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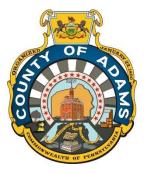
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The Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA) presented a Distinguished Budget Presentation Award to Adams County, Pennsylvania, for its Annual Budget for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2024. In-order to receive this award, a governmental unit must publish a budget document that meets program criteria as a policy document, as a financial plan, as an operations guide, and as a commutations guide.

This award is valid for a period of one year only. We believe our current budget continues to conform to program requirements, and we are submitting it to GFOA to determine its eligibility for another award.

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# Commissioners of Adams County

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To the Citizens of Adams County:

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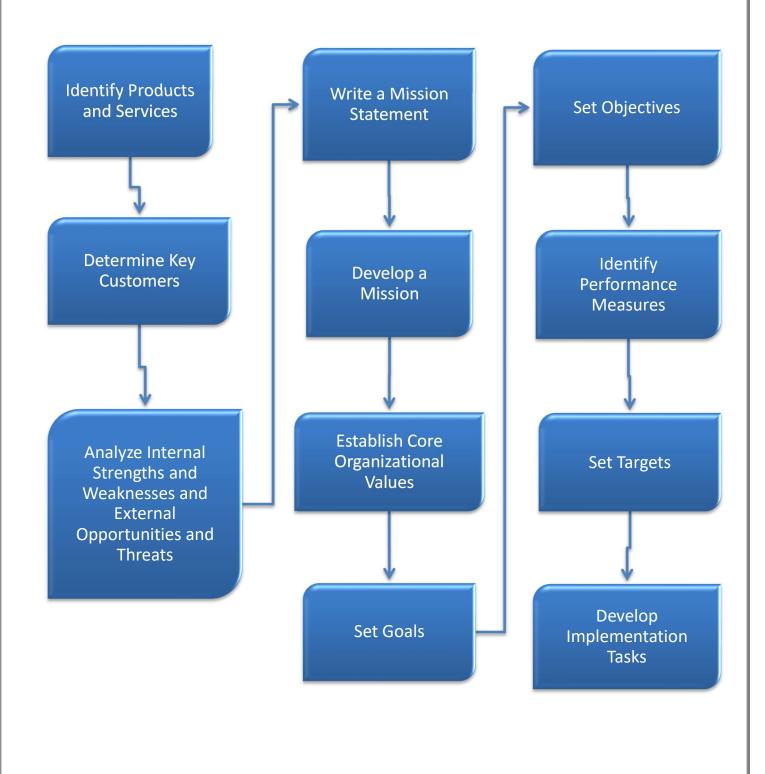
# **Strategic Plan**

During 2009, the County hired a consultant to assist in developing the Strategic Financial Plan. The consultant's performed an assessment and then began creating various committee's made up of departments and management team members, to assist in carrying out the approved recommendations. The consultants worked with Committees and Management in creating County goals, departmental goals, and key initiatives/outcomes. In addition, a steering committee was created by selecting and identifying members of the Community to represent key stake holders to provide citizen input for the plan.



The diagram on the following page presents the Adams County Strategic Plan. This section describes what the Strategic Plan is and why it is important for Adams County's future. The Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, and Challenges sections explains how Adams County perceives its internal strengths, internal weaknesses, external opportunities, and external challenges. It describes the County's vision and its mission, and the goals that the County wants to achieve. It explains objectives that help move the County towards its goals, and ways to measure progress in accomplishing the objectives. The Plan section also includes a list of specific initiatives to accomplish the objectives. The Implementation section provides the plan approach along with the roles of the various departments.

Currently, the County is working on a plan to update the Strategic Plan and bring it forward to align strategically with the significant growth that has occurred over the past ten years.



# 2025 ADAMS COUNTY BUDGET County Strategies

Goal 1: Efficient Government  Approach funding decisions with eye to minimizing property tax.

Follow budget best practices to maintain a good credit rating.
Promote quality, efficient, and effective county services.
Utilize outcome based measures to ensure efficient use of County funds.

# Goal 2: Conserve and Grow

• Conserve the resources needed to support the physical, social, and economic health of the County.

- Preserve agricultural lands.
- Retain & attract businessess for more economic development.
- •Decrease the number of structurally deficient County owned bridges.
- Plan for future growth.

# Goal 3: Criminal Justice

- •Utilize effective assessment tools to identify low risk offenders and prison alternatives.
- •Improve collection rates for court, costs, fines, and restitution.
- •Identify treatment needs upon entry to the criminal justice system.
- Collaborate with state and community resources to coordinate services

# Goal 4: Emergency Preparedness

- Deliver cost effective emergency reponse and preparedness services to the County via 9-1-1 center.
- Collaborate with first responders to have the most effective emergency response service.
- Pass all inspections, drills, training, certifications and simulation programs.

# Goal 5: Healthy Communities

- Protect the safety of our children
- •Partner with localities to promote a safe and clean environment.
- Provide Human Services to our citizens to better their way of life.
- Partner with local governments and groups to combat the opioid health crisis.

Colored boxes	Efficient	Conserve	Criminal	Emergency	Healthy
indicate which County Goal(s) each	Government	& Grow	Justice	Preparedness	Communities
group signifies	Goal 1: Promote	Goal 2:	Goal 3: Promote	Goal 4: Promote	Goal 5: Promote
	quality, efficient, &	Conserve natural	criminal justice	safety partnerships.	healthy
	effective County services.	resources and plan for future	process improvements.		communities and Human Services.
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<b>Department</b> Building & Maint.					
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County Complex					
Clerk of Courts					
Commissioners					
Controller					
Cooperative Ext.					
Coroner					
Court Admin.					
District Attorney					
Elections					
Emergency Srvcs.					
Budget & Purchasing					
Human Resources					
Information Tech.					
Planning					
Conservation District					
Prison					
Central Processing					
Protective					
Inspections					
Prothonotary					
Public Defender					
Register / Recorder					
Security					
Sheriff					
Solicitor					
Tax Services					
Treasurer					
Veterans' Affairs					
Victim Witness					

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	Goal 1: Promote quality, efficient, & effective County services.	Goal 2: Conserve natural resources and plan for future growth.	Goal 3: Promote criminal justice process improvements.	Goal 4: Promote safety partnerships.	Goal 5: Promote healthy communities and Human Services.
Department					
9-1-1 Telecomm.					
Children & Youth					
Independent Living					
Hazardous Materials					
Act 13 Bridge					
Liquid Fuels.					
Hotel Tax Fund					

# ADAMS COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

# Introduction

The County of Adams is situated in the south-central part of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, bounded on the east by York County, on the north by Cumberland County and on the west by Franklin County; the Maryland State line is its southern boundary. The County is 526 square miles in area and is part of the York Metropolitan Statistical Area (the "MSA") which is comprised of York and Adams counties. Gettysburg, the County Seat, is located 54 miles northwest of Baltimore, 78 miles northwest of Washington D.C. and 108 miles southwest of Philadelphia.

The County is a county of the Fifth Class under Pennsylvania laws, based on population. The County has 34 political subdivisions, including 13 boroughs and 21 second class townships.

The County's character is primarily residential and rural in nature. Gettysburg, which is the economic center of the County is surrounded by countryside rich in visual beauty and encompasses some of the East Coast's most productive agricultural area. Primary industries are tourism and agriculture.

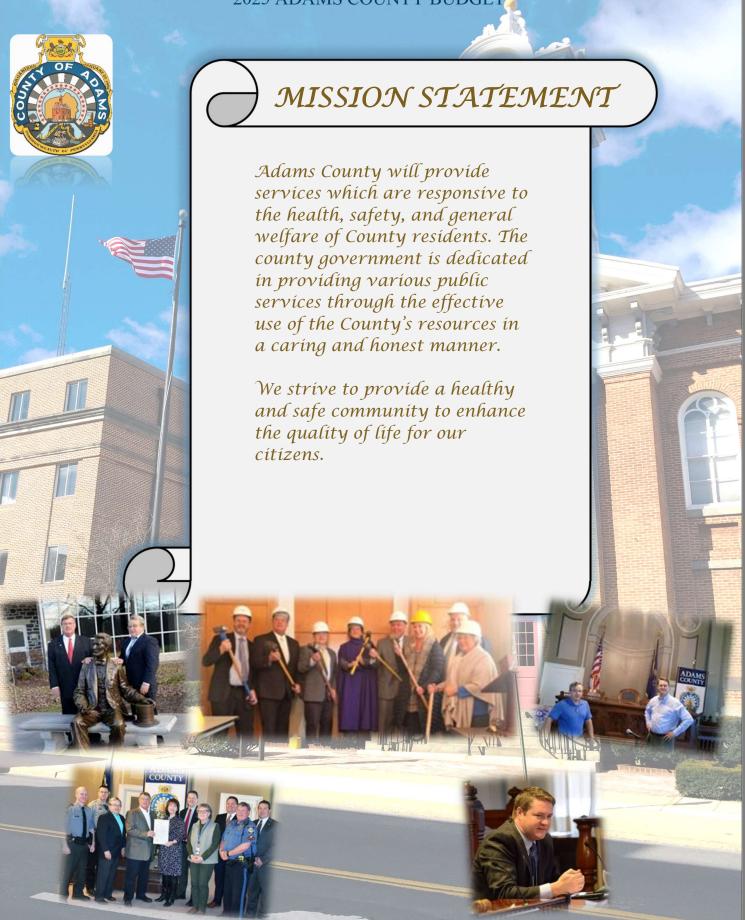
The Gettysburg area is also rich in history by its connection with some of the most important trends and events in our nation's growth. Gettysburg was an early gateway to westward expansion, the first settlers coming to the County in 1734. The region gained fame in July 1863 when the most destructive and decisive battle ever fought on American soil took place. The Battle of Gettysburg was the turning point of the Civil War and the Battlefield was later the site of Abraham Lincoln's famed Gettysburg Address. Today the Gettysburg National Military Park, situated on 3,500 acres, is the largest battlefield shrine in America. The U.S. Department of the Interior, National Park Service reported that 1.9 million people visited the Park in 2011.

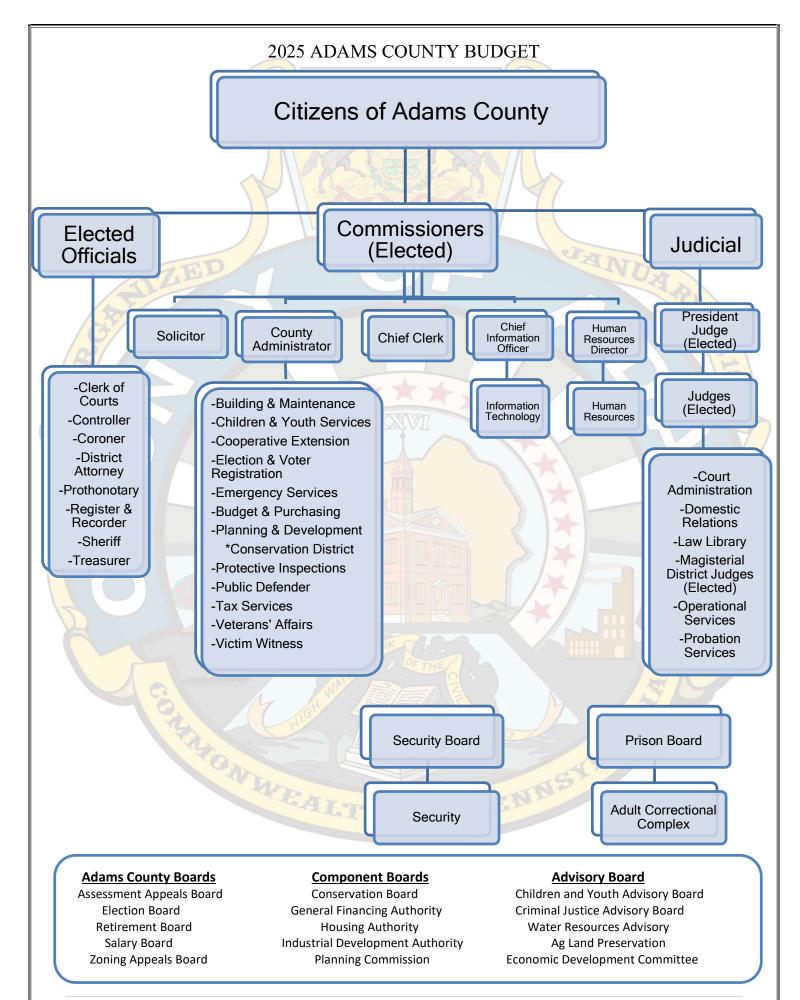
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Adams County residents have many opportunities to pursue recreational interests. Four Pennsylvania State Parks, with well-developed recreational facilities, serve Adams County, Gettysburg and surrounding communities. In addition, 15 miles to the south, Maryland's Cunningham Falls State Park and Catoctin Mountain National Park provide additional facilities. Numerous well-maintained campgrounds, many of which are equipped with swimming and other recreation facilities, surround Gettysburg.

