



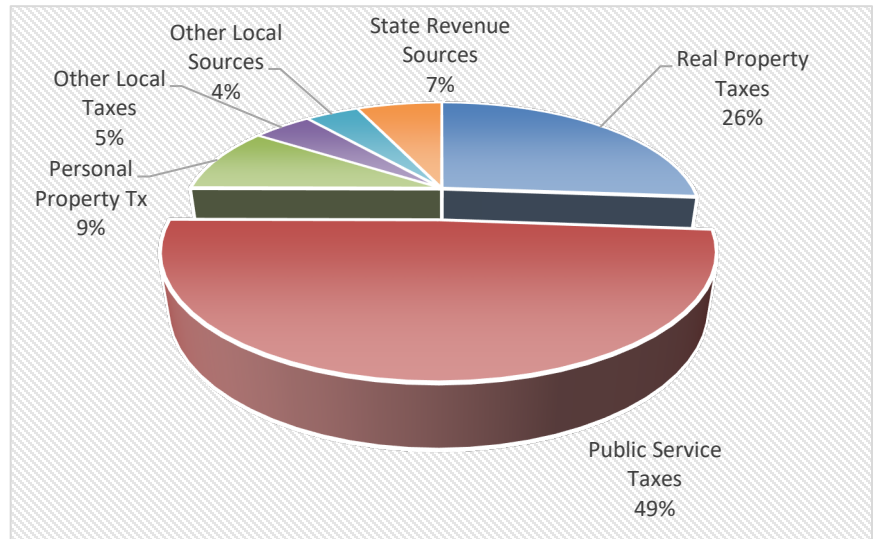
# BUDGET YEAR 2025-26

The Surry County Board of Supervisors adopted the FY 25-26 Operating and Capital Budget at the May 8, 2025, meeting. This brief snapshot will illustrate the major revenue sources that will be used to deliver services. It will also list key components impacting the budget, CIP initiatives and a few key facts about county budgetary operations. The real estate tax rate for FY 25-26 remained the same - \$0.71 cents per \$100 of assessed value. Personal property was adopted at \$3.75 per \$100 of assessed value.

## GENERAL FUND BUDGET – \$36.5 MILLION - WHERE THE MONEY COMES FROM & HOW IT IS SPENT

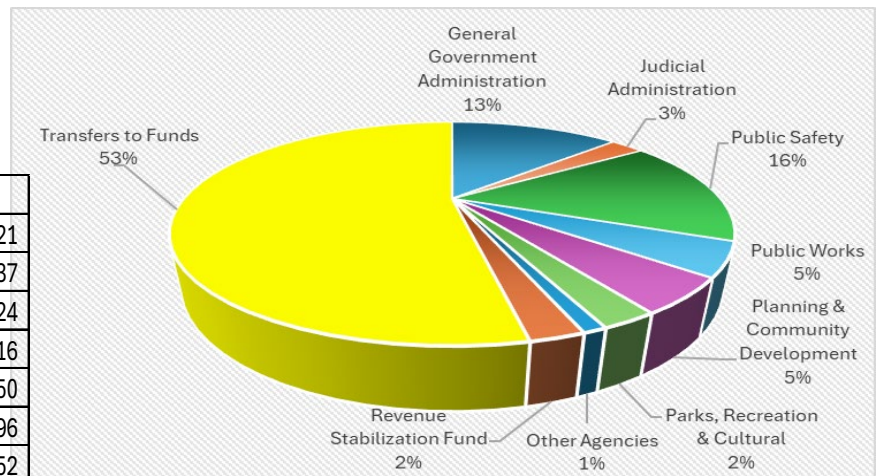
### REVENUE

	FY 26 Budget
Real Property Taxes	\$9,590,000
Public Service Taxes	\$17,863,853
Personal Property Tx	\$3,456,869
Other Local Taxes	\$1,687,000
Other Local Sources	\$1,536,324
State Revenue Sources	\$2,437,564
<b>TOTAL GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>\$36,571,610</b>



