

HOW TO USE THE BUDGET DOCUMENT

The purpose of this section is to provide the reader with a guide to the document's contents: the following describes each of its major sections.

County Administrator's Budget Message

This section provides an overview of the entire budget and highlights how the County is responding to the needs of our community and the Board of County Commissioners' policy direction.

Introduction

This section provides general information about the County, its budget philosophy and process, and other general information.

Budget Summary Information

This section provides the reader with the basic overview of the budget. Included in this section are the budget assumptions, budget summary, staffing, revenue sources trends and forecasts, a description of the budget process, the budget calendar, and a tax millage rate summary.

Board Departments/Agencies

This section of the County's budget presents departments/agencies reporting to the Board of County Commissioners and contains information about County activities and expenditures.

Constitutional Officers

This section presents the budgets of the independently elected officials (other than the Board of County Commissioners), i.e., Clerk & Comptroller, Sheriff, Supervisor of Elections, Tax Collector, Property Appraiser, Judiciary, State Attorney, and Public Defender.

Budget by Fund

This section lists all funds by fund type, shows that each group of funds is balanced in accordance with Florida statutory requirements, and shows the budget for each fund.

Capital Improvement Program

This section highlights the County's capital improvement expenditures and provides an overview of the capital needs, as well as proposed financing sources.

Debt Service

This section highlights the County's budgeted debt service expenditures and provides an overview of the projected debt service needs through FY 2016.

Appendices

This section contains general reference including a glossary; financial policies (which form the foundation of the County's budget development and financial management processes); explanation of fund structure and governmental accounting; information about revenue sources and property taxes; and a summary of grant funding, showing incoming and outgoing grants.