Adams County is also served by the Country Clubs at Gettysburg and Hanover, and in addition to the public links at Caledonia State Park, seven golf courses are open to the public.

Throughout the year residents hold numerous fairs and festivals. The County's role as a major producer of fruit is celebrated twice a year at the Apple Blossom and the Apple Harvest Festivals in Arendtsville. The Gettysburg Theatre Festival is presented each summer on the campus of Gettysburg College. Gettysburg and East Berlin Boroughs contain large historic districts listed in the National Register of Historic Places.





# 2025 ADAMS COUNTY BUDGET County Commissioners

The three County Commissioners constitute the chief governing body of the County. The Commissioners are tasked with policy-making authority to provide certain local services and accommodations on a county-wide basis.

The commissioners are the sole contractors for the county; they approve contracts and purchases for all purposes expressly or implicitly authorized by law.

The County of Adams is a unitary governmental entity of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. The County acts as an agent for the Commonwealth on various functions as specified by Pennsylvania State law. These functions include the delivery of numerous human services and the administrative oversight of various health and public safety programs and the maintenance of various County bridges. In addition to these functions, the County of Adams is responsible for maintaining the Court of Common Pleas, the Minor Judiciary System, and specific offices charged with keeping records of legal and judicial proceedings. The services of the county commissioners began with the maintenance of the local judicial system and the local adult correctional complex.

The current Board of Commissioners were first elected in 2012 and since, have served three four year terms. They were re-elected to begin their fourth term in 2024

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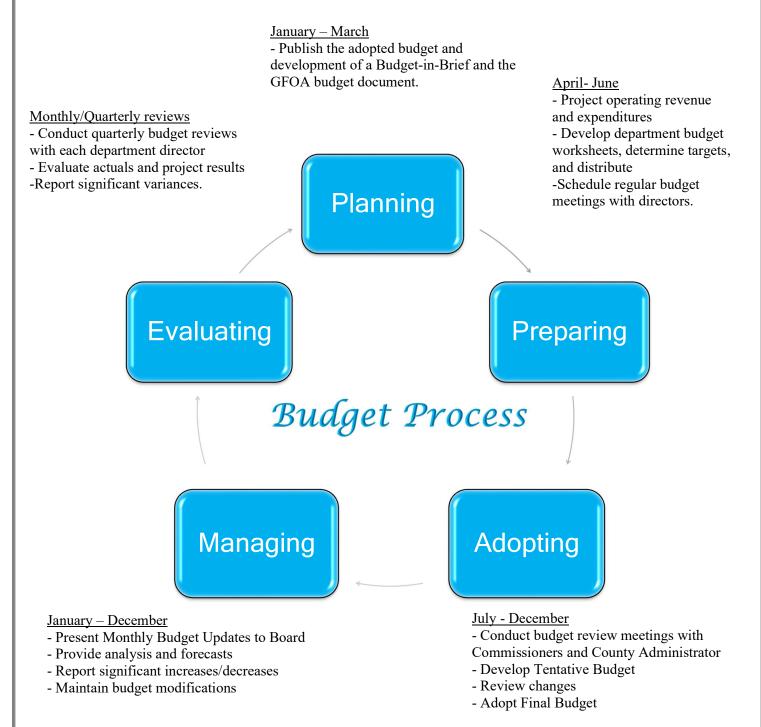
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# Budget Process

The County budget cycle is based on a calendar year and runs January-December. The County adopts the budget each December for the following year. April through June begins the first phase of the annual budget process, where timelines for the new budget year are developed and worksheets are distributed to departments for new requests. Once departments requests are received, projections and further analysis begin. During third quarter, a consolidated budget is developed from all the department worksheets and presented to the Board for review and discussion. After budget meetings, deliberation by the Board, and final changes, a Tentative Adoption occurs in mid-November. The Final Adopted budget occurs mid-December.



# 2025 ADAMS COUNTY BUDGET 2025 Budget Summary

2025 Duuget Su	•	-
Fund/Department	Revenue	Expenses
General Fund		
Building/Maintenance	2,750	2,328,394
County Complex	-	207,397
Clerk of Courts	951,667	922,790
Commissioners	1,252,505	8,756,259
Community Grants Project – ARRF	-	3,800,000
Broadband Project – ARRF	-	2,700,000
Controller	-	898,698
Cooperative Extension		604,688
Coroner	45,000	331,311
Courts Consolidated	2,101,773	10,896,180
District Attorney	379,898	1,979,345
Elections/Voter Registration	377,157	766,721
Emergency Services	155,310	499,977
Budget & Purchasing	-	589,780
Human Resources	20,456	679,304
Information Technology (IT)	1,440	2,022,305
Planning	382,700	1,856,948
Conservation District	736,500	1,158,482
Prison	2,511,737	16,865,966
Central Processing	440,000	1,102,579
Protective Inspections	9,000	114,742
Prothonotary	280,000	495,062
Public Defender	-	827,449
Register & Recorder	800,000	490,082
Security	50	660,363
Sheriff	231,600	1,888,360
Solicitor	-	579,741
Tax Services	53,544,153	3,866,316
Treasurer	896,245	385,963
Veterans' Affairs	-	267,221
Victim Witness	194,060	502,428
Transfers	1,475,833	5,773,862
General Fund Subtotals	66,789,834	74,818,713
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2025 ADAMS COUNTY BUDGET				
Department	Revenue	Expenses		
General Fund (cont.)		•		
General Fund Deficit	(1,528,879)	-		
Appropriated General Fund Balance	6,500,000	-		
Assigned Fund Balance	1,528,879	-		
Total General Fund	74,818,713	74,818,713		
Special Revenue Funds				
911 Telecommunications	2,450,010	4,182,843		
Children & Youth	8,466,205	9,983,135		
Independent Living	612,995	716,222		
Hazardous Materials	53,848	124,143		
Subsidy provided by General Fund	3,423,285			
Total Special Revenue Funds	15,006,343	15,006,343		
Hotel Tax Fund				
Hotel Tax Revenue	3,052,500	2,312,735		
Grants – Economic Development		330,000		
& Historic Preservation		126,000		
Hotel Tax Subtotal	3,052,500	2,768,735		
Transfer Out to General Fund		283,765		
Total Hotel Tax Fund	3,052,500	3,052,500		
Special Funds				
Act 13 Bridge Improvements	222,320	170,500		
Budgeted Surplus	51,820			
Liquid Fuels	572,350	1,000,500		
Transfer Out to General Fund	-	10,868		
Liquid Fuels Reserves	439,018	-		
Total Liquid Fuels	1,011,368	1,011,368		

# Total County Budget

94,111,244 94,059,424

# Total Capital Budget

\*The capital budget will be funded by approximately a portion of the 2020 Bond Proceeds (\$1.2M) and a contribution from the General Fund (\$1.7) for a combined total of \$2,927,577.

# 2,929,377

# **Budgeted Position Count**

	2023	2024	2025	Variance '24 to '25
Building and Maintenance	22	22	23	1
County Complex	2	2	1	(1)
Clerk of Courts	11	10	12	2
Commissioners	7	8	9	1
Controller	8	9	8	(1)
Cooperative Extension	3	3	2	(1)
Coroner	8	8	8	-
Court Consolidated	134	142	142	-
District Attorney	19	19	19	-
Elections/Voter Registration	4	6	6	-
Emergency Services	2	2	2	-
Budget & Purchasing	5	5	4	(1)
Human Resources	4	4	4	-
Information Technology	14	12	12	-
Planning	16	16	16	-
Conservation District	13	12	13	1
Prison	114	139	139	-
Central Processing	8	9	9	-
Protective Inspections	1	1	1	-
Prothonotary	7	7	7	-
Public Defender	8	8	8	-
Register and Recorder	8	8	8	-
Security	12	13	13	-
Sheriff	21	20	20	-
Solicitor	3	4	4	-
Tax Services & Tax Collectors	48	47	47	-
Treasurer	6	6	6	-
Veterans' Affairs	2	3	3	-
Victim Witness	6	6	6	-
911 Telecommunications	37	37	37	-
Children and Youth Services	52	54	54	-
Independent Living	6	7	7	-
Hazardous Materials	1	1	1	-
Act 13 Bridge Improvements	-	-	-	-
Liquid Fuels	-	-	-	-
Hotel Tax	-	-	-	-
	612	650	651	1

\*This position count does not represent Full Time Equivalence (FTE). It represents budgeted position count per department.

#### **Summary of Budgeted Position Count**

The County showed an overall net increase of 1 position from the 2024 to 2025 budget. The County went from 650 budgeted positions in 2024 to 651 budgeted positions in 2025.

A common reason for the creation of the additional positions is that Adams County is growing. There have been increases in workload and demand for services. The County is cognizant that personnel levels must at times be adjusted to meet our required service levels.

The following breakdown outlines the specific personnel changes that were made:

#### **Position Changes**

#### **Building and Maintenance**

• This adjustment was to align the budgeted position to where the employee was being charged.

#### **County Complex**

• As mentioned under Building and Maintenance, this adjustment was to align the budgeted position to where they were being charged.

#### **Clerk of Courts**

• One Full Time Court Information Specialist is being added due to increased workload.

#### **Commissioners**

• One Full Time Special Projects position was added to the Commissioners' Office in 2024. This position was added to focus on Special Projects dealing with County operations and initiatives at the direction of the County Administrator.

#### **Controller**

• One Paid Intern position is not being budgeted for.

#### **Cooperative Extension**

• One Full Time position is being removed from the County payroll and is being assumed by Penn State University.

#### **Budget and Purchasing**

• One Paid Intern position is not being budgeted for.

#### **Conservation District**

• One Full Time Temporary Mosquito Borne Disease Monitor is being budgeted for due to the return of State Funding for this position.