### EXPENDITURES

	Proposed FY 25-26
General Government Administration	\$ 4,751,921
Judicial Administration	930,137
Public Safety	5,698,224
Public Works	1,747,616
Planning & Community Development	1,795,050
Parks, Recreation & Cultural	924,696
Other Agencies	383,452
<b>GF Operating Costs</b>	<b>\$ 16,231,097</b>
Revenue Stabilization Fund	\$ 879,848
Transfers to Funds & CIP Reserves	\$ 19,460,666
<b>Total General Fund</b>	<b>\$ 36,571,610</b>



Monetary transfers of \$19.46 mil are made from the general fund to other funds: CIP - \$1.18 mil, Social Services - \$475,000, CSA - \$230,000, School Fund-\$13.99 mil, EDA - \$127,667, Debt Service - \$2.28 mil and Water and

Sewer - \$60,000. Also included is \$1.10 mil reserve fund for one time PP tax Revenue. The General Operating Budget, excluding transfers, is \$16.23 mil. This amount is used to support the daily operations of services such as salaries, fringe benefits (approximately 55%), contracts, maintenance, trash disposal, care of animals, programs and activities for seniors, youth and families, tourism promotion, round the clock ambulance care, 911 communications, supplies, liability and property insurance, advertising, fuel, care of prisoners, electricity, support to volunteer fire depts and other agencies (library, health department, improvement association, planning districts.), and other expenses.



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## REVENUE FACTS & FIGURES

1. Revenue from real estate taxes is \$9.59 million. This increased over last year primarily due to the assessment of land and property) based on assessed values from limited scope reassessment. Of this amount, \$552,000 or 5.8% comes from the tax assessments on solar farm operations. Public Service revenue (100% sales ratio on public service) is budgeted at \$17.8 million, \$2.01 million over last year.



2. Revenue identified to support long term planning - \$2.18 mil

3. One cent on the tax rate generates approximately \$384,000. Of this amount, Dominion pays two-thirds or 66.6% and property owners pay one-third or 33.4%.

4. Other primary local sources include Local

sales taxes (\$1,150,000), Business licenses (\$150,000), Meals Taxes (\$155,000), interest revenue (\$400,000), business licenses (165,000) shared services revenue from inspection services (\$250,000), ambulance billing recovery (\$325,000) and marina boat slip and fuel sales (\$115,000).

New to the Budget:

**Personal Property Tax Rate Lowered** – The Board approved a historic reduction in the Personal Property tax rate by \$0.25 cents to \$3.75 per \$100 of assessed value, equating to additional tax relief of \$183,000.

- ❑ Revenue budgeted for solar farm operations siting agreement is \$260,400. This helps to support the three cents dedicated from the tax rate to support ongoing cash funded capital improvements.
- ❑ The County provides tax Relief for the elderly & disabled veterans- for tax year 2025, approximately \$225,000, an increase from \$146,000 in tax year 2021.
- ❑ Surry's Tax rate at \$0.71 cents is the same rate since 2016. The rate changed to \$0.77 cents in 2021 when the ratio dropped to 95% and to \$0.72 cents in 2022. The rate changed to \$0.71 cents in 2023.

5. Intergovernmental revenue comes from the state - \$2.43 million. Most of the revenue is two sources: Compensation Board revenue for constitutional officers - \$1.5 million and \$677,000 from personal property tax relief. The funding from the compensation board to fund Sheriff, Commonwealth Attorney, Commissioner of the Revenue, Treasurer and Clerk of court governmental functions does not fully cover the costs to operate these departments, and therefore the County supplements the cost to operate the services provided, both personnel and operating expenses. The same applies to the District Court and Registrar Offices.

