



Blount County Budget Committee

MAY 10, 2022

Budget Process



Partnering with Elected Official Offices and Department Directors

- Review historical revenue and expense
- Projections for remainder of FY 21/22
- Projections for FY 22/23

Budget Workshops

- Two all-day workshop meetings
- Requests related to operating and capital expenses

Individual Meetings with Budget Committee Members

- Review priorities seeking general consensus

Budget Themes



Staff Retention over new additions

- Pay equity is being impacted by actions of surrounding communities
- Need for a compensation and classification review

Commitment to Capital Planning

- 3-year planning process

Budget Details - Expense



Increased pay needed to retain General County staff

- Certified Blount County Sheriff's Office (BCSO) staff to receive the equivalent of five 2.5% movements on the pay scale
- All other General County staff to receive the equivalent of three 2.5% movements on the pay scale
- In both cases, the increases will be a combination of cost of living and step adjustments

Additional requests were approved sparingly by committee agreement

- This holds true for operational as well as capital expenses

Budget Details - Revenue



Value of the Penny

- Originally set at \$401,400
- Adjusted to \$407,200 due to reported increases in personal property valuations

Contracts with Blount County Sheriff's Office

- Negotiated contracts to cover current expenses resulting in additional revenue

Fund Balance

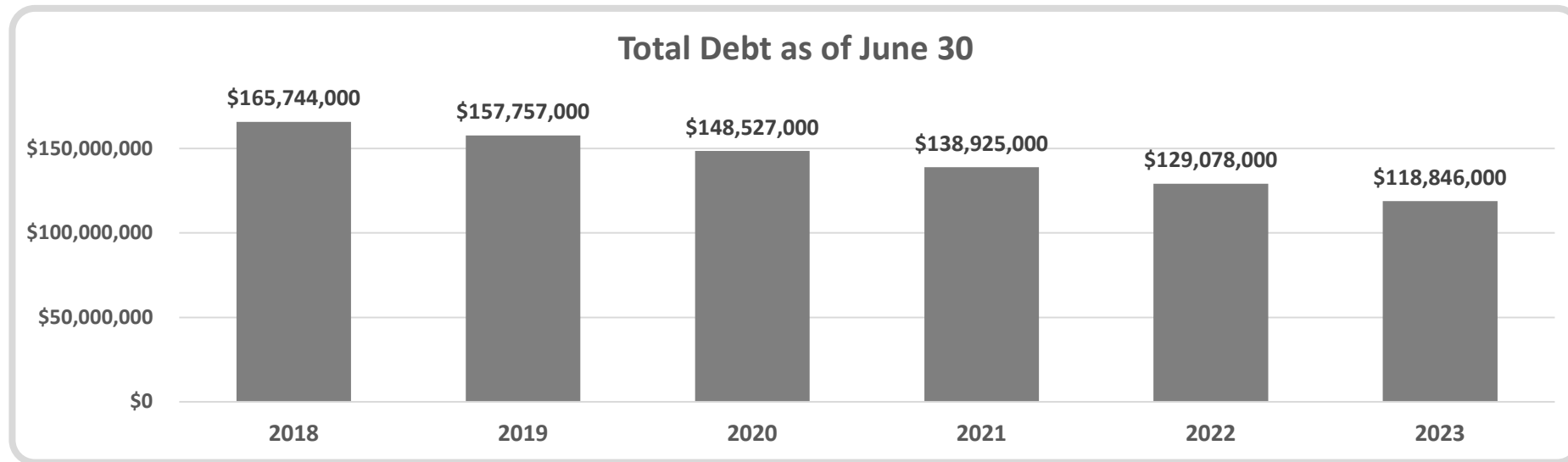
- Used only for planned one-time projects in Fund 189 and Fund 112

Debt Service Fund – 131



County Debt:

- Principal debt continues to be paid down
- The cost of debt is decreasing
- Debt Service Fund has realized an increase in sales tax revenue



Recommended Tax Rate Allocation



Tax Rate Comparison

TAX RATE COMPARISON			
Fund	2021 Actual	2022 Actual	2023 Recommended
Gen. County	\$0.88	\$0.88	\$0.98
Schools	\$0.98	\$0.98	\$0.98
Debt Service	\$0.44	\$0.44	\$0.34
Educ. Capital Proj.	\$0.14	\$0.14	\$0.14
Gen. Admin. Cap. Proj.	\$0.03	\$0.03	\$0.03
TOTAL	\$2.47	\$2.47	\$2.47

