

Financial Forecast

A budget is a plan that develops and allocates the County's financial resources to meet community needs for both the present and the future. Long range planning consists of many elements across the county. Each elected and director spends many hours planning for their individual areas.

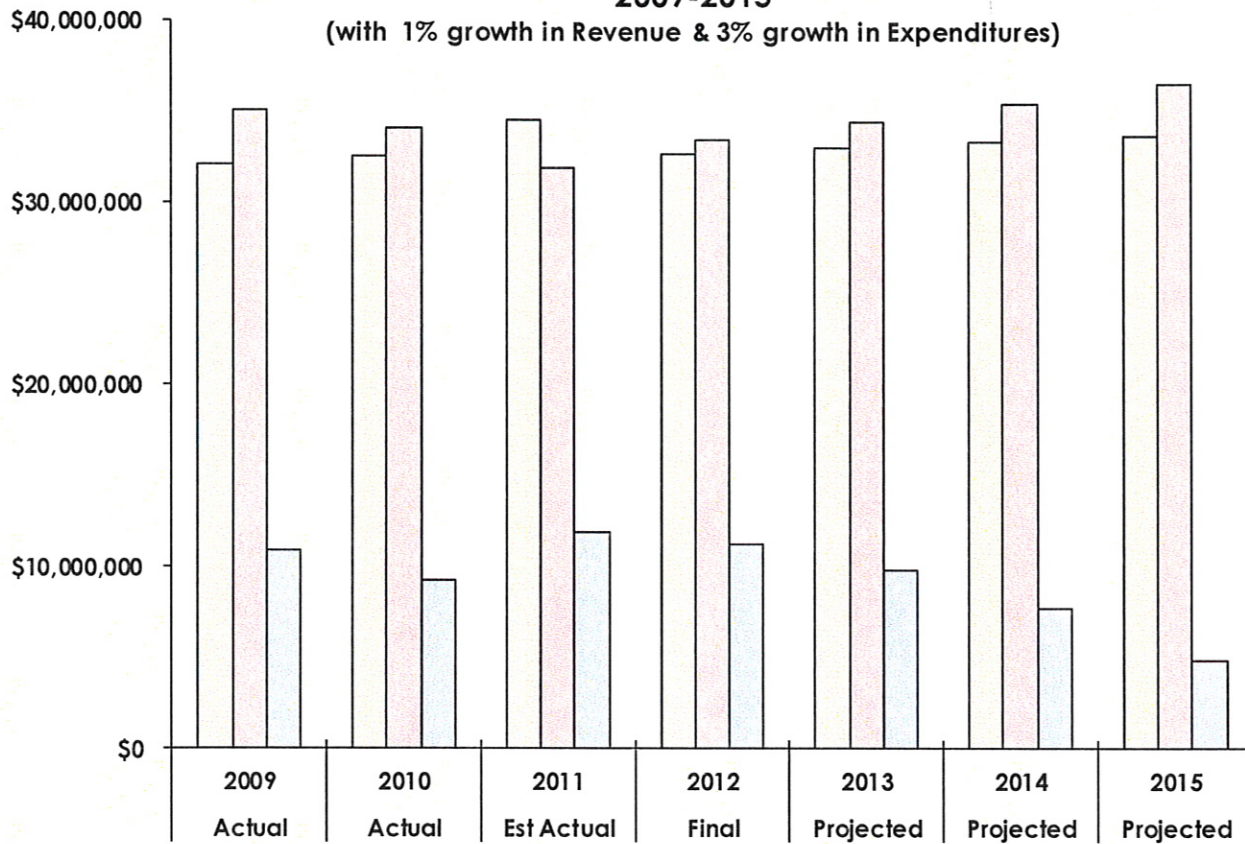
The following graph of the Current Expense Fund depicts actual past revenue and expenditures as well as one example of future probabilities. This graph does not show actual future events but attempts to forecast a reasonable scenario. The Current Expense Fund, or General Fund, is the main operating fund for the County. In order to predict future revenue and expenditures for the purpose of long-range planning the following graph has been provided. Since revenue has decreased or been flat for the past few years the future growth expectation has been limited to 1%. The expenditure forecast shows future growth at 3%. This cost increase is conservative as past years have grown as much as 8-11%.

As seen in this scenario revenue growth is not keeping up with expenditure growth. The County has used reserves over the past few years to balance the budget. This cannot continue indefinitely as reserves would soon run out. County elected officials continue to look for new revenue sources as well as cost savings during the budget process each year.

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Financial Forecast 2009-2015

(with 1% growth in Revenue & 3% growth in Expenditures)



	Actual	Actual	Est Actual	Final	Projected	Projected	Projected
	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Beg. Fund Balance	13,792,636	10,876,432	9,255,566	11,870,850	11,155,441	9,766,169	7,676,293
Revenue	32,117,131	32,474,047	34,469,219	32,620,052	32,946,253	33,275,715	33,608,472
Expenditures	35,033,335	34,094,913	31,853,935	33,335,461	34,335,525	35,365,591	36,426,558
Ending Fund Balan	10,876,432	9,255,566	11,870,850	11,155,441	9,766,169	7,676,293	4,858,207
Use of Reserves	-2,916,204	-1,620,866	2,615,284	-715,409	-1,389,272	-2,089,876	-2,818,086

NOTES:

2010 and 2011 revenue includes a \$1 million Shift of property taxes from the Roads fund
 2012 Revenue decreases without a \$1 million shift from Roads but is offset by increases for sales and timber taxes
 2011 expenditures are reported as of 2/16/2012.
 2012 Final budget adopted 12/5/2011
 2013-2015 Revenue projection increased by 1%
 2013-2015 Expenditure projection increased by 3% per year