## EXPENDITURE FACTS & FIGURES

1. Most of the local taxes collected from public service funds education of Surry County Public Schools. The transfer to the school system is budgeted at \$13.9 million. This is a 4.0% or \$530,000 increase over the current year's local appropriation. The state mandated a 3.0% increase for teacher salaries in the final budget recently passed in the General Assembly. This amount will support the

school district's efforts to keep parity within all positions in the school system and to meet the mandate to fund teacher pay. Because of the composite index of .80, the county receives very little state dollars to support mandates. Advocacy efforts to support lowering the composite index has been strong albeit no change in this year's state budget.

2. Major expenditures contributing to the general fund is public safety. The ambulance billing contract is \$1.095 million, or 3 pennies of the tax rate. To put this into perspective, FY 22-23 the cost was \$630,000. Both increased service hours and the personnel cost for contractual services have contributed to the increase.
3. The budget includes funding a minimum of 3.0% COLA to support the maintenance of a quality and sustainable workforce.



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## CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT BUDGET – FACTS & FIGURES



Capital Projects Budget	
<b>Revenue</b>	
Transfer from General Fund	\$1,180,964
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$1,180,964</b>
<b>Expenditures</b>	
General Administration	\$405,500
Facility Maintenance	\$521,005
Public Safety	\$169,459
Community Development	\$85,000
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$1,180,964</b>

## SURRY TRADITIONALLY HAS HAD A GOOD TRACK RECORD OF CASH FUNDING CAPITAL PROJECTS

CASH FUNDED PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS - LAST FIVE FISCAL YEARS		
(Not inclusive of all projects)		
FYE 2020		
Resurfaced High School Rool	Facilities/Infrastructure	\$ 1,430,618
School Bus Replacement	School - Transportation	\$ 159,996
FYE 2021		
Broadband Accessibility	Economic Development	\$ 1,750,000
Medic Unit Replacement	Public Safety	\$ 260,000
CAD/Record Management System	Public Safety	\$ 93,516
Fire Surpression System	Public Safety	\$ 300,000
FYE 2022		
Middle and High School HVAC Upgrades	Facilities/Infrastructure	\$ 684,400
LPJ Fire Surpression System	Public Safety	\$ 275,000
Well Replacement Middle School	Facilities/Infrastructure	\$ 150,000
FYE 2023		
Financial Software System Replacement	Government Operations	\$ 100,000
Solid Waste Site Improvements	Facilities/Infrastructure	\$ 70,000
FEY 2024		
Police Vehicles	Public Safety	\$ 220,500
Building Acquisiton	Government Operations	\$ 262,500
Surry Volunteer Fire Dept Pumper	Public Safety	\$ 548,763
Solid Waste Truck	Government Operations	\$ 234,500
Ambulance Replacement	Public Safety	\$ 398,378
Dendron VFD Apparatus & Mini Pumper	Public Safety	\$ 414,291
FYE 2025		
Paving-Government Facilities & Library	Facilities/Infrastructure	\$ 186,320
Security Access Control System	Facilities/Infrastructure	\$ 560,416
Paving Solid Waste Sites	Facilities/Infrastructure	\$ 393,300
Compactor Solid Waste Sites	Facilities/Infrastructure	\$ 40,000
HRSD Sewerline Extension	Facilities/Infrastructure	\$ 320,000
HVAC repairs/replacements	Facilities/Infrastructure	\$ 93,593
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$ 8,946,091</b>

### Capital Improvement Planning (CIP):

- One-year approach with \$1.1M funded from local revenue
- Projects include body-worn cameras, court filing systems, police vehicles, fire station repairs, software replacement for tax billing, other technology upgrades and water infrastructure planning

### Policy Considerations:

- Addressing rural service delivery challenges while managing growth
- Continuing tax relief for elderly and disabled citizens; a tax rebate/credit is under consideration to apply to the December 2025 real estate tax bills.
- Aligning expenditures with strategic initiatives to build a resilient, service-oriented government