

FORMAT OF THE BUDGET DOCUMENT

The front of the budget book is designed to provide an overview of the entire County including:

Board of Commissioners,	Fund structure & description,
Budget Message to the Citizens,	Budget process,
Commissioner's Goals & Objectives,	Summary of all adopted budgets and,
Financial & Operational Policies,	Estimated changes in the fund balance.

The front area also contains a section titled **General, Economic, & Statistical** information. This section provides the reader with general information including the County's history, form of government, organizational chart, location, public schools, parks & recreation, attractions, cultural arts, property values & tax rates, employment, major employers, income, demographics, information on construction activity, etc.

The Budget Document is then divided into three main sections:

Operating Budget

The operating budget is separated into the following units:

- **General Fund** (accounts for resources traditionally associated with government services),
- **Enterprise Funds** (primarily funded by service fees directly associated with the operation),
- **Other Governmental Funds** (Special Revenue funds which are legally restricted or formally designated for a particular purpose and the Debt Service fund which is used to account for the annual payment of long-term debt which have a specific or legally binding revenue source).

Each of these units includes a description of the fund, the operating revenues, and trends/assumptions used to develop the budget. A summary of revenues and expenditures is provided. Detailed budget information for each operating fund is reported by Department and Division including: budgeted amounts, personnel summary, description, and objectives & measurements. A comprehensive **Personnel** listing and **Vehicle & Equipment** listing of all funds is also provided.

Capital Budget

This section contains a summary of planned capital projects and cost estimates for the FY14-FY18 **Capital Improvement Program**. A description of the fund, revenues, and trends & assumptions used to develop the budget are covered. The operating impact of the Capital program on the operating budgets is discussed and is quantified in a cumulative summary. Detailed information for each project is provided and includes: project title, department managing the project, project number if applicable, revenue and expenses by classification for each of the five years including any prior appropriations, and the operating budget impact of the project. Also included is a comparison to last year's approved program, the project description and justification, and location. This section concludes with a three year historical perspective on the CIP and the operating budget of in-house costs that are allocated out to the various projects.

Financial Planning

This section begins by reinforcing the connection between the capital and operating budgets and how this information is used to develop the County's **Five Year Plans**. Plans are developed for the General Fund, Water & Sewer Operations, and Solid Waste Operations. Trends and Assumptions used to develop these models are discussed and include the County's Debt Affordability calculation. This section also provides **Financial Indicators** which provide a historical perspective on the County's financial position. A unit on the County's **Debt Service** information is included as it is used in assisting the County to plan for the future. A schedule is provided on the County's current and future debt obligations. These figures are incorporated into the County's operating budget and the future cost of these debt obligations is incorporated into the County's Five Year Plans.

A **Glossary** and **Index** are included in the back of this budget document.