



**PUBLIC HEARING
ON THE
2017 SKAGIT COUNTY BUDGET**

December 5, 2016

2017 BUDGET PROCESS

- **July 13** – Budget Call
- **August 19** – Departments submitted budgets
- **October 7-14** – Department meetings with Board of County Commissioners
- **November 21** – Preliminary Budget Available
- **December 5** – Public Hearing to consider testimony on the Preliminary Budget and Tax Levies



STRUCTURAL BUDGET DEFICIT

- Property Tax revenue limited to 1% increase plus revenue from New Construction
- Costs for essential services are rising 3-5% annually
- Counties are required by law to provide essential services, including law enforcement, prosecution, public defense, court systems, jails, elections, and assessments. Limits on General Fund revenue sources and slow growth rates mean revenue cannot keep up with costs.



COUNTY-WIDE SERVICES PROVISION

- Jail
- Superior Court
- Court Filings (Clerk)
- Prosecutor
- Juvenile Court
- Death Investigations and Autopsies
- Defense and Adjudication of Felons
- Public Health
- Senior Services
- Low-Income/Homeless Housing
- Mental Health and Chemical Dependency Services
- Development Disabilities Services
- Assessment of Property
- Property Tax Collection
- Licensing and Document Recording
- Treasurer for Most Local Governments
- General Administration
- Emergency Management
- Emergency Medical Services
- Elections, Voter Registrations
- Parks, Recreation, Fair
- Historical Museum
- Cooperative Extension

**62% of General Fund
supports regional services**



BUDGET OVERVIEW

- General Fund – 1
 - 27 Departments
 - 25% of the total expense budget
- Special Revenue Funds – 35
- Debt Service Funds – 2
- Capital Funds – 4
- Enterprise Funds – 3
- Internal Service Funds – 4
- Component Unit of Government – 1

Total of 50 unique funds



GENERAL FUND

- Accounts for traditional functions of county government and other day-to-day services that do not have dedicated funding.
- Skagit County General Fund includes:
 - Assessor
 - Auditor
 - Treasurer
 - Clerk
 - Commissioners
 - Coroner
 - Prosecutor
 - Sheriff
 - Assigned Counsel
 - Board of Equalization
 - Boundary Review Board
 - Budget & Finance
 - Civil Service
 - Facility Maintenance
 - Hearing Examiner
 - Human Resources
 - Noxious Weed Control
 - Public Defender
 - Sustainability
 - District Court
 - Juvenile Court
 - Superior Court



GENERAL FUND BUDGET

○ 2016 Budget

Rev - \$49,896,431

Exp - \$54,187,559

○ 2016 Projections

Rev - \$50,939,972

Exp - \$51,678,991

○ 2017 Proposed Budget

Rev - \$49,784,545

Exp - \$54,163,748



2017 BUDGET INCLUDES:

○ Law & Justice

- Continuation of COPS Grant matching funds
- New Jail – increased staffing, additional training, new programs, enhanced security and video, additional courtroom, uncertain census