# **Revenues by Department**

Department	2024 Final Budget	2025 Tentative Budget	Variance	% Change
Building and Maintenance	2,250	2,750	500	22%
County Complex	-	_	_	0%
Clerk of Courts	971,166	951,667	(19,499)	-2%
Commissioners	1,232,409	1,252,505	20,096	2%
Community Grants Project - ARRF	-	<u> </u>	-	0%
Broadband Project - ARRF	-	<u> </u>	-	0%
Controller	-	-	-	0%
Cooperative Extension	-	<u> </u>	-	0%
Coroner	40,000	45,000	5,000	13%
Courts Consolidated	1,968,622	2,101,773	133,151	7%
District Attorney	379,898	379,898	-	0%
Elections/Voter Registration	367,343	377,157	9,814	3%
Emergency Services	111,848	155,310	43,462	39%
Budget and Purchasing	-	-	-	0%
Human Resources	20,200	20,456	256	1%
Information Technology	1,340	1,440	100	7%
Planning and Development	391,700	382,700	(9,000)	-2%
Conservation District	693,500	736,500	43,000	6%
Prison	2,161,138	2,511,737	350,599	16%
Central Processing	440,000	440,000	-	0%
Protective Inspections	9,000	9,000	-	0%
Prothonotary	280,000	280,000	-	0%
Public Defender	-	-	-	0%
Register and Recorder	900,000	800,000	(100,000)	-11%
Security	-	50	50	0%
Sheriff	242,600	231,600	(11,000)	-5%
Solicitor	140	-	(140)	-100%
Tax Services	46,198,979	53,544,153	7,345,174	16%
Treasurer	868,570	896,245	27,675	3%
Veterans' Affairs	-	-	-	0%
Victim Witness	200,561	194,060	(6,501)	-3%
911 Telecommunications	2,251,472	2,450,010	198,538	9%
Children and Youth	8,652,122	8,466,205	(185,917)	-2%
Independent Living	584,660	612,995	28,335	5%
Hazardous Materials	54,810	53,848	(962)	-2%
Act 13 Bridge Improvement	150,000	222,320	72,320	48%
Liquid Fuels	357,300	572,350	215,050	60%
Hotel Tax Fund	3,020,000	3,052,500	32,500	1%
Appropriated Fund Balance	3,557,916	1,528,879	(2,029,037)	-57%
Assigned Fund Balance	7,915,656	6,500,000	(1,415,656)	-18%
Transfer into the General Fund	1,344,352	1,475,833	131,481	10%
Bridge Fund Reserves	-	439,018	439,018	0%
Subsidy Provided	3,025,444	3,423,285	397,841	13%
	88,394,996	94,111,244	5,716,248	6%

# **Expenditures by Department**

Department	2024 Final Budget	2025 Tentative Budget	Variance	% Change
Building and Maintenance	1,943,324	2,328,394	385,070	20%
County Complex	264,303	207,397	(56,906)	-22%
Clerk of Courts	775,254	922,790	147,536	19%
Commissioners	8,426,403	8,756,259	329,856	4%
Community Grants Project - ARRF	4,500,000	3,800,000	(700,000)	-16%
Broadband Project - ARRF	2,800,000	2,700,000	(100,000)	-4%
Controller	861,102	898,698	37,596	4%
Cooperative Extension	604,969	604,688	(281)	0%
Coroner	255,930	331,311	75,381	29%
Courts Consolidated	10,591,565	10,896,180	304,615	3%
District Attorney	1,930,842	1,979,345	48,503	3%
Elections/Voter Registration	753,774	766,721	12,947	2%
Emergency Services	395,585	499,977	104,392	26%
Budget and Purchasing	556,535	589,780	33,245	6%
Human Resources	681,958	679,304	(2,654)	0%
Information Technology	1,835,366	2,022,305	186,939	10%
Planning and Development	1,783,086	1,856,948	73,862	4%
Conservation District	1,109,264	1,158,482	49,218	4%
Prison	15,576,592	16,865,966	1,289,374	8%
Central Processing	1,044,003	1,102,579	58,576	6%
Protective Inspections	109,608	114,742	5,134	5%
Prothonotary	516,048	495,062	(20,986)	-4%
Public Defender	807,046	827,449	20,403	3%
Register and Recorder	475,595	490,082	14,487	3%
Security	604,804	660,363	55,559	9%
Sheriff	1,916,265	1,888,360	(27,905)	-1%
Solicitor	529,325	579,741	50,416	10%
Tax Services	3,226,552	3,866,316	639,764	20%
Treasurer	364,294	385,963	21,669	6%
Veterans' Affairs	255,893	267,221	11,328	4%
Victim Witness	470,451	502,428	31,977	7%
911 Telecommunications	4,205,859	4,182,843	(23,016)	-1%
Children and Youth	9,600,451	9,983,135	382,684	4%
Independent Living	636,307	716,222	79,915	13%
Hazardous Materials	125,891	124,143	(1,748)	-1%
Act 13 Bridge Improvement	150,000	170,500	20,500	0%
Liquid Fuels	300,500	1,000,500	700,000	233%
Hotel Tax Fund	2,650,151	2,768,735	118,584	4%
Transfer out of General Fund	4,333,452	5,773,862	1,440,410	33%
Bridge Fund Transfer to General Fund	8,000	10,868	2,868	36%
Hotel Tax Transfer to General Fund	142,000	283,765	141,765	100%
	88,118,347	94,059,424	5,941,077	7%

#### **Highlights of the Budget Process**

The budget is designed to identify the needs of Adams County citizens for services to improve their quality of life, to quantify those needs, to categorize them into cost centers for accountability, and to determine the revenues which will be available to provide for those needs. The budget is used as a blueprint to allocate scarce resources. Citizen involvement is ongoing throughout the year, whether a resident calls the Commissioners' Office directly to schedule a meeting with the County Administrator or attend one of the public meetings held biweekly. The Commissioners are very active in the community and maintain communications with citizens, while attending various fund-raising events, community forums, etc.

A department's budget is comprised of three parts:

<u>Salaries and Benefits</u> – are calculated using the Human Resources' position control file and the adopted benefits package for each employee within a department. The Budget Office monitors position budgeting throughout the calendar year. The Budget Office verifies the calculation of overtime submitted by the department director.

<u>Operating Expenditures</u> – based off trends from previous years. Department directors submit their request for what they project the upcoming expenses will be for the budget year.

<u>Capital</u> – a request for these items is submitted in a separate budget packet, which will be presented to the Board of Commissioners for approval. Funding for the Capital Budget is separately adopted.

<u>Revenue Projections</u> – each department estimates based on their own knowledge. The Budget Office will prepare the estimated revenue projections based on previous years for all funds. Information provided by the departments assist in determining those projections. If a department forecasts a significant increase or decrease in revenues, the rationale behind such forecast should be clear, credible, and defensible.

<u>Expenditure Projections</u> – The County does zero based budgeting, but as with most anything, historical spending patterns are often a good indicator of future expenditures. Therefore, to assist in the preparation of the operating expenses, the budget program provides comparative data from previous years including real time information of activity in the current budget cycle.

The Budget Office reviews and prepares summary documents which detail the department's recommendations that include major changes in the budget, recommend new positions, capital purchases, planned new programs and projects, and any other significant expenditure changes. The Budget Office then meets with the Board of Commissioners and presents the information to them. The Board reviews the information, asks questions, and further refines the budget. Once satisfied with the budget, an advertisement is placed for a public hearing and copies are made available for review. The Board then adopts the budget after hearings are completed and final changes are made. It is then made available for Adams County citizens to view at any time.

#### **Highlights of the Budget Process - Continued**

#### **Basis of Budget**

The budgets of governmental fund types (General Fund, Special Revenue Funds, Special Funds, and Capital) are prepared on a modified accrual basis (see definition in Budget Policy on page 36). Under this method, revenues are recognized when they are both measurable and available to finance expenditures of the fiscal period covered by the budget. Expenditures are recognized in the accounting and budgeting period in which fund liabilities are incurred, with the exception of debt service which is recognized when due.

The County adopts its budget in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) and Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB). Reporting differences exist between the budget and the Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR) for the reporting of indirect costs, maintenance in lieu of rent, and allocated costs. These costs are charged to various federal and state programs based on a formal plan developed annually by the County. The Annual Report reports these expenditures in the funds benefiting from the services provided or as a reduction of expenses in the General Fund. For budgeting purposes, the expenditure reduction is classified as a General Fund revenue (Transfer from Other Funds) to support general government.

#### Level of Control

The County is legally required to maintain budgetary controls at the major function level. In practice, the County maintains budgetary control at the line-item level for grant funded accounts. Non-grant funded accounts are controlled at the categorical level. Appropriated budgets are integrated into the accounting system. Encumbrances, which are commitments related to purchase orders and contracts for goods and services not yet received, are recorded in the accounting system, and used as an element of budgetary control.

#### **Budget Adjustment Policy**

During the course of the year, departmental needs and priorities may change, emergencies may occur, or additional revenue may arise. As a result, funds may need to be transferred within the department's budget, additional revenues recognized, or the expenditure budget increased.

#### **Budget Amendments**

A budget amendment is necessary when an additional appropriation increases a department's total budget by recognizing additional revenue sources, a transfer from another fund, a transfer within a fund from the unappropriated contingency line item, or a transfer from one department to another department within a fund. Budget amendments require Board action approval as part of the Budget & Purchasing agenda at a public Commissioner's meeting.

#### **Budget Modification**

An internal budget modification is necessary anytime a request is made to move funds from one line item to another without changing the overall total of the department's budget. Budget transfers must be approved by the Department Head, the County Administrator, and the Board of Commissioners.

#### **Unused Funds**

Any appropriations which are unspent at the end of the year lapse into fund balance. This fund balance may be used to help balance future budgets or placed into reserve funds.

# **Fund Structure**

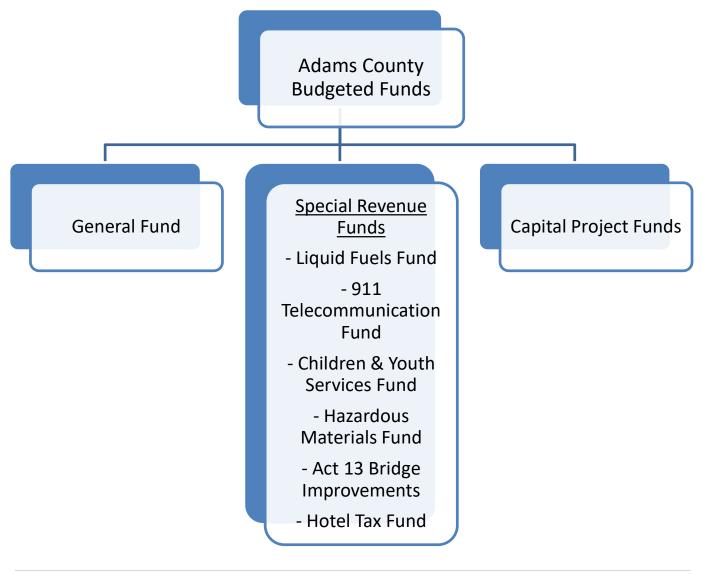
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#### Fund Structure (continued)

The following governmental type funds, which are included in the County's ACFR are excluded from this budget document, as they are not required by law to be budgeted, and are currently not being budgeted by the County: Juvenile Restitution, CDBG, Law Enforcement, Inmate Commissary, County Records Improvement, Home Grant, Coroner Visa, Act 13, Parks & Recs, Human Services Bldg., 911 Capital Projects, Domestic Relations, Ag Land Administration, Affordable Housing, Court Reserved, Capital Projects 2009, Capital 2013 Series A&B, and Capital Projects 2017 Series C.

In addition to the governmental type funds listed above the County does not pass a budget for either of its blended component units; Adams County Conservation District, Adams County Industrial Development Authority, its Internal Service Fund, or any of its Fiduciary Funds. As such, these funds and component units are, excluded from this budget document.

In addition to passing a budget for the General Fund, the County also passes a budget for the following special revenue funds: Act 13 Bridge Improvements, Liquid Fuels, 911 Telecommunications, Children & Youth Services, Hazardous Materials, and the Hotel Tax Fund. The County also passes a budget for its Capital Projects Funds.



