



PRELIMINARY FY 19-20 BUDGET INFORMATION

GREENE COUNTY, VA

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WHERE DO WE START?

GENERAL FUND FROM FY 18-19:

Revenue	\$ 33,710,820
Use of Fund Balance	\$ 4,774,883
Total Revenues	\$ 38,485,703
Expenditures (including transfers)	\$(38,485,703)
Current real estate tax rate is \$0.775.	

STARTING POINT FOR GENERAL FUND FOR FY 19-20:

Revenue	\$ 34,159,553
Expenditure requests (including transfers)	\$(40,837,279)
Short	\$(6,677,726)
Same use of fund balance as FY 18-19	\$ 4,774,883
Still short	\$(1,902,843)

PROBLEMS WITH ESTIMATED REAL ESTATE TAX REVENUES FOR FY 18-19

Original estimated revenues	\$15,515,631
Corrected estimated revenues	\$14,832,291
Difference	\$ (683,340)

PREVIOUS APPROACH TO BALANCING THE BUDGET: ESTIMATED INCREASE IN REVENUE VS. REQUESTS FOR EXPENDITURE INCREASES

Estimated new revenue	\$ 448,733
Requests for increases	\$ 2,351,576
Difference	\$(1,902,843)

BUDGETED USE OF FUND BALANCE VS. ACTUAL CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE AT YEAR END PER AUDITS

FY	Min FB	Actual YE FB	Above Min	FB Change	Budgeted
18-19	\$12,214,443				\$4,774,883
17-18	\$11,896,743	\$13,532,022	\$1,635,279	\$ (692,792)	\$4,172,590
16-17	\$11,409,267	\$14,224,814	\$2,815,547	\$ (260,080)	\$2,850,968
15-16	\$11,020,748	\$14,484,894	\$3,464,146	\$ 73,207	\$3,066,968
14-15	\$10,925,899	\$14,411,687	\$3,485,788	\$(1,319,277)	\$4,272,355
13-14	\$10,197,553	\$15,730,964	\$5,533,411	\$(1,715,489)	\$3,578,124
12-13	\$10,435,819	\$17,446,453	\$7,010,634	\$(2,186,979)	\$1,817,872

REQUESTS FOR INCREASES SUBMITTED FOR FY 19-20 INCLUDE

- Local transfer to schools (needed to help fund a 5% pay increase costing \$1,269,900; revised request is lower) \$833,463
- Contribution to juvenile detention home (by agreement) \$ 75,356
- Additional shift for paid EMS \$180,319
- Salary increases for county staff (2% COLA, 1% merit) \$232,710

These are just large increases. There are numerous requested increases throughout the General Fund budget.

NEW POSITIONS REQUESTED

• Sheriff: 5 deputies (just salaries, benefits)	\$351,710
• Sheriff: 2 dispatchers	\$115,984
• Sheriff: 2 FT animal control officers (from PT)	\$141,734
• Treasurer: 1 position	\$ 55,574
• Buildings and Grounds: 1 position	\$ 59,027
• Commonwealth's Attorney: 1 position (mandated by GA)	\$ 90,774

CAPITAL ITEMS REQUESTED

• Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA), assuming no grant, per yr	\$137,000
• Consultant fees for radio project	\$198,855
• Pay study for county staff	\$ 30,000
• Zoning ordinance revision consulting fees	\$ 60,000
• Handicap access for county park	\$ 15,000
• Set-up for Greene County ????	\$ 20,000
• Facility renovations from study	\$250,000
• Voting machine and locking cage for Registrar	\$ 4,725

CAPITAL ITEMS USING LOAN PROCEEDS

Greene County Water Supply and Treatment Project:

- Stream Credits \$4,198,517
- Engineering for Water Treatment Plant Design \$1,428,541

BIG TICKET ITEMS IN FUTURE FISCAL YEARS

- Radio communications project
- Actual construction of water reservoir, water treatment plant, and other components of that project

A LITTLE GOOD NEWS

- The Greene County contribution, per the agreement, to the Central Virginia Regional Jail remains flat as they work down fund balance per the CVRJ Authority directive.
- Because of increases in the fees implemented recently, there will be no required transfer to the Solid Waste to support those operations. Anticipated revenues will cover estimated expenditures.

SO, WHERE DOES THAT PUT US?

- A shortfall of \$6,677,726 would take approx. a \$0.32 increase in the real estate tax rate to cover. Obviously not possible.
- There are really only two ways to balance a budget that is short:
 - Increase revenues
 - Reduce expenses