○ Personnel

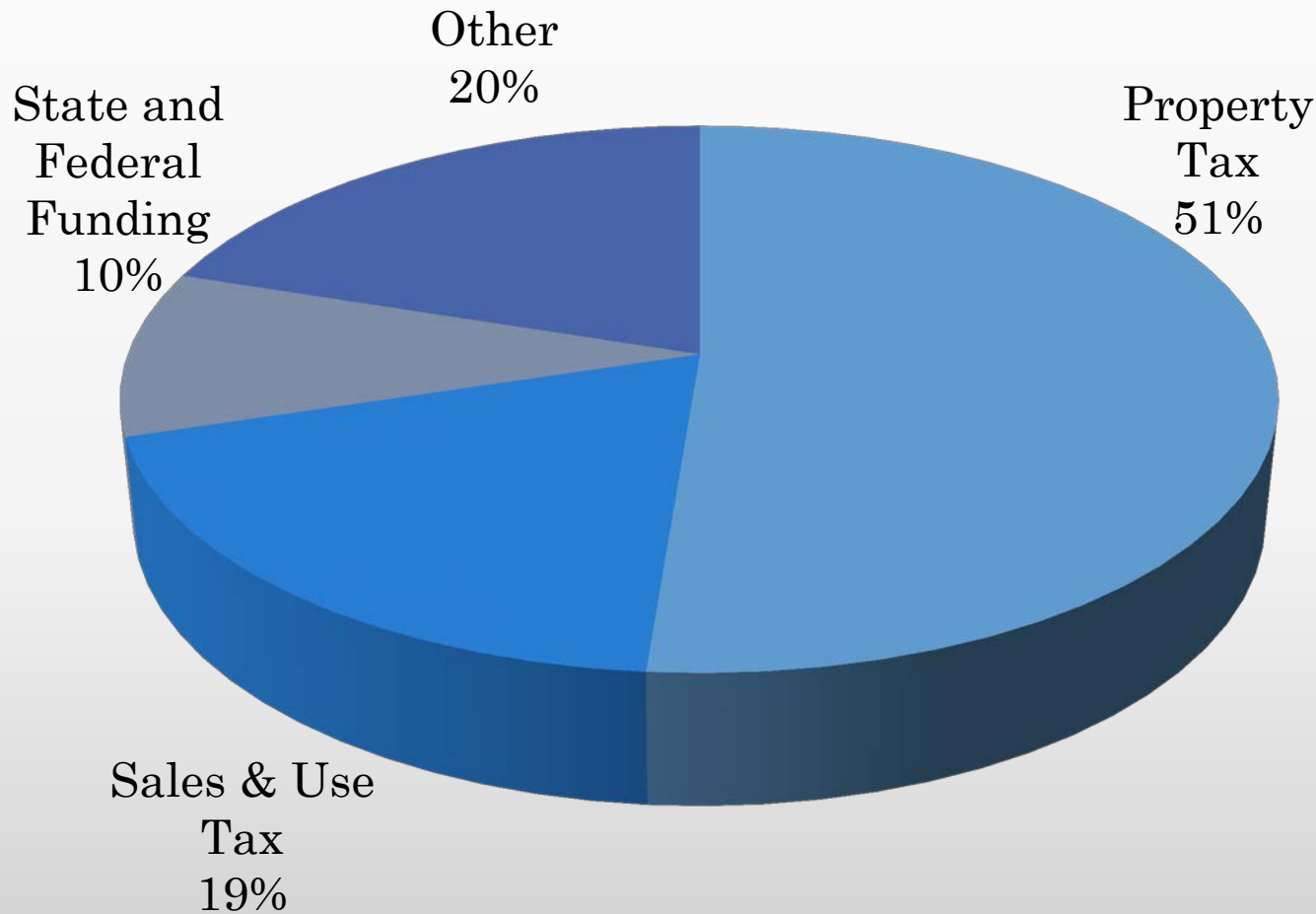
- Implementation of the Total Cost of Compensation Study
- Change in methodology for establishing Elected Officials' salaries
- 1.5% general wage adjustment for most employees
(except those with unsettled contracts)
- Modified benefit package implementation