Fund Structure (continued)

Purpose	Major Source of Funds
<b>General Fund</b>	
The <u>General Fund</u> is the County's primary operating fund. It accounts for the general operating activities of the County, except for those required to be account for in another fund.	Real Estate Taxes, Departmental Earnings, Federal and State Grants
<b>Special Revenue Funds</b>	
The <b><u>911 Telecommunications Fund</u></b> operates and administers the 9-1-1 emergency telephone system.	9-1-1 Fee Imposed, General Fund Appropriation
The <u>Children and Youth Services Fund</u> provides child protective social services.	Federal and State Grants, General Fund Appropriations
The <b><u>Hazardous Materials Fund</u></b> provides support to all first responders in the event of a hazardous materials incident.	Fees, Federal and State Funding, General Fund Appropriations
The <b>Liquid Fuels Fund</b> provides funds for projects to support construction, reconstruction, maintenance and repair of public roads or streets.	State Gasoline Tax, Federal Grants
The <u>Act 13 Bridge Improvements</u> provides bridge management services for the 40 County owned brides.	Marcellus Shale Impact Fee, State Funding
The <u>Hotel Tax Fund</u> is a special fund to support tourism in Adams County first authorized by the Pennsylvania Legislature in 2000 and thereafter adopted by the Board of Commissioners in 2001.	Hotel Room Reservation Tax
<b>Other Funds</b>	
<u>Capital Project Fund</u> (663) accounts for the financial resources used for acquisition and capital construction of major capital facilities in governmental funds	Used to track Capital Projects for Departments and funded by various sources, such as, GO Issues for Capital Improvements, General Fund, and Grant monies.
<u>Capital Projects Fund (666</u> ) represents the GO Issue of 2020.	Used for tracking capital projects eligible to be funded by the 2020 Bond proceeds from the GO 2020 Issue.

#### **Fund Types**

#### **Governmental Funds**

A group of funds that consists of General, Special Revenue, Capital Projects, and Hotel Tax Funds.

<u>General Fund</u> – The General Fund is the government's primary operating fund. It accounts for all financial resources of the general government, except those required to be accounted for in another fund. The majority of administrative, judicial, corrections, public safety, and other operating expenditures of the County are financed through revenues of the General Fund.

<u>Special Revenue Funds</u> – Special Revenue Funds are used to account for the proceeds of specific revenue sources (other than major capital projects) that are restricted to expenditures for specified purposes.

<u>**Capital Project Funds**</u> – Capital Projects Funds are used to account for the accumulation of resources for, and capital construction of major projects or facilities in the government.

**Hotel Tax Fund** - a special fund to support tourism in Adam County first authorized by the Pennsylvania legislature in 2000 and thereafter adopted by the Board of Commissioners in 2001.

#### **Proprietary Funds**-

Classification used to account for a government's ongoing organization and activities that are similar to those found in the private sector.

<u>Internal Service Funds</u> – Internal Service Funds are used to account for the County's self-insured risk management activities related to liabilities incurred as a result of workplace injuries.

**Industrial Development Authority** – A blended proprietary component unit to prepare for future building needs of the Adams County Economic Development Corporation.

#### **Major Funds**

Any fund whose revenues, expenditures/expenses, assets/deferred outflows, or liabilities/deferred inflows (excluding extraordinary items) are at least 10% of corresponding totals for all governmental or enterprise funds and at least 5% of the aggregate amounts for all governmental and enterprise funds, or any other fund that the government's officials believe is particularly important to financial statement users.

<u>General Fund</u> – The General Fund is the government's primary operating fund. It accounts for all financial resources of the general government, except those required to be accounted for in another fund. The majority of administrative, judicial, corrections, public safety, and other operating expenditures of the County are financed through revenues of the General Fund.

<u>Children and Youth Services Fund</u> – The Children and Youth Services Fund provides child protective social services to Adams County's children. A majority of this funding comes from Federal and State grants.

<u>9-1-1 Telecommunications Fund</u>– Operates and administers the 9-1-1 emergency telephone system as well as the radio towers.

### How Revenues and Expenditures are Classified

- Real Estate Taxes: Obligatory charges, based on the assessed value of real property, which are imposed to finance services performed for the common benefit of citizens.
- Federal, State, and Local Grants: Funding for a specified program or purposed. Grants are also known as intergovernmental revenues.
- Departmental Earnings: User fees, fines, court-related cost reimbursements, licenses, permits, and commissions paid by the Commonwealth to elected row officers for collecting various fees and charges are combined into this category for summary purposes.
- Interfund Transfers: Amounts received from another fund of the County with the purposed of matching intergovernmental revenue, contributing to programs.
- Appropriated Fund Balance: Unrestricted carry-forward balances authorized for appropriation, unexpended dedicated funding, and unexpended bond proceeds from the current year may be used to complement other revenue sources in the ensuing budget year.

Expenditures are classified by category of cost and by functional area. Categories are used for budgetary purposes which are comprised of the following:

- \* *Personnel:* Salaries, wages, FICA, and benefits.
- Operating: The costs of maintenance, professional, and contracted services, utilities, materials, and supplies.
- Capital Expenditures: Fixed assets having a useful life of more than twelve months and a purchase cost of more than \$5,000.
- Funds to Organizations: Appropriations or grants to other entities or non-profit organizations that provide services to the community.
- Interfund Transfers: Amounts transferred to another fund of the County to assist in financing the service provided by the recipient fund. The transfers may be contributory, payment for specialized services, or mandated as a condition of receiving federal or state funding.
- \* <u>Debt Service</u>: Principal and interest payments for general obligation long term debt.
- Allocated costs: Payments made to the General Fund for administrative, space, and depreciation cost by departments receiving federal and state grants.
- ✤ <u>Other Expenditures:</u> Contingency items and unappropriated funds.

#### Long Range Financial Planning

A long-range financial plan provides a "road map" for where the County wants to go financially and how it plans to get there, by combining financial forecasting with the Strategic plan. The long-range financial planning is intended to serve as a tool to identify challenges and opportunities, and to provide the Board of Commissioners with the insight required to address issues impacting the County's financial condition. The County's plan will have a multi-year planning horizon with three to five years of projecting current operations and addressing the following impacts of the long-range operating financial plan, as well as future years.

A long-range financial plan is needed as a communication aide for citizens, staff, and rating agencies. This plan clarifies the County's financial strategic intent and imposes discipline on decision makers by highlighting the cumulative effects of decisions.

By examining the five-year forecast, a couple of conclusions can be drawn. The first is that the County is faced with the reality that the growth in expenditures annually exceeds the growth in revenue. The realization that this imbalance has existed, and will continue to grow, challenges the County to address the growing issue. Department needs, such as staff and services, continue to create an increase in expenses for the department to perform adequately.

The second conclusion is that the projections give the County the opportunity to identify potential strategies to address the budgetary needs in meeting their strategic goals. It gives the County the time to evaluate and weigh different strategies to assess what is best for the County.

While on-going demands continue to place pressure on the operating budgets, the County is also facing challenges in funding Capital Budgets without utilizing some reserves. After 2019, the County began taking steps to find other resources to fund capital expenditures. The County began an initiative to revise and update the Capital Improvement Plan given the number of projects on the horizon. Although the County maintains healthy reserves for operations, borrowing will have to be considered to meet the demands of future CIP Plans.

#### Forecasting

During the yearly budget preparation, a model projecting future budgets is presented as well. Although these future years are projections, they serve to establish future budgetary baselines of current financial and budgetary decisions. This model does not assume any significant changes in revenues or expenditures when presented and is conservative, but proposed changes can be added to the model to evaluate and forecast the possible effects of those changes over time. Revenues and expenditures are estimated at the departmental and fund levels as well as overall surpluses or deficits. Providing these forecasts allows the County to determine short- and medium-term effects of proposed revenue or expenditure changes and determine if these effects would maintain a stable financial position. By employing the use of this statistical modeling, budgeted revenues and expenditures are expected to be relatively balanced in the short-range future.

#### **Financial Policies Purpose of Financial Policies**

One primary responsibility Adams County has to its citizens is to oversee public funds and promote wise management of government finances by providing adequate funding for services and maintenance of public facilities. The financial health and welfare of Adams County are highly dependent upon establishing and maintaining sound financial planning objectives and strategies of implementation. These financial management policies assist the decision-making process of the Board of Commissioners (BOC) and county administration. These policies also provide guidelines for evaluating both current activities and proposals for future programs and direct the County's financial resources toward meeting the goals and programs of the strategic plan. The implementation of wise fiscal policies enables the County officials to protect the public interest and ensure public trust and confidence.

The Finance Governance Team of Adams County is made up of representatives from each of the following departments: the Budget and Purchasing Office, the Controller's Office, and the Treasurer's Office. This team reviews cashflow on a regular basis making recommendations to the County Administrator and Board of Commissioners as it relates to operations. In addition, this team regularly reviews various financial policies on an ongoing basis to provide and ensure that these policies are relevant and adhere to current mandates. The Finance Governance Team promotes and attends a quarterly financial update meeting with the County's outside Financial Advisor, the Board of Commissioners, the County Administrator, and the County Solicitor.

Overall, the County's Budget complies with all relevant financial policies and philosophies presented in this document.

#### **Financial Philosophies**

County officials and management will ensure that sufficient financial resources are maintained to support and enhance economic opportunity, ensure public safety, preserve the natural environment, and protect our quality of life for the future efficiently and effectively.

This philosophy is incorporated into the County's day-to-day decision making through the adoption of financial objectives which are highlighted below. These objectives guide the decision making of the Board of Commissioners as well as County management.

- Direct the County's financial resources toward meeting the goals of the County's strategic plan.
- Ensure the County maintains a strong financial base sufficient to provide a consistent level of County services even in a changing environment.
- Keep the County in a fiscally sound position in both the short- and long-term.
- Maintain sound financial practices that meet all applicable standards and continually strive to improve fiscal operations.
- Maintain financial liquidity to meet typical operating and contingent obligations by establishing a minimum cash balance of 80 days of general fund expenditures.
- Provide a framework for the practical use of debt financing and maintain a high credit rating in the financial community while assuring taxpayers that County government is financially well managed and operated in a sound fiscal condition. Adams County is currently rated Aa2.
- Maintain internal control systems to provide a high level of assurance that financial information is accurately reported on a reliable and cost-effective basis.
- Set fourth operating policies that minimize the cost of government and financial risks.
- Guide the BOC and management on policy decisions that have significant financial impact.

#### Financial Philosophies (continued)

- Assess the condition of and maintain existing infrastructure and capital assets.
- Certify the County is able to withstand local and regional economic variations and adjust to changes in the service requirement of the community.
- Improve productivity and eliminate duplication of County functions through periodic review and evaluation of County programs.

This section contains information on the following key fiscal policies that apply to the budget development:

- 1. Operating Management Policies
- 2. Revenue Policy
- 3. Budget & Expenditures
- 4. Fund Balance Policy
- 5. Capital Outlay/Infrastructure
- 6. Debt Policy

#### **1. Operating Management Policies**

- Long-Term Financial Health – All departments will participate in the responsibility of meeting policy goals and ensuring long-term financial health. Future service plans and program initiatives will be developed to reflect current policy directives, projected resources, and future service requirements.

- Forecasts – Balanced revenue and expenditure forecasts will be prepared to examine the County's ability to absorb operating costs due to changes in the economy, service demands, and capital improvements.

- Alternatives to Current Service Delivery – Alternative means of service delivery will be evaluated to ensure that quality services are provided to our citizens at the most competitive and economical cost. Departments will identify all activities that could be provided by another sources and review options/alternatives to current service delivery.

