,495	\$ 754,861
Retirement—Hazardous	\$ 1,588,191	\$ 1,726,000
Health Insurance	\$ 1,333,537	\$ 1,091,080
Unemployment	\$ 0	\$ 5,000
Workers Compensation	\$ 277,968	\$ 273,225
Total	\$ <u>13,507,662</u>	\$ <u>13,683,776</u>

*Includes "Step-In-Grade Plus 1% COLA Increase

County Indebtedness--June 30, 2017

<u>Description</u>	<u>Principal Due</u>
Landfill Lease & Bonds (2017/2019/2026)	\$ 7,900,000
EMS Lease & Bonds (2018/2019)	\$ 323,263
Detention Center Bonds (2021)	\$ 1,185,000
E-911 Equipment Lease (2024)	\$ 760,147
New Government Building (2039)	\$ <u>10,740,000</u>
TOTAL:	\$ <u><u>20,908,410</u></u>

Approximately 14.5% of Debt Capacity

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Available Debt Capacity (Based on 2016 Property Valuations)

Total Valuation of Property	\$ 6,528,107,388
Motor Vehicles	\$ 688,942,023
Watercraft	\$ 15,156,410
TOTAL VALUATION	\$ <u><u>7,232,205,821</u></u>
Hardin County Debt Capacity (2% of total valuation)	\$ 144,644,116

Current Debt of \$20.9 M = 14.5% of Debt Capacity

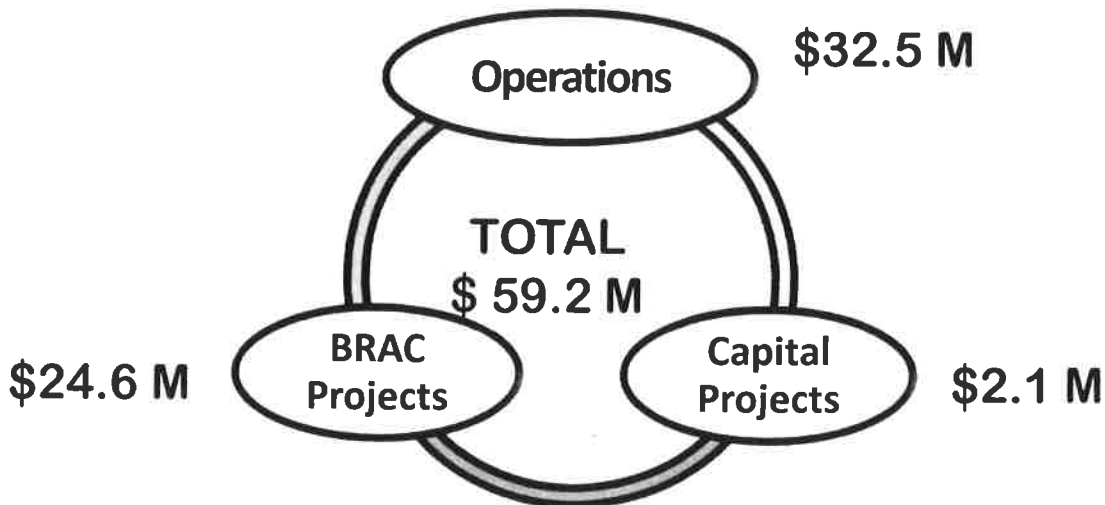
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Annual Debt Service--FY 2016/2017

Landfill Lease & Bonds (2017/2019/2026)	\$	1,448,204
EMS Lease & Bonds (2018/2019)	\$	293,116
Detention Center Bonds (2021)	\$	252,175
E-911 Lease (2024)	\$	106,977
New Government Building (2039)	\$	534,063
TOTAL:	\$	<u>2,634,535</u>

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2017/2018 Total County Budget



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Summary

▶ **\$32.5M Operational 2017/2018 Budget**

• *Not including Capital Projects and BRAC Funding*

▶ **2.1% more than 2016/2017 Budget**

▶ **Maintains existing programs/services**

▶ **One of the lowest county-wide taxed counties in the Commonwealth**

QUESTIONS