○ Other

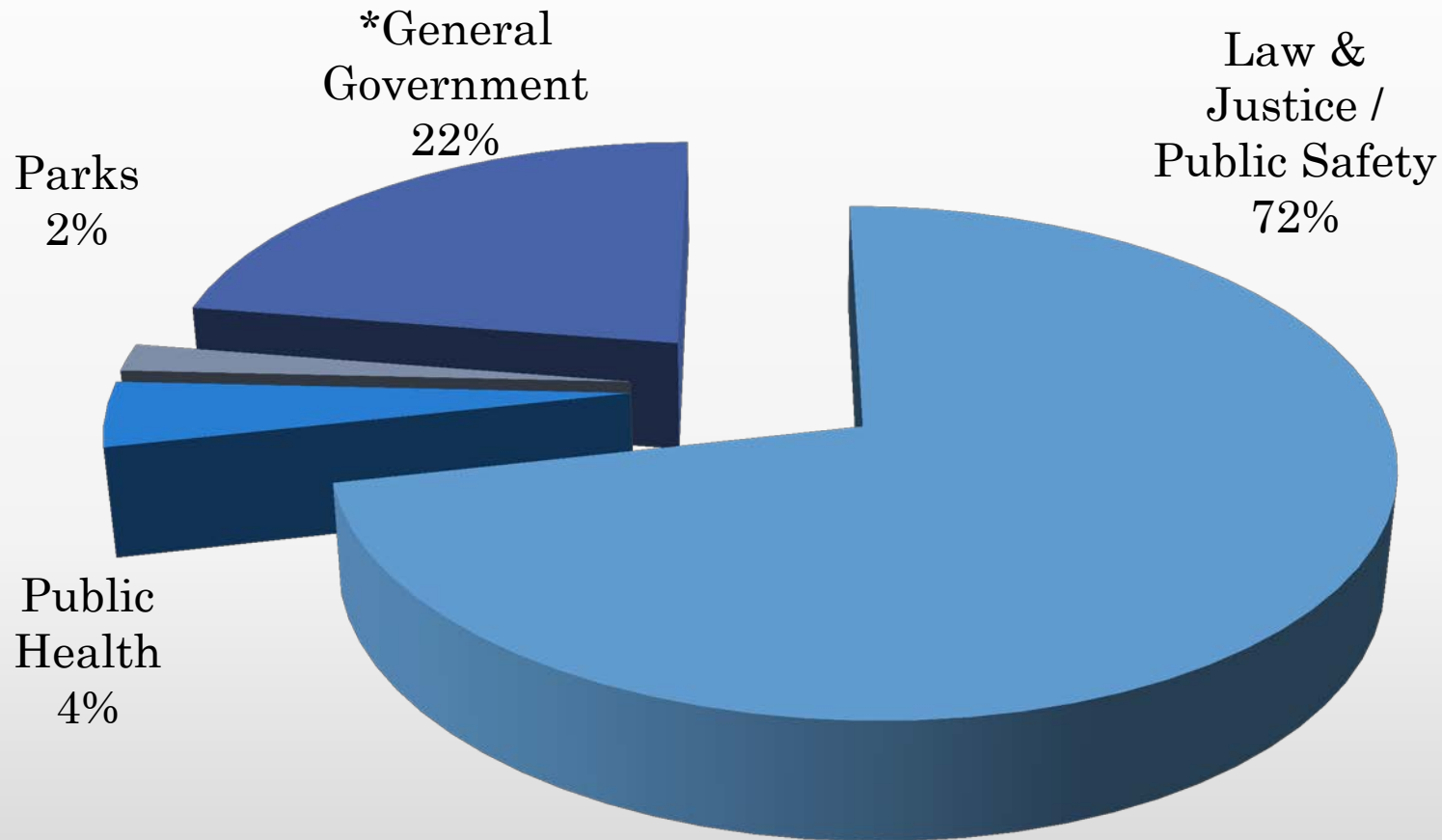
- Burlington Northern Old 99 Overpass
- Facility improvements to Admin Building
- PILT funding, if received, to be allocated to one-time expenses