- Cash and Investments – Cash and investment programs will be maintained in accordance with the County and the investment policy will ensure that proper controls and safeguards are maintained. County funds will be managed in a prudent and diligent manner with an emphasis on safety of principal, liquidity, and financial return on principal in that order.

#### 2. Revenue Policies

- **Dedication of Revenues** – Revenues will not be dedicated for specific purposes unless required by law or generally accepted accounting practices (GAAP). All non-restricted revenues will be deposited in the General Fund and appropriated by the budget process.

- **Financial Stability** – Current revenues will fund current expenditures and a diversified and stable revenue system will be developed to protect programs from short-term fluctuations in any single revenue source.

- **Grants** – Grant funding will be considered to leverage County funds. Programs financed with grant monies will be budgeted in separate cost centers and the service program will be adjusted to reflect the level of available funding.

#### 3. Budget and Expenditures

- **Budget Increases** – The budget process is intended to weigh all competing requests for County resources, within expected fiscal constraints. Requests for new, ongoing programs made outside the budget process will be discouraged. Appropriations requested after the original budget is adopted will be approved only after consideration of the elasticity of revenues such as taxes.

- **Budget Development** – Budget development will use strategic multi-year fiscal planning, conservative revenue forecasts, and modified zero-base expenditure analysis that requires every program to be justified annually in terms of meeting intended objectives.

- Current Funding Basis – Current operating expenditures will be paid from current revenues and fund balances carried forward from the prior year, after reserve requirements are met.

#### **Budget Policy**

The County budget is a financial plan of estimated expenditures and revenues for the coming year. The annual budget provides historical, current, and future comparisons of revenue and expenditures. The budget is outcome-oriented and will be developed and monitored based on available funding - Resources will be allocated based on prioritized results, and monitored based on goals, measures, objectives, and the related results.

Adams County's budget is developed based on the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania County Code with a few exceptions. The budget is the same basis of accounting as the major fund statements in the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report in which the County first published in 2019. Adams County has one budget year that runs on a calendar year.

The County will maintain a <u>balanced budget</u>. Revenues + Transfers + Fund Balance >= Expenditures.

Any appropriations that are unspent at the end of a budgetary year will lapse into the fund balance. The Commissioners approve any necessary amendments for roll-forward amounts by budget resolutions for capital projects and grants that expand multiple budget years.

The County Commissioners will be provided monthly interim budget reports comparing actual versus budgeted revenue and expense activity. This report is given by the Budget and Purchasing Office.

The Board of Commissioners, under Pennsylvania law, has the authority and responsibility for managing the county budget. In this role, the Commissioners assess the changing needs of the community and make periodic changes in the budget to meet these needs.

#### What is "Budgetary Basis"?

<u>Budgetary Basis</u> refers to the basis of accounting used to estimate financing sources and uses in the budget.

<u>Accrual Basis</u> is the method of accounting that recognizes the financial effect of transactions, events, and interfund activity when they occur, regardless of the timing of related cash flows.

<u>Modified Accrual</u> is the basis of accounting used in conjunction with the current financial resources measurement focus that modifies the accrual basis of accounting in two important ways: 1) Revenues are not recognized until they are measurable and available and 2) expenditures are recognized in the period in which governments in general normally liquidate the related liability rather than when that liability is first incurred (if earlier).

#### 4. Fund Balance

#### **Fund Balance Policy**

Adams County recognizes the significance of maintaining an appropriate level of fund balance as one component of sound financial management. An adequate fund balance level is an essential element in both short-term and long-term financial planning, and serves to mitigate future risks, sustain operations during economic downturns, and enhance credit worthiness. Through the maintenance of an adequate level of fund balance, the County can help stabilize funding for operations, stabilize taxes and fees, and realize cost savings in issuing debt. This policy is established on the modified accrual basis of accounting for government funds. Per the policy, Adams County maintains unrestricted fund balance of 80 - 100 days' worth of operating expenditures, which equates to approximately 25% of annual operating expenditures.

By maintaining a sufficient level of fund balance, the County:

- Reduces the need for urgent and significant increases in the County millage (tax) rate.
- Ensures the ability to effectively react with existing resources to emergency situations and unanticipated events.
- Avoids the need for costly tax anticipation notes.
- Exercises good fiscal management by permitting the development of a more responsible and responsive long-term financial plan.
- Maintains or improves a strong bond rating, thereby reducing future interest expenses.
- Maximizes investment earnings by maintaining adequate levels of cash and investments.

#### Definitions

A. <u>General Fund</u> – the County's general operating fund, which accounts for all governmental activities, unless required to be accounted for in another fund.

B. <u>Fund Balance</u> – the difference between assets and liabilities reported in a governmental fund. It serves as a measure of financial resources available for current operations. It is divided into five elements; Non-spendable fund balance, Restricted fund balance, Committed fund balance, Assigned fund balance, and Unassigned fund balance.

**1.** *Non-spendable fund balance* – Fund balance is only an approximate measure of liquidity. One reason is that some of the assets reported in governmental funds may be inherently non-spendable from the vantage point of the current period

**2.** *Restricted* – amounts constrained to specific purposes by their providers (such as grantors, bondholders, and higher levels of government), through constitutional provisions, or by enabling legislation.

**3.** *Committed* – amounts constrained to specific purposes by a government itself, using its highest level of decision-making authority; to be reported a committed, amounts cannot be used for any other purpose unless the government takes the same highest-level action to remove or change the constraint.

**4.** *Assigned* – amounts a government intends to use for a specific purpose; intent can be expressed by the governing body or by an official or body to which the governing body delegates the authority; for all funds except the general fund, assigned fund balance is the residual fund balance classification.

**5.** *Unassigned* – amounts that are available for any purpose; positive amounts are only reported in the general fund.

#### 5. Capital Management

#### **Capital Improvement Plan Policy**

This policy is to provide procedures for the development, approval, and publication of Adams County's ten (10) year plan for Capital Improvements. This policy applies to all projects undertaken by the County that meet the definition of a capital improvement.

#### Definition

A. <u>Capital Improvement Plan (CIP)</u> – A ten-year rolling plan identifying capital projects to be funded during the planning period. The CIP identifies each proposed capital project to be undertaken, the year the project started, the amount of funds expected to be expended in each year of the CIP, the total cost impact of the project, and the way the expenditure will be funded.

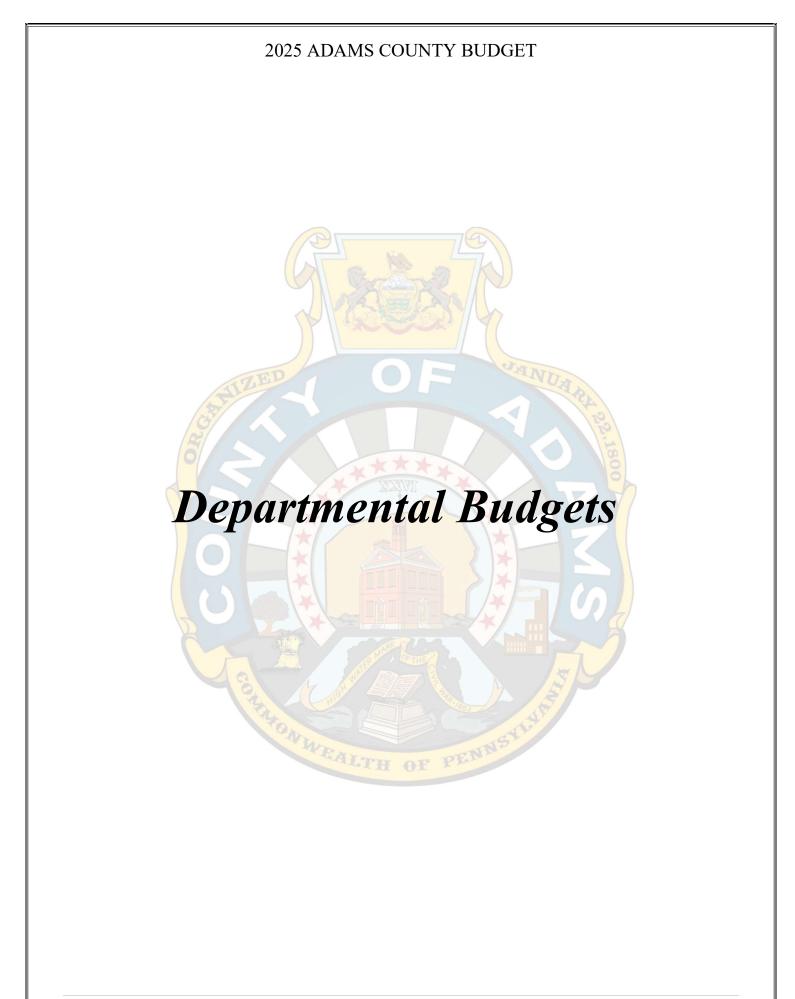
B. <u>Capital Improvement Project</u> – A capital project is a public improvement that involves construction of new infrastructure, additions to existing structures, renovation of existing structures, and major repairs to infrastructure of a comprehensive and non-routine nature. A capital project is defined in financial terms as a project with a projected cost of at least \$50,000 and is a non-recurring expense. Studies which cost less than \$50,000 but are preparatory to a project with a projected cost of at least \$50,000 will be defined as capital projects.

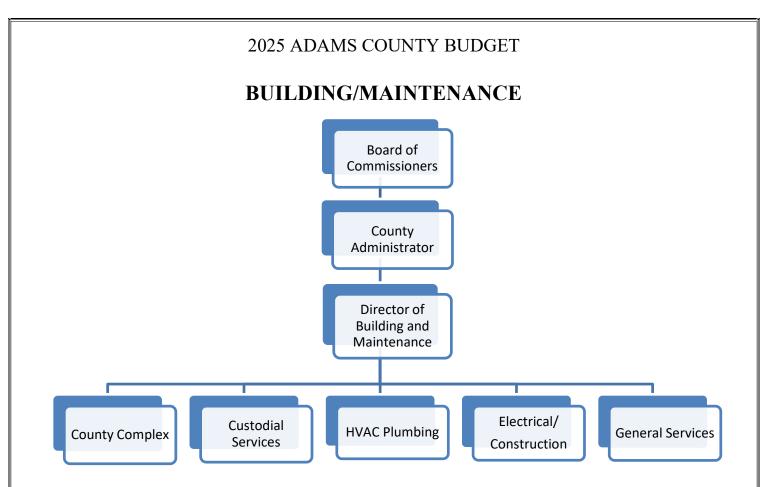
#### 6. Debt Policy

**Improved Bond Ratings** – The County will seek to maintain and, if possible, improve our current bond rating in order to minimize borrowing costs and preserve access to credit.

**Debt Capacity** – An analysis showing how the new issue combined with current debt impacts the County's debt capacity and conformance with County debt policies will accompany every future bond issue proposal.

**General Obligation Debt** – General Obligation Debt, which is supported by property tax revenues and grows in proportion to the County's assessed valuation and/or property tax rate increases, will be utilized as authorized by voters. Other types of debt may also be utilized when they are supported by dedicated revenue sources. General Obligation Debt issuances will be managed on an annual basis to match funds to Capital Improvement Plan cash flow requirements while being sensitive to the property tax burden on citizens.





To maintain all county buildings, including the Human Service Building, County Magistrate Offices, the County Complex Facilities, the former St. Francis Xavier Property, The Nicholas House male facility Mercy House Building and Oak Lawn Memorial Gardens. To also maintain the equipment, grounds, and the water treatment and sewer to be safe and operational. To comply with the NFPA 101 Life Safety Codes; Department of Health and Safety inspection division, DEP, EPA, and ADA. Maintain the Building and Maintenance Office, county wide mail, copies and printing operations, and many others too numerous to mention.