Blount County Revenues

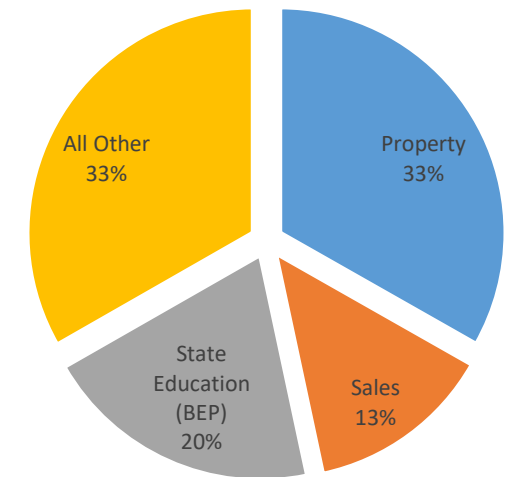
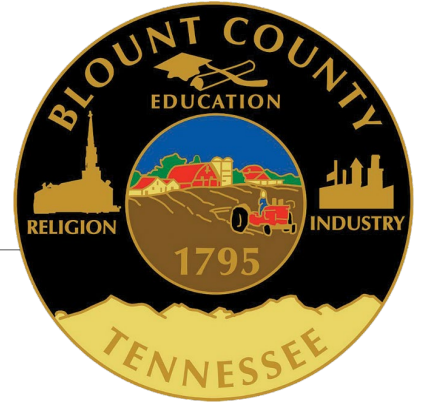


Exhibit with all Revenues attached to the recommended resolution

Recommended Appropriation



Major Funds Summary

Fund	Revenue	Expense
General County	\$67,919,984	\$67,776,003
Library	\$2,663,559	\$2,663,559
Highway	\$9,467,300	\$9,325,664
Debt Service	\$17,495,150	\$17,413,738
Education	\$105,600,000	\$105,600,000

Total FY 22/23 Appropriation included in Recommended Appropriation

Recommended Additional Requests

General Fund 101



	Department	Recommended	Description
1	Other Gen Admin	(\$75,000)	Reimbursement
2	Other Gen Admin	(\$50,000)	Reimbursement
3	Other Gen Admin	(\$25,000)	Offset by EMS damages
4	Other Gen Admin	(\$25,000)	Offset by EMS damages
5	Other Gen Admin	\$75,000	FirstWatch software (reimbursed by Ambulance Vendor)
6	Other Gen Admin	\$50,000	Contract w/ Medical Director (reimbursed by Amb vendor)
7	Other Gen Admin	\$25,000	EMS System Audit (pos offset by EMS damages)
8	Other Gen Admin	\$25,000	EMS System Quality Assurance (pos offset by EMS damages)
9	Other Gen Admin	\$3,263	VFA Facility Software Lease
10	GIS	\$25,200	Salary Increase and GPS base station to better support GPS for 3 Governments
11	911	\$49,725	Salary & Benefit Adjustment
12	County Bldgs	\$19,833	Part time position
13	Purchasing	\$18,541	Supplement Purchasing new hire position
14	BCSO	\$70,510	1 Child Abuse Investigator
15	BCSO	\$40,000	Supplements for 10 more EMR certifications
16	BCSO	\$35,000	Supplies for 10 more EMR certifications (AEDs/jump bags)

Recommended Additional Requests Highway Fund 131



Department	Recommended	Description
1HWY	\$126,201	2-Utility Inspectors
2HWY	\$78,988	Move Transportation Planner from Development to Highway
3HWY	\$5,168	Add lead man responsibilities to 1-Equipment Operator IV
4HWY	\$7,483	Add facility tech responsibilities to the parts tech
5HWY	\$4,662	Promote mechanic to CDL Coordinator
6HWY	\$4,241	Add CDL training responsibility to 2-Equipment Operators
7HWY	\$11,488	4-employees to move from Equipment Op II to III b/c they have met the criteria for promotion.

Recommended Capital Outlay



Capital Outlay Summary

- Individual capital items included in Exhibit with the Recommended Resolution
- Education project estimates unknown allowing for budgeted surplus

Fund	Revenue	Expense
Education Capital Projects	\$6,178,000	\$0
Highway Capital Projects	\$3,312,000	\$3,312,000
General Capital Projects	\$3,610,230	\$3,610,230

Next Steps



May 20, 2022 – Public Notice Published

June 6, 2022 – Public Hearing and next Budget Committee

June 16, 2022 – Commission to consider recommended budget

Begin Compensation and Classification Study

Continue ARPA Process and Projects