SOURCES OF GENERAL FUND REVENUE



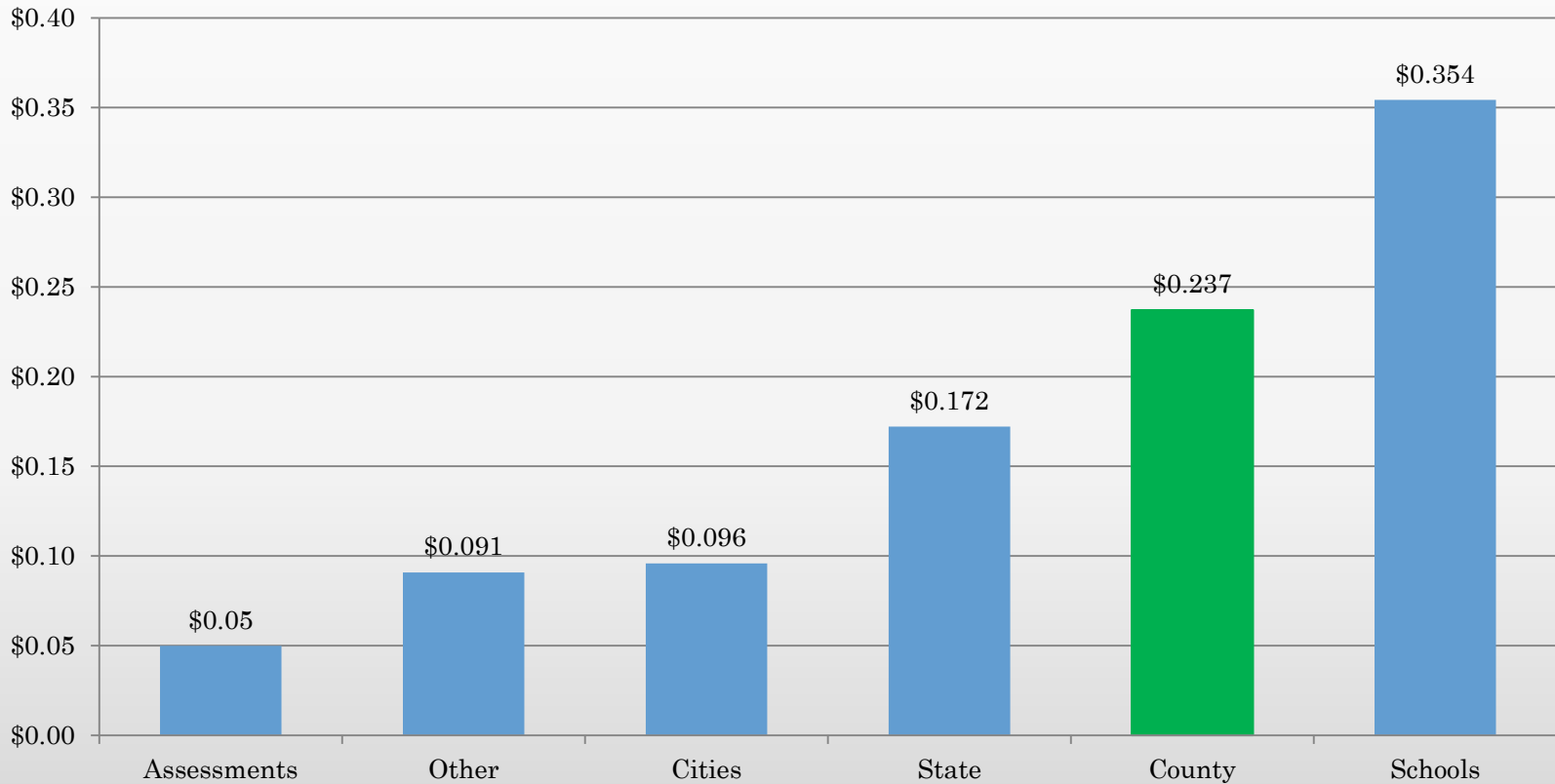
USES OF GENERAL FUND RESOURCES