# **Budget** Narrative

In the year 2023-2024 the Building & Maintenance Department accomplished many major work projects. The Treasures and HR's office space got completely remodeled new furniture, drop ceiling, carpet HR office we also added a mother's room. The Sheriff's office we revamped the gun/confiscated materials area to accommodate the larger number of items to be stored for long periods of time. The Veteran's affairs office was relocated from 2nd floor to the 1st and completely remodeled with upgrades, new counter and window. The Xavier house we painted the who house and redone the front porch area. The HSB building we installed bullet proof panels at various locations, Magistrate's and Courtroom's and replaced a new roof with a rubber one. The HSB also got a new water softener to help with copper pipe corrosion. The Eisenhour Bridge got a partial face lift we replaced about 15 deck boards and all the side rails with oak roughcut lumber. We created a tool crib room where all the tools are hanging up and labeled where the go and each Maint. Tech. uses a chit when they remove a tool until

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they bring it back so we know where are tools are at all times. We are continuing to service the Generators and HVAC equipment at the 17 Tower sites. The Building & Maintenance Department will continue to perform preventative maintenance work to all of the buildings, grounds, electrical, plumbing, and HVAC equipment. We continue to shred all sensitive material throughout the county buildings. All paper and cardboard are recycled, and money comes back into the Maintenance budget. The County will also be having an auction in this fall to sell misc. vehicles that were replaced in 2024.

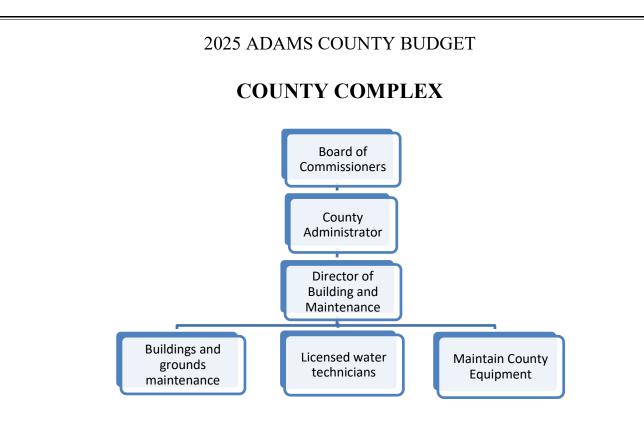
## **Departmental Goals**

- To work behind the scenes and beyond the view of most casual observers, maintaining, servicing, and repairing the many mechanical, electrical, structural, and architectural components of County facilities.
- Inspect, service, and repair some Maintenance County-owned vehicles and equipment.
- Manage construction projects.
- Interact with energy consultants.
- Oversee janitorial work ensuring the County owned buildings are well maintained.
- Oversee the complex water system to keep in compliance with DEP.
- Oversee Remodeling of offices throughout the County as needed per the Commissioners' office approval.

	2022 Budget	2023 Budget	2024 Budget	2025 Budget
Budgeted Positions	23	23	22	23

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evenue & Expense Detail	2022	2023	2024	2025
	Actuals	2023 Actuals	Adopted	2025 Tentative
Account Description	Audited	Audited	Budget	Budget
Revenues:	Tuutteu	Tuutteu	Budget	Duuger
Charges for Services			250	250
Miscellaneous	- 19,766	1,525	2,000	2,500
Other Grants	-	10,000	2,000	2,500
TOTAL REVENUES	\$19,766	\$11,525	\$2,250	\$2,750
Expenses:				,
Professional Services	211	-	3,250	3,250
Technical Services	-	-	500	500
Advertising	978	975	750	750
Application Filing Fee	870	767	36	50
Contracted Services	133,795	131,654	149,043	163,554
Training	350	1,250	800	1,100
Travel - Mileage	-	-	50	50
Travel - Meals	-	61	150	150
Travel - Other	-	-	-	
Travel – Lodging	-	-	500	500
Property Repair/Maintenance	41,983	41,855	34,500	41,000
Building Repair/Maintenance	96,114	59,865	71,000	279,600
Vehicle Repair/Maintenance	10,569	5,364	5,500	7,500
Equipment Repair Maintenance	20,517	19,687	19,600	22,350
Telephone	943	865	925	163
Cell Phone	11,572	11,603	11,000	11,000
Electric	94,598	100,708	93,000	99,500
Fuel Oil/Natural Gas	63,954	51,167	64,500	66,500
Water/Sewer	15,686	14,294	16,250	16,000
Disposal of Waste	9,588	10,325	8,500	11,200
Internet	2,725	2,806	2,466	2,500
Supplies	56,236	53,851	50,000	56,050
Employee Recognition	-	72	-	
Postage/Shipping	48	178	150	150
Gasoline for County Vehicles	11,699	9,868	8,250	10,500
Uniforms/Tactical Gear	-	1,148	1,050	1,250
Minor Equipment	6,664	4,997	9,700	3,799
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	\$579,100	\$523,804	\$551,470	\$798,966
Salaries	821,234	903,565	913,478	998,038
FICA ER	61,084	67,016	69,881	76,350
Allocated Benefits	443,919	463,333	408,495	455,040
TOTAL OPERATING BUDGET	\$1,905,337	\$1,957,718	\$1,943,324	\$2,328,394



To maintain the one hundred and eighty plus acres of the county complex buildings, grounds, equipment, water tower, well pumps, sewage pumps, generators, bar screening station, sewage lines, sewage flow meter, and well water treatment to be safe and operational. Snow removal for complex and other areas, also spread cinders/salt for safety reasons. Maintain all the county equipment to help keep a smooth operation (tractors, skid loaders, lawn equipment and some County vehicles.

The licensed water technician provides safe drinking water. It is tested by skilled technicians at regular intervals to ensure the cleanliness. The operator is alert to the system, 24/7, to maintain this safety factor.

# **Budget** Narrative

In the year 2023-24 our County Maintenance techs continued with training courses to gain the knowledge and expertise to operate and comply with DEP standards, so our water treatment facility stayed safe and operational. We now have 3 licensed operators.

Our water quality test results for Microbiological Contaminants, Radioactive Contaminants, Inorganic Contaminants, and Volatile Organic Contaminants which consisted of 48 different water samples came back with no violations. We cut a hole in the block wall and added an air-cond. Unit in well house 2 to help preserve the chemicals we treat the water with. The maintenance building got 2 garage door openers so it would be easier to take equipment in and out during in climate weather.

Well water testing is a daily duty for the water system. Testing for Phosphate and Chlorine residuals, VOCs, Nitrate, IOCs, and TTHM/HAA5. In 2023, the maintenance department has done an excellent job in keeping the grounds, parking and roadway maintained. Serviced our own lawn mower equipment this year including some of the County vehicles. With the VPN previously installed, we are now able to see the well house computer remotely and can make adjustments or corrections 80% of the time so we don't get called in for an alarm thus saving on overtime expenses. Complex serviced all generator at the

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complex, 911 and prison. We will also continue to maintain the buildings, grounds, County water, and sewer operations at the County Complex. This year we added a new generator for the well water system and the pole building so we will always have electric when there is a power outage so we can still produce treated water for the Prison and the 911 buildings.

There is a large container for recycling scrap metal and have some money coming back into the County Maintenance Budget. This year so far, we received around \$800 in scrap metal by recycling all metal throughout the County.

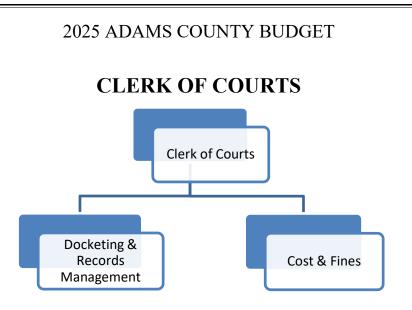
## **Departmental Goals**

- To work behind the scenes and beyond the view of most casual observers, maintaining, servicing, and repairing the many mechanical, electrical, structural, and architectural components of County facilities.
- Continue training courses to gain knowledge to operate and comply with DEP standards for water safety.
- Continue water quality testing for any kind of contaminants.
- Up to date maintenance on County owned equipment to save money.

	2022 Budget	2023 Budget	2024 Budget	2025 Budget
Budgeted Positions	2	2	2	1

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	Salaries	75,447	80,536	142,819	82,365
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	Allocated Benefits	39,086	39,232	67,351	63,224
TOTAL OPERATING BUDGET         \$148,600         \$171,656         \$264,303         \$207	TOTAL OPERATING BUDGET	\$148,600	\$171,656	\$264,303	\$207,397



The mission of the Adams County Clerk of Courts Department is to constantly maintain, properly record and preserve accurate court records, while providing professional and respectful services to all. We will always remember to excel by constantly educating and improving ourselves so that we may serve others with courteous and professional results. Aware that how we act and react in our daily dealings with others is our challenge, we will strive to always make each contact with the public and with each other a pleasant experience. Our goal is to deliver more than expected!

# Vision

The Adams County Clerk of Courts Department is committed to being a highly effective and empowered team of professionals dedicated to providing superior individualized services to each contact. Through constant training, education, and the efficient use of technology, we will meet the challenges of the always fluctuating workload.

# **Budget** Narrative

The Clerk of Courts Office has assumed the new responsibility of generating criminal court orders for all of our primary court sessions. Previously, this task was handled by the Court Reporter. This shift requires a significantly elevated skill set within our office and has notably increased our workload and responsibilities.

Our office stands out as likely the only one practicing this method. Unlike most other Clerk of Court Offices in our state, if they create an order, they receive pre-filled form orders from the Court for finalization, whereas our office directly generates orders from our case management system based on the Judge's direction. This distinct approach means that Adams County does not benefit from the convenience of receiving completed form orders directly from the Court.

This change underscores the enhanced complexity and workload associated with our role in ensuring accurate and timely documentation of court proceedings. It reflects our commitment to maintaining rigorous standards and supporting judicial processes despite the increased demands on our resources.

We are also looking forward to further automation within Orphans Court. We anticipated our revised Orphans' Court Local Rules would be approved and effective in 2022 which authorizes electronic filing and case creation. Unfortunately, those Rules have not yet received approval by the Court. To require electronic filing in Orphans' Court, e-filing must be implemented for 2 years. By that time, we are hoping PDF/A will be available to all offices so that we can work on eliminating the need to create many physical case files in Orphans' Court, as we have in the criminal and juvenile court.

We remain dedicated to enhancing court and court-related processes. Our ongoing efforts focus on increasing efficiency, cutting costs, and improving accessibility and convenience for our constituents.

Exceptions to the budget line items include:

### **AUTOMATION FUNDS**

- 1. Annual Mobile App Fee: \$5,995
  - This is an ongoing expense for the Clerk of Courts mobile app.
- 2. Judgment Module Software: \$1,360 for 2025
  - This cost is shared with the Prothonotary's office for the judgment module software.
- 3. Evidence Management Program: Estimated at \$25,000
  - This funding will cover the purchase of an evidence management system. It is crucial for preserving audio and digital evidence, particularly with the growing use of police cameras.

These investments indicate a proactive approach to modernizing and improving court operations, particularly in handling digital and audio evidence, which is becoming more prevalent. Allocating funds towards these areas should help streamline processes and enhance overall efficiency in managing court cases. It is my hope that other departments will consider utilizing this solution to improve court operations.

#### POSTAGE

#### 1. Increased Notification Requirements:

• Due to the pandemic, court orders now only include the date, not the time, of the defendant's next hearing until closer to the court date (typically 2 weeks prior).

