

Recommended Budget

Fiscal Year 2025-2026

Board Direction



Budget Timeline Review

January 2025

**\$5,565,026 projected
shortfall
in FY 25-26**

**Board direction: 15% cuts for
General Fund departments
excluding:**

- Animal Control
- County Fire
- District Attorney
- Probation and Juvenile Hall
- Public Defender and Conflict Counsel Division
- Sheriff's Office (all cost centers)
- Recreation & Library
- Misc.

March 2025

**\$2,598,680 in budget
reductions**

**Help address next
year's anticipated
shortfall now**

May 2025

**\$5,698,078 estimated
ending fund balance**

**Available to "right size"
the organization
assuming revenues and
expenses remain the
same from January
projections**

Update on General Revenue Projections

	FY 23-24 Actuals	FY 24-25 Adopted Projections	FY 24-25 Year-End Projections		FY 25-26 Projections (January 14)	FY 25-26 Recommended Projections	Change from January Projection
Property Tax	\$33,835,302	\$35,439,643	\$35,489,643		\$37,151,651	\$36,767,349	(\$384,302)
Sales Tax	\$6,567,070	\$6,698,411	\$6,500,000		\$6,567,070	\$6,500,000	(\$67,000)
Trans. Occ. Tax (TOT)	\$9,000,262	\$9,360,273	\$9,360,273		\$11,346,684	\$9,734,684	(\$1,612,000)
A-87	\$5,329,190	\$7,611,706	\$7,611,706		\$6,600,000	\$7,189,706	\$589,706
Total General Revenues (less realignment)	\$62,520,944	\$67,015,600	\$66,731,474		\$69,663,800	\$67,900,641	(\$1,763,129)

FY 25-26 General Fund Summary

10% overall average reduction in net county cost across all General Fund cost centers

Budget is not yet balanced—Still some opportunity to invest for the future to “right size”

Ongoing Challenges

- Operational costs continue to rise by 5-6% even with directed “no growth”
- Unpredictable factors each year
 - Projected reductions in general revenues offset by decreases in mandated costs this year

FY 25-26 General Fund Budget Summary (cont.)

No additional layoffs proposed

- Eliminating:
 - 4.0 FTEs (vacant) in CDD
 - 1.0 FTE (vacant) in Air Pollution
- Freezing:
 - 1.0 FTE in Surveyor
 - 1.0 FTE in Victim Witness
- Converting:
 - 1.0 FTE in Probation
- Adding:
 - 1.0 FTE Deputy District Attorney (funded by AB 109)

No use of reserves or furloughs

What is IN the Budget—General Fund

Estimated General Fund
fund balance: \$5,698,078

- Board Budget Policy—50% of 10-year average fund balance is \$1,570,162

Currently in the Budget	
Used for ongoing operations/balance the budget	\$1,596,151
Re-budget unspent Contingencies from last year	\$1,000,000
Transfer out for Capital and large maintenance projects	\$500,000
Repayment for Yaney Courthouse Elevator	\$518,750
Remaining	\$2,083,177

What is Not Included in the Budget—Budget Policy

Board Budget Policy Items	Cost
Annual contribution toward Reserves	\$500,000 (or more)
Additional amount to fully fund General Fund Contingencies	\$110,757
Additional payments to pay down PERS unfunded Liability	Currently budgeted at \$500,000
Payments to aggressively pay off Public Safety PERS debt	\$4,984,000 remaining on principal; \$1,624,801 in interest through 2032
Funding for additional capital / large maintenance projects	

What is Not Included in the Budget—Board Interest

Other Items of Board Interest	Cost
Any needed improvements to occupy vacant courthouses to leave rented spaces	Estimates being obtained
Future employee bargaining	<p>Ongoing cost</p> <p><u>Example:</u></p> <p>1% COLA—\$669,000</p> <p>2% COLA—\$1,338,000</p> <p>3% COLA—\$2,007,000</p> <p>4% COLA—\$2,676,000</p> <p>5% COLA—\$3,345,000, etc.</p>

General Fund—Board Requests from May 6

Board Request	
Remaining	\$2,083,177
Big Hill Road paving	\$450,000
Chip Seal Machine	\$500,000
Economic development projects	\$500,000
Deputy District Attorney	\$200,569
Sheriff Deputy Investigator	\$132,099
Total	\$1,782,668
Remaining	\$ 300,509



Board Direction

1. How to balance the General Fund

- Board requests from May 6
- Other desired future investments not currently in the budget
- Staff Recommendation: Consider holding off on any additions until Adopted Budget in September and move remaining funds to Contingencies

2. Any other modifications or additions to the budget

June 17th—Recommended Budget approval

September 23rd—FY 25-26 Budget Adoption