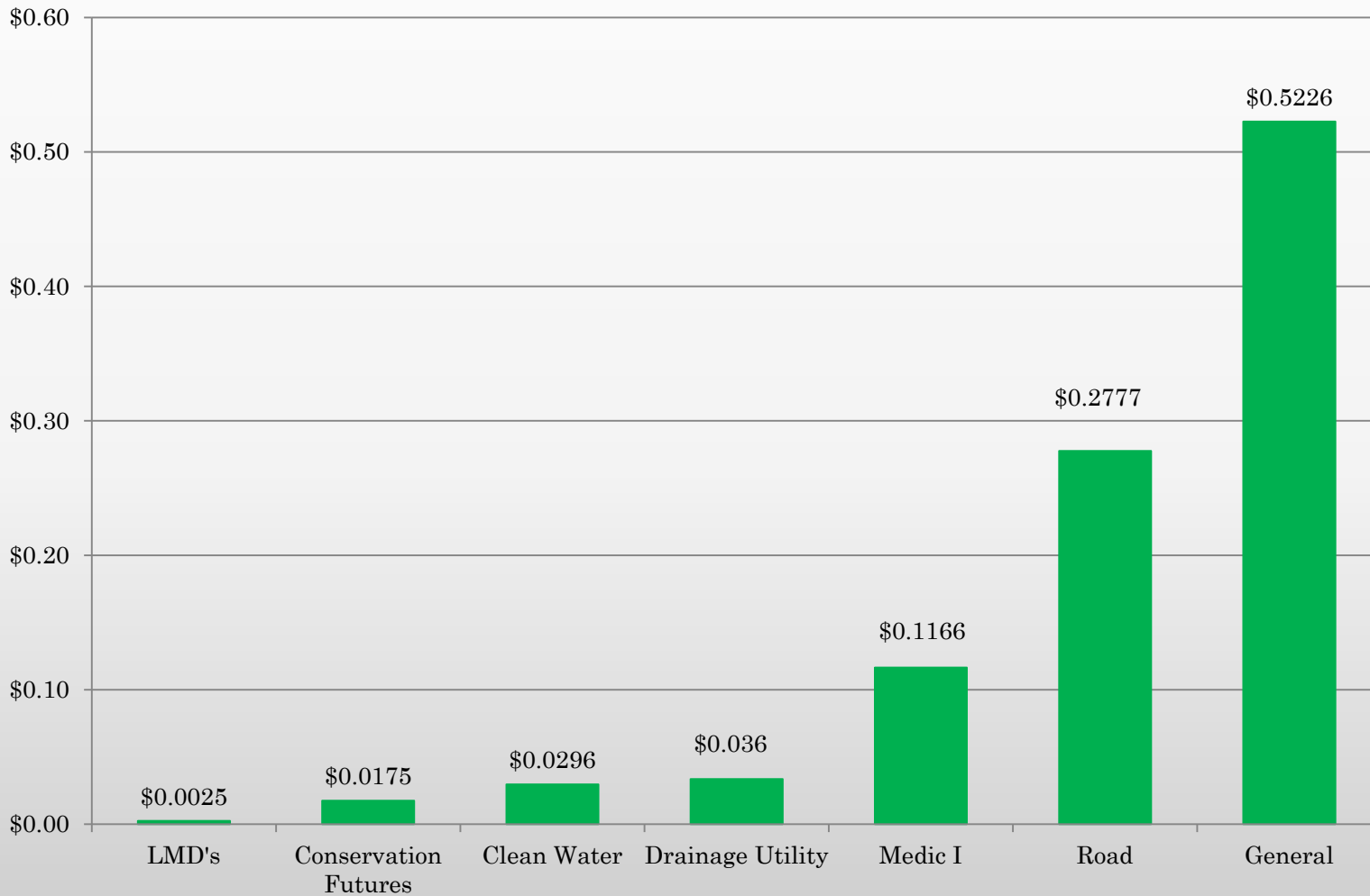
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WHERE DO OUR PROPERTY TAXES & ASSESSMENTS GO?