#### 2. Necessity of Additional Notices:

• This change necessitates sending a second notice to defendants with the specific time of their hearing, leading to duplication of efforts and increased postage.

#### **Impact on Costs:**

### • Postage and Supplies:

- Sending multiple notices increases postage costs and consumption of supplies (e.g., envelopes, paper).
- Administrative Efforts:
  - More administrative work is required to manage and send these additional notices.
- Legislative Changes:
  - New legislation effective in 2024 has increased service requirements for the Clerk of Courts, further adding to the volume of mail and administrative workload.

### • Annual Increase in Postage Costs:

• Postage costs continue to rise annually, exacerbating the financial burden of sending multiple notices.

#### Clerk of Courts (continued)

### **SUPPLIES**

The new legislative requirements mandate additional mailings, significantly increasing administrative workload. Concurrently, market conditions and inflation have led to a noticeable rise in the costs of supplies such as envelopes, toner, and paper. To address these changes, I need to adjust the budget to accommodate the higher expenses associated with both supplies and postage resulting from the increased service requirements.

In addition, three printers are due for replacement, and we have seen an increase in the costs related to removing their hard drives. These expenses will also need to be factored into the budget adjustments to ensure we can cover the associated costs for their hard drives.

### MINOR EQUIPMENT

Three computers are scheduled for replacement. In addition, I am requesting a new staff position which requires additional equipment.

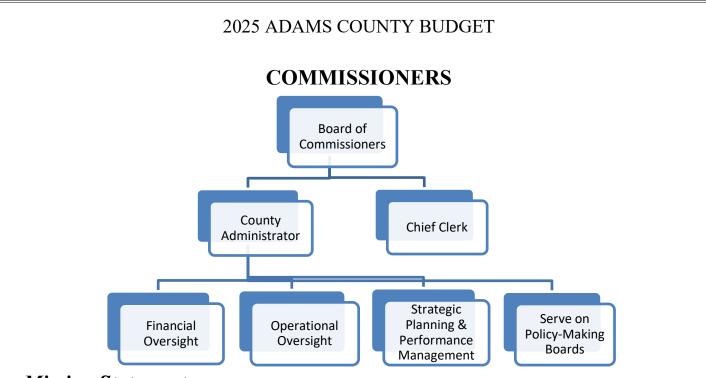
## **Departmental Goals**

- Maintain accurate and timely records, books, and dockets of the Criminal Court
- Implement our e-filing system for the Orphans' Court
- Continue to reduce the creation of paper case files with the implementation of PDF/A
- Implement text and email Payment Reminders

	2022 Budget	2023 Budget	2024 Budget	2025 Budget
Budgeted Positions	11	11	10	12

Clerk of Courts (continued)

	2022	2023	2024	2025
	Actuals	Actuals	Adopted	Tentative
Account Description	Audited	Audited	Budget	Budget
Revenues:				
State Funding	4,732	11,649	11,500	15,000
Charges for Services	600,525	562,112	605,943	617,600
Copy Revenue	1,441	1,041	1,125	2,900
Addiction Diversionary Fee	2,494	2,758	2,432	2,432
Counseling Funds	975	525	675	67:
DUI Fines	204,185	187,938	209,208	191,500
County Fines	101,015	95,443	117,661	101,000
Bail Forfeiture	24,651	576	5,000	4,000
Interest Income	526	317	352	24(
License-Marriage	19,980	16,860	17,270	16,320
Other Grants		7,599		10,520
TOTAL REVENUES	\$960,524	\$886,818	\$971,166	\$951,667
Expenses:			φ/1,100	\$751,00
Professional Services	2,550	2,607	2,300	2,50
Technical Services	_,	150	_,	_,
Legal Fees	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,00
Advertising	2,253	1,787	1,700	1,70
Dues/Memberships	1,250	1,250	1,250	1,25
Contracted Services	48,747	28,075	20,383	20,54
SBITA	-		13,749	12,47
Training	-	_	100	10
Conferences	-	_	1,000	10
Travel – Mileage	-	415	250	25
Building Repair/Maintenance	14,977	15,816		20
Equipment Repair/Maintenance	-	425	150	15
Telephone	1,544	1,504	1,510	48
Cell Phone	169	506	510	51
Internet	228	243	245	24
Supplies	8,739	12,350	7,900	8,002
Publications/Subscriptions	5,530	4,254	5,100	5,10
Postage/Shipping	15,872	14,526	16,200	15,80
Minor Equipment	771	40,900		12,00
Bank Fees	148	41	100	10
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	\$103,778	\$125,849	\$73,447	70,20
Salaries	342,054	449,997	484,461	582,31
FICA ER	31,099	33,627	37,061	44,54
Allocated Benefits	173,500	157,118	180,285	225,71
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The Board of Commissioners consists of three members and constitutes the chief governing body of the County. The Commissioners, together with their County Administrator and directors, manages the County organization with the mission of providing quality government service in an efficient cost-effective manner. The Commissioners are elected every four years and are responsible for setting policy for the fiscal management, and the administration of County affairs. The Commissioners serve on the Salary, Prison, Retirement, York-Adams Joinder for MHIDD and Election Boards as well as sitting as the Board of Assessment Appeals. They appoint members to participate on various boards and commissions affiliated with the county.

# **Budget** Narrative

In 2025, Adams County continues its commitment to preserving fiscal health through disciplined financial stewardship. The County remains focused on maintaining its Aa2 credit rating from Moody's, despite ongoing challenges such as diminished funding from State and Federal sources for mandated services and limited revenue growth. The demand for services has only intensified, placing additional pressure on the general county budget to meet both the rising needs of the community and mandatory service obligations.

To address these challenges, Adams County will prioritize modernizing operations and investing in technologies that promote operational efficiencies. The County will continue its responsible approach to managing debt while exploring new opportunities for sustainable revenue growth. The Commissioner's office will emphasize collaboration across all departments and elected officials to deliver high-quality services, ensuring the safety, well-being, and prosperity of residents.

In 2025, Adams County reaffirms its mission to deliver services with efficiency, transparency, and compassion, adapting to the evolving needs of its residents in a rapidly changing environment.

## **Departmental Goals**

**Public Safety** / **Emergency Services**: Enhance preparedness for emergencies and natural disasters. Strengthen collaboration with regional, state, and federal agencies to address a broad spectrum of hazards, including cyber threats, public health crises, and environmental disasters. Expand community outreach programs to educate residents on emergency preparedness.

**Financial Responsibility**: Continue maintaining fiscal responsibility by optimizing the County budget, identifying cost-saving measures, and safeguarding adequate reserve funds to protect against unforeseen financial, environmental, or economic challenges. Actively explore revenue diversification opportunities.

**Economic Development and Job Creation**: Strengthen partnerships with local educational institutions, workforce development agencies, and private enterprises to improve job training programs. Focus on creating employment opportunities that align with the evolving demands of the local economy, particularly in high-growth industries.

**Health and Human Services**: Deepen collaboration with nonprofit organizations and state agencies to expand access to affordable housing, healthcare, and mental health services. Prioritize addressing the needs of vulnerable populations and improving long-term outcomes through targeted interventions.

**Tourism and Culture**: Leverage partnerships with local organizations to promote Adams County's rich cultural heritage and natural attractions. Expand marketing efforts to boost tourism, a critical driver of economic growth.

**Technology and Innovation**: Invest in digital infrastructure and service delivery systems to streamline government operations and enhance public access to services. Implement cybersecurity measures to protect County assets and information.

**Cost Efficiency**: Continue to seek opportunities to improve operational efficiency across all departments. Foster a culture of accountability and performance-driven service delivery to ensure that every department maximizes its resources while delivering high-quality services.

	2022 Budget	2023 Budget	2024 Budget	2025 Budget
Budgeted Positions	6	7	8	9

Commissioners (continued)

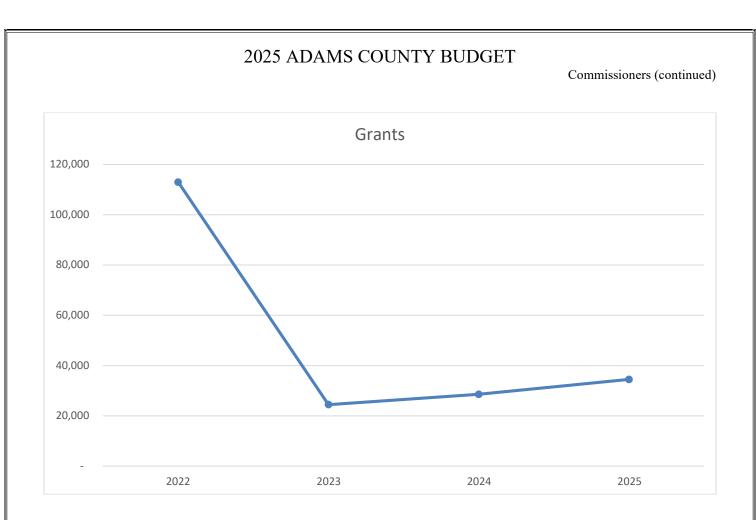
	2022	2023	2024	2025
	Actuals	Actuals	Adopted	Tentative
Account Description	Audited	Audited	Budget	Budget
<u>Revenues:</u>				
Per Capita Taxes-PY	32,601	32,580	32,000	32,00
Federal Funding	65,594	71,475	8,000	
State Funding	93,894	143,895	151,720	151,720
Commissions Earned	14,900	17,786	15,000	16,500
Education Sub Abuse-Act	30,553	29,137	31,000	31,000
Rental Income	302,470	300,230	302,230	302,470
Miscellaneous	618	8,266	2,000	1,000
Contributions and Donations	-	5,000	-	
One Time Revenues	297,619	281,274	-	150,000
Indirect Cost Reimbursement	630,510	676,052	690,459	567,81
Other Grants	-	2,730	-	
Sale of an asset	-	10,800	-	
TOTAL REVENUES	\$1,468,759	\$1,579,225	\$1,232,409	\$1,252,505
<u>Expenses:</u>				
Professional Services	135,238	99,177	130,000	177,800
Technical Services	50	-	-	
Legal Fees	30,823	147,065	55,000	162,100
Witness Fees	-	-	2,000	5,00
Advertising	6,788	3,838	4,500	5,00
Dues/Memberships	22,313	25,206	26,003	27,200
Application Filing Fees	(1,000)	917	1,000	1,650
Contracted Services	3,177	3,529	3,902	4,310
Training	877	2,282	3,000	2,500
Conferences	3,245	3,100	4,600	4,000
Travel – Mileage	435	504	800	700
Travel – Meals	72	40	125	12:
Travel – Other	126	221	150	15
Travel – Lodging	5,274	5,475	5,000	4,500
Property Repair Maintenance	564	6,907	7,000	7,00
Building Repair Maintenance	-	3,828	60,000	60,00
	272	167	1,700	1,70
Vehicle Repair Maintenance			005	72:
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## Revenue & Expense Detail

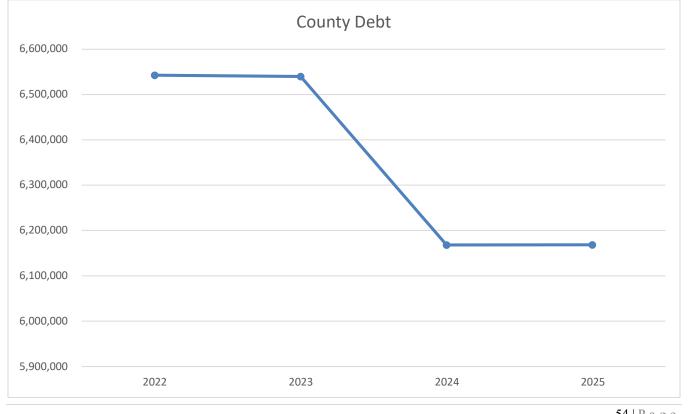
Commissioners (continued)

