

Executive Summary

The Executive Summary contains a brief overview of anticipated revenues and planned expenditures for Fiscal Year 2010-2011. For comparison purposes, the budget data from Fiscal Year 2009-2010 is included with the data for Fiscal Year 2010-2011. As this is an overview, we show only major revenue and expenditure data. For complete information, refer to the appropriate section of the budget.

Over the past three years, the Board of Supervisors has managed the budget process in an environment of declining revenue associated with the economic turn down that started in 2007. This economic downturn has affected all local source revenues. The Commonwealth saw significant revenue decreased which led the legislature to make far-reaching cuts in funding to localities. Last fiscal year, to offset these declining revenues, the Board reduced expenditures by cutting personnel support for Constitutional Officers, across the board cuts to all departments, and reductions or delays in capital expenditures. During the current year, additional state cuts amounting to approximately \$190,000 were endured. Personnel furloughs, reductions in planned expenditures, and some reorganization were used to accomplish these reductions.

The Board of Supervisors anticipated the state and local economy to show no growth again in the upcoming fiscal year. The economic conditions indicate declining revenues from some of the major sources. The funding cuts from the Commonwealth during the current and previous years were made permanent in the Commonwealth’s biennial budget.

To plan for the anticipated FY 2010-2011 revenue shortfall, the Board developed a plan for personnel reductions, authorized reorganization of the county staff, set budget funding priorities, and held meetings with the School Board to address actions to meet the Commonwealth’s school funding cuts. Each month during the year, the Board received budget-planning updates and discussed potential actions to achieve a balanced budget consistent with published Board priorities and goals. The Board adopted the balanced budget on April 28, 2010. Per one of the Board’s goals, the budget has no increase in taxes or fees. The tax levies approved by the Board of Supervisors for Fiscal Year 2010-2011 are in Table 1. These levies have not increased since Fiscal Year FY 2008-2009.

Real Estate - \$0.59 per \$100 based on 100% valuation
Mobile Homes - \$0.59 per \$100 based on 100% valuation
Personal Property Other Than Mobile Homes - \$4.25 per \$100 assessed valuation
Machinery & Tools - \$2.55 per \$100 assessed valuation
The Commonwealth's reimbursement rate for the Personal Property Tax Relief is 45%

Table 1

Planned revenues for FY 2010-2011 are in the Table 2. The change in local revenue is

associated with reductions in service fees, rents and fees for use of county property, and interest on county held funds. Of the other local revenue sources, some went up some down. For further information on local revenue changes, see the narrative section of the county budget.

Acct Num.	Description	Budget FY 0910	Approp FY 0910	Adopted Budget	Amount Changed	% Change
10000	Local Revenue	\$30,268,375	\$30,268,375	\$30,235,133	-\$33,242	-0.11%
20000	From Commonwealth	\$4,958,518	\$4,958,518	\$4,690,497	-\$268,021	-5.41%
30000	From Federal	\$135,000	\$135,000	\$117,488	-\$17,512	-12.97%
40000	Other Sources	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$158,238	\$143,238	955%
50000	Transfers	\$0	\$0	\$148,660	\$148,660	#DIV/0!
Fund 11	Total Revenue	\$35,376,893	\$35,376,893	\$35,350,016	-\$26,877	0%

Table 2

As shown in Table 2, the Commonwealth revenue reductions show the largest losses. This is a revenue loss to the county and does not include the over _____ loss of Commonwealth revenue experienced by the School Board. Declining state revenues associated with the three-year economic decline required the state to make major cuts. Reduction of state support for public schools is well known to our citizens. However, funding for Constitutional Officers and their office was also a significant issue for the county. The final loss of state revenue is \$268,021. The federal revenue reductions are related to the federal government’s support of the housing assistance office. Revenue from other sources is proceeds of a loan remaining from courthouse construction. These funds are earmarked to offset cost of the real property reassessment in the county. The reassessment is required by state code. The Transfer revenue is funding from the county’s unencumbered reserves to balance the budget.

The Board of Supervisors priorities and goals included reducing expenditures in all areas except public education, fire and rescue, and public library. Numerous cuts in personnel and other funding were made. However, meeting state and federal mandates, contractual obligations, and debt offered some unique challenges. More than \$709,491 is required to meet just three of these obligations. County funding to support the Public Service Authority debt service payments increased by \$311,008. The County share of jail operating cost increased by \$262,783, and the ongoing reassessment cost increased by \$135,700. Through the budget process, the Board was able to develop a budget that meets their stated financial priorities and goals. The adopted budget is \$26,876 smaller than the budget adopted for FY 2009-2010.

The budget process required cuts in personnel, restructure of county offices, delays of capital purchases, project restructure and delays, and cuts in general expenditures. Fire and rescue funding

remains stable, the library was funded at last year's level and the public schools received level funding. It is noteworthy that the funding for public schools includes operating and debt service funding. School debt service declines by \$411,000 in FY 2010-11. Level funding means these funds can be shifted to support school operations. School local funding is \$15,301,731. These funds are in Account number 90000 of Table 3. The funds are in an account called transfer to the school fund. Table 3 contains a summary of planned expenditures for FY 2010-2011.

Account Number	Description	Budget FY 0910	Approp FY 0910	Adopted Budget	Amount Changed	Percent Changed
11010	Board of Supervisors	\$74,498	\$74,764	\$75,633	\$1,135	1.52%
12000	Administrative and Financial	\$1,380,260	\$1,389,102	\$1,463,615	\$83,355	6.04%
13000	Registrar	\$136,560	\$142,460	\$134,718	-\$1,842	-1.35%
20000	Judicial Administration	\$1,312,112	\$1,323,967	\$1,248,702	-\$63,410	-4.83%
30000	Public Safety	\$5,161,020	\$5,240,465	\$5,341,056	\$180,036	3.49%
40000	Public Works	\$3,090,916	\$3,116,222	\$2,697,145	-\$393,771	-12.74%
50000	Health and Welfare	\$1,313,756	\$1,313,756	\$1,267,266	-\$46,490	-3.54%
60000	Education	\$68,384	\$68,384	\$68,384	\$0	0.00%
70000	Parks, Recreation and Cultural	\$1,212,143	\$1,213,100	\$1,199,483	-\$12,660	-1.04%
80000	Community Development	\$2,112,620	\$2,147,882	\$2,416,253	\$303,632	14.37%
90000	Non-Departmental	\$19,514,623	\$19,703,699	\$19,437,760	-\$76,863	-0.39%
Total	Fund 11	\$35,376,892	\$35,733,802	\$35,350,016	(\$26,876)	-0.08%

Table 3

For further information on planned expenditures and anticipated revenues, refer to the narrative section of this document.