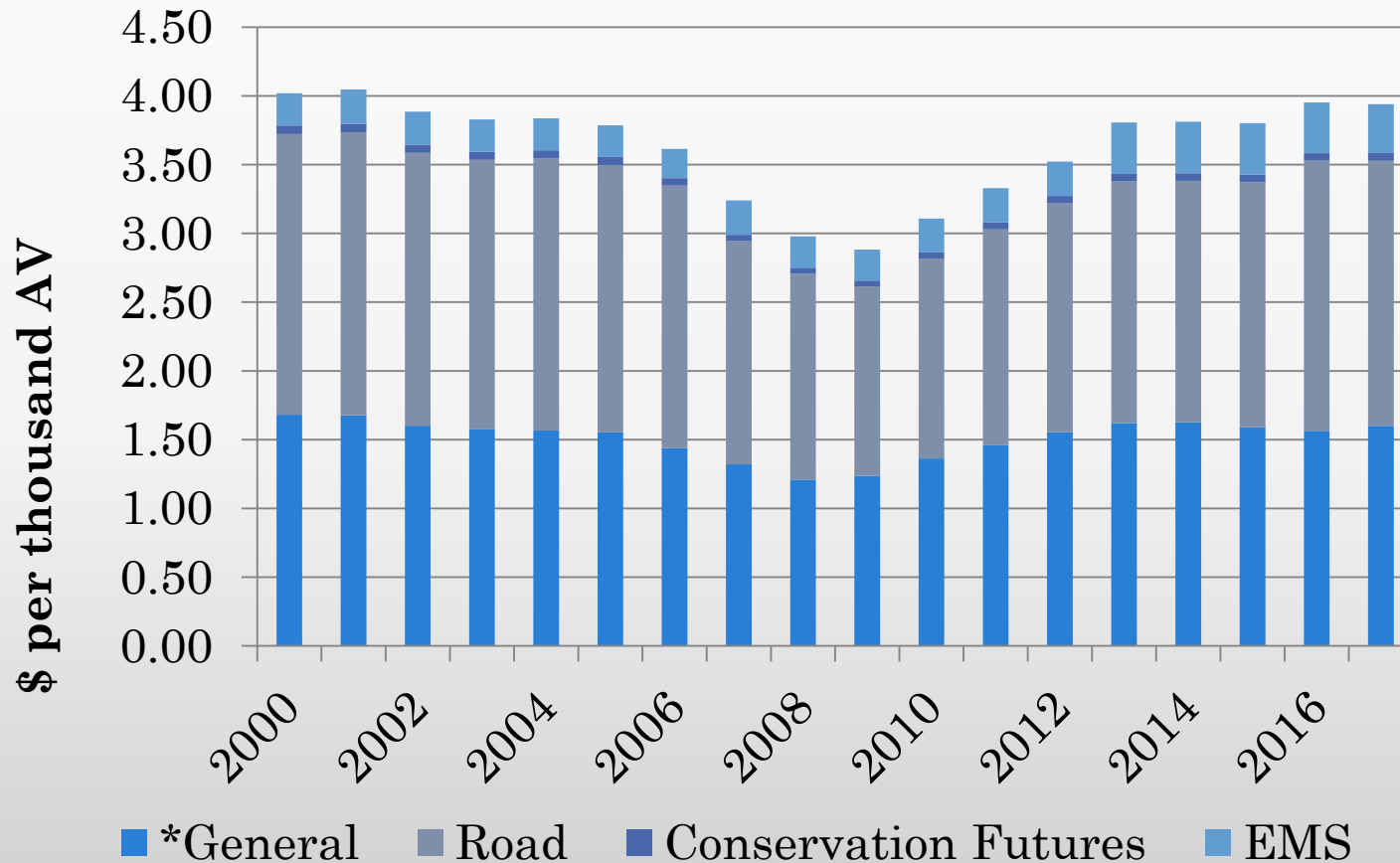


WHERE DOES OUR MONEY GO WITHIN THE COUNTY?



PROPERTY TAX LEVIES

Levy Rate History 2000 through 2017



ALL OTHER COUNTY FUNDS

- Special Revenue Funds
 - Account for resources restricted for a specific purpose other than debt or capital
- Debt Service Funds
 - Account for principal and interest payments on bonds
- Capital Funds
 - Account for resources used for acquisition or construction of capital facilities or other assets
- Enterprise Funds
 - Accounts for activities for which a fee is charged to external users
- Internal Service Funds
 - Provide services within our government, or to other governments, on a cost reimbursement basis



ALL OTHER COUNTY FUNDS

- 2016 Budget

Rev - \$124,794,422

Exp - \$161,686,953

- 2016 Projections

Rev - \$126,956,810

Exp - \$155,432,109

- 2017 Proposed Budget

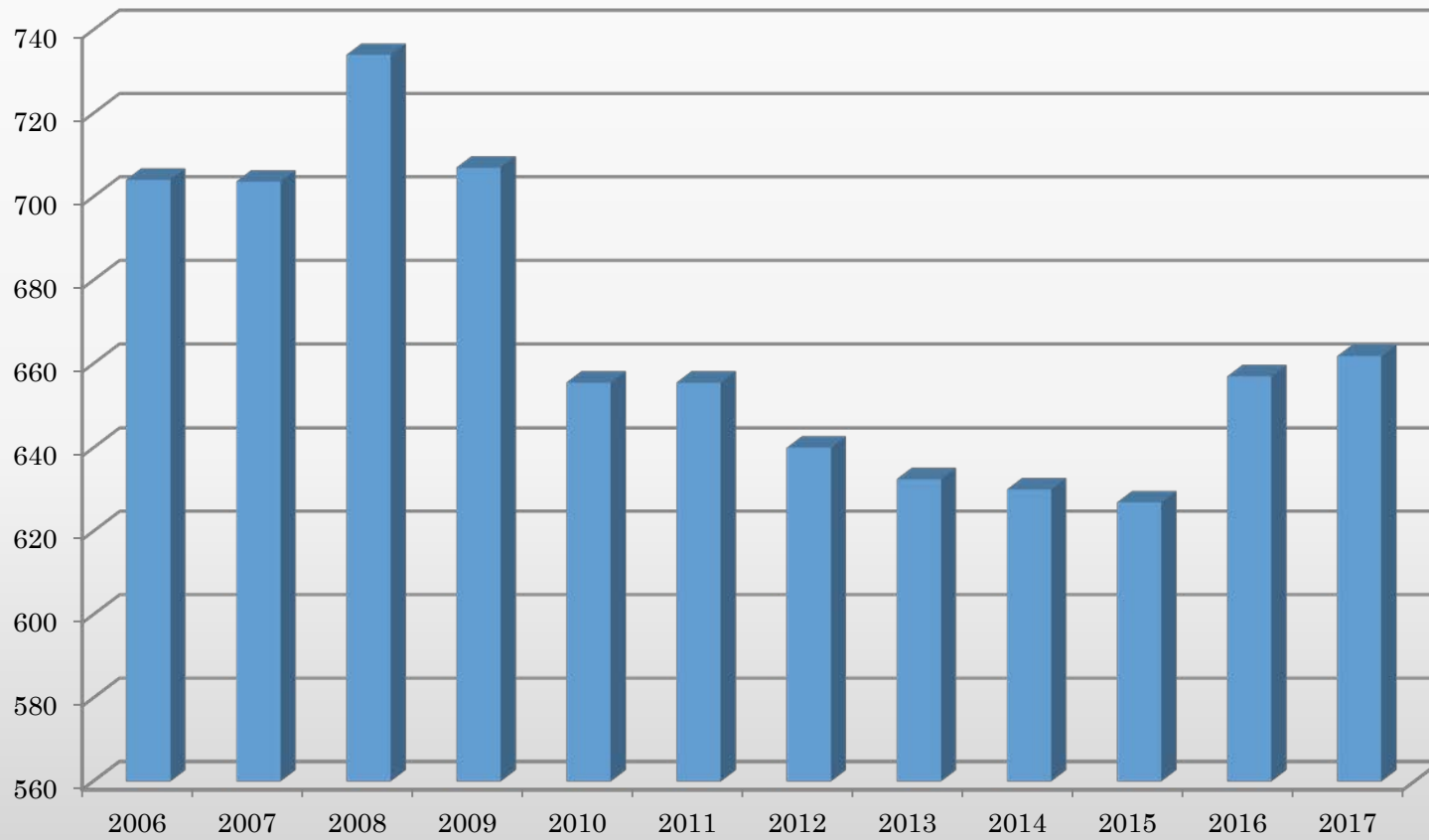
Rev - \$132,525,983

Exp - \$165,443,996



STAFFING HISTORY

Full Time, Regular Part Time, Elected Officials



WHAT'S NEXT?

- Public Hearing
- Final Budget and Levy Adoption
 - Tentatively Scheduled for December 19th at 10:30 am
- Commissioners' Hearing Room