	2022	2023	2024	2025
	Actuals	Actuals	Adopted	Tentative
Account Description	Audited	Audited	Budget	Budget
Expenses:				
Insurance	383,697	431,393	499,492	508,000
Local County Grant	113,000	24,500	28,600	34,500
Human Services	108,345	190,002	159,720	151,720
York/Adams MH-IDD	251,674	51,989	244,500	245,000
Drug & Alcohol Program Costs	-	-	-	-
County Hosted Activities	377	-	3,200	-
Supplies	5,054	5,469	3,600	3,735
Publications Subscriptions	415	163	500	500
Employee Recognition	3,443	2,722	1,500	2,000
Postage/Shipping	120	86	200	200
Gasoline for County Vehicles	485	467	500	500
Minor Equipment	4,711	-	8,550	600
Miscellaneous	(36)	-	-	-
Bad Debt	-	-	-	-
Property Real Estate Taxes	13,993	19,743	20,500	20,500
Admin Fees	4,543	3,900	4,000	4,000
Debt Principal	4,600,000	4,740,000	4,500,000	4,640,000
Debt Interest	1,937,678	1,795,665	1,664,174	1,524,339
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	\$7,639,690	\$7,572,307	\$7,447,930	\$7,603,825
Salaries	459,435	495,866	635,549	740,103
FICA ER	34,010	36,492	48,620	56,618
Allocated Benefits	245,439	261,961	294,304	355,713
TOTAL OPERATING BUDGET	\$8,378,574	\$8,366,626	\$8,426,403	\$8,756,259

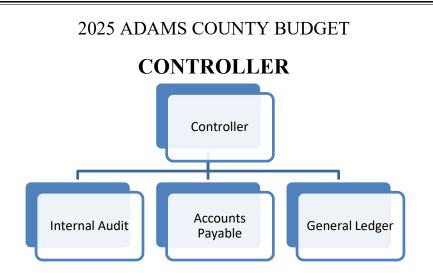
### Revenue & Expense Detail



<u>Grants include</u> Adams County SPCA, Adams County Arts Council, Adams County Historical Society, Main Street, Rabbit Transit, and Community Media. The Adams County Economic Development and IDA grant have been transferred to the Hotel Tax Fund.



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The Controller is the elected official directly responsible and accountable to taxpayers for the County's financial books, payment of bills and claims properly presented, and auditing of County offices, elected officials, magisterial district justices, and tax collectors. The Controller's duties and responsibilities are delineated in the Pennsylvania County Code and informed by standards and practices set forth by Generally Accepted Accounting Practices, the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA), and the Pennsylvania State Association of County Controllers.

# **Budget** Narrative

The Controller's Office primary responsibility is to protect and safeguard taxpayer funds and assets by ensuring payments are made only in accordance with law; ensuring appropriate financial recording and reporting systems are in place and functioning; and by adding value to the financial operations of County. The Controller maintains a Fraud Hotline for employees and taxpayers.

The key departmental positions assisting the Controller are: Chief Deputy, Accounting Manager, Auditor, Staff Accountant, and Accounts Payable. In addition, the department has a Financial System Support Analyst who works across all County departments, and in particular the Office of Budget and Purchasing, IT, and the Treasurer's Office, to improve financial processes, efficiency, and access to timely and relevant financial data.

Major priorities include: expanding the auditing process; implementing Accounts Receivable countywide; automating Accounts Payable through debit cards, EFT and file uploads; meeting County document retention goals; working with the Office of Budget and Purchasing, Treasurer and Solicitor to improve and automate critical workflows such as accounts payable, purchase orders, cash receipting; preparing to meet the requirements of several new Government Accounting Standards Board (GASB) statements mandated over the next two years; and improving access to contracts and financial data.

In 2024 the office issued the County's seventh consecutive Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR) and received its sixth consecutive GFOA Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting, for the 2022 ACFR.

### **Departmental Goals**

- Perform financial, compliance, and internal control audits, to ensure that fiscal affairs of the County are being executed in accordance with management and regulatory requirements and monitor for fraud, waste, and abuse.
- Reduce the probability of fraud involving County cash and other assets through internal control recommendations.
- Ensure that disbursements are in accordance with County payment policies and procedures.
- Prepare the Annual Comprehensive Financial Report by the end of June 2025.

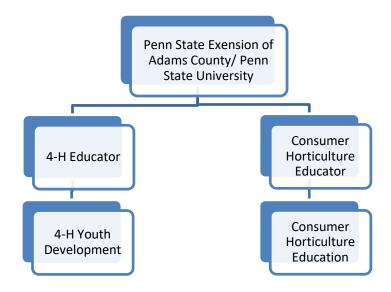
	2022 Budget	2023 Budget	2024 Budget	2025 Budget
Budgeted Positions	8	8	9	8

Controller (continued)

*Revenue & Expense Detail* 

Account Description	2022 Actuals Audited	2023 Actuals Audited	2024 Adopted Budget	2025 Tentative Budget
<u>Revenues:</u>				
NO REVENUES	-	-	-	-
TOTAL REVENUES	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Expenses:				
Professional Services	9 1 ( 2	1.075	11.010	10.000
Legal Fees	8,163 2,000	1,075	11,010 2,000	10,000 2,000
Advertising	735	101	2,000	150
Dues/Memberships	1,315	1,350	1,510	1,915
Contracted Services	11,530	2,572	4,176	5,479
SBITA	-	8,628	11,128	11,560
Training	2,044	1,149	3,500	3,500
Conferences	2,339	1,650	2,325	2,325
Travel – Mileage	1,516	861	900	900
Travel – Meals	186	152	250	250
Travel – Other	75	55	100	100
Travel – Lodging	2,391	1,686	2,000	2,000
Building Repair Maintenance	-	645	-	-
Telephone	854	831	750	252
Internet	605	612	650	650
Supplies	3,326	1,985	2,910	3,595
Publications Subscriptions	129	133	200	200
Postage/Shipping	105	256	300	300
Minor Equipment	7,787	1,435	2,000	-
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$45,100	\$25,176	\$45,859	\$45,176
Salaries	428,000	471,089	532,629	551,631
FICA ER	31,245	34,509	40,747	42,200
Allocated Benefits	230,235	238,420	241,867	259,691
TOTAL OPERATING BUDGET	\$734,580	\$769,194	\$861,102	\$898,698

# **COOPERATIVE EXTENSION**



# **Mission Statement**

Penn State Extension is the noncredit arm of the University that translates research into community programs in the following areas:

- Agronomy & Natural Resources, including the Master Watershed Stewards Program
- Animal Systems
- Energy, Entrepreneurship and Community Development
- Food, Families and Health
- Food Safety and Quality, including the Master Food Preservers Program
- 4-H Youth Development
- Horticulture, including the Penn State Master Gardener Program

Penn State Extension, the noncredit arm of the university delivers science-based information to people, businesses, and communities. Our educators, associates, and faculty provide access to in person and online education to our customers to help them address problems and take advantage of opportunities for improvement and innovation. Partnering with and funded by federal, state, and county governments, we have a long tradition of bringing unbiased research and education to the citizens of Pennsylvania. We reach both commercial operations and community members with our programing.

Cooperative Extension (continued)

#### **County Outreach**

17,385 visits to the <u>extension.psu.edu</u> website from Ip addresses in Adams County

838 attended webinars and online courses

1,397 attended in person workshops

7,012 received on farm/site visits or small program events

### **Extension Program Volunteers (156)**

- 73 Master Gardener Volunteers are led by Mary Ann Ryan, Consumer Horticulture Educator provided 79 educational outreach presentations, published 64 gardening articles, and provided 8 schools with educational programing.
- 67 4-H Youth Development Volunteers are led by Alexis Lansford, 4-H Youth Educator reaching 244 youth members in 16 clubs and 1,050 school youth
- 13 Master Watershed Steward Volunteers are led by Karen Kaslow, MWS Coordinator, she is growing this new program to educate the community about watershed management and strengthen local capacity for management and protection of watersheds, streams, and rivers. She is growing this program with the Conservation District and the Watershed Alliance.
- 3 Master Food Preserver Volunteers are led by Sarah Davis, Educator for Food Quality and Safety. They provide pressure canning calibration and educational programing on safe food preservation while Sarah provides ServSafe, Cooking for crowds, and healthy living programing.

### **Commercial Programing Impacts**

- Heidi Reed, Ph.D. Agronomy Educator, conducted cover crop research and education in the local area in 2012-2023 The outcomes she shares with local producers will have at least a quarter million dollars impact locally while long-term making soil improvements. As outreach work continues the benefits will increase exponentially.
- **Daniel Weber, Ph.D. Tree Fruit Educator**, provides outreach to local producers to address pest and disease problems, pesticide applicator training and equipment calibration, new technologies, and workforce development training in English and Spanish. 69 local growers report a minimum profit of \$447.55/acre from utilizing Penn State Tree Fruit programing. This outreach translates to economic impact of \$9,348,800 for the producers in Adams County.
- Ashley Bigge, Poultry Science Educator, reports the new census data shows sales in Adams County for poultry and egg sales from 2017: \$41,670,000 to 2022: \$76,352,000. This \$34,682,000 increase prompted the Penn State Animal Science team to fund a poultry science educator housed in Adams County to address an increase in need. Ashley is working with local producers to address biosecurity on farm to prevent the spread of Avian Influenza as well as a nutritional management.
- Tom Beresnyak, Energy, Business, Community Vitality Educator, provides educational outreach to farmers, landowners, local government officials, and communities regarding utility-scale solar projects, broadband, and other energy-related projects. His team's work with broadband challenge added additional funding for BEAD and found 4,486 unserved /underserved location in Adams County. This translates into and additional \$409.00 per location totaling \$1,834,774.

### **Community Health Program Impacts**

• Amy Santarelli, Nutrition Links Educational Advisor, offers free nutrition education programs to participants eligible for public assistance to develop the knowledge and skills

Cooperative Extension (continued)

- necessary to achieve a healthful diet on a limited budget. Amy works with the following community groups, Adams County Children and Youth, SCCAP, Head Start, Casa de la Cultura, and New Hope Ministries with 345 contacts
- Lolly Polvinale, Lifelong Improvements through Fitness Together Instructor, leads an inperson and group-based strength-training program for inactive to moderately active adults to promote balance, flexibility, and strength training to improve functional fitness, and the ability to perform activities of daily living with ease. 95 attendees met in 8-week sessions.

**Lolly Polvinale, LIFT Instructor- Lifelong Improvements through Fitness Together,** LIFT is an inperson and group-based strength-training program for inactive to moderately active adults to promote balance, flexibility, and strength training to improve functional fitness, the ability to perform activities of daily living with ease. 75 attendees meet in 8-week sessions.

## **Departmental Goals**

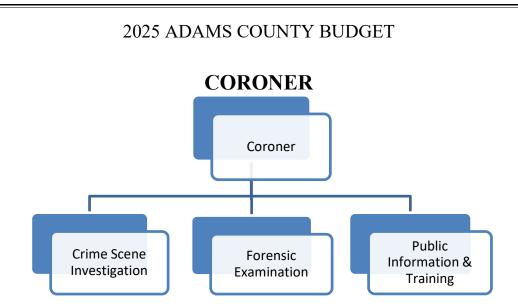
- The 4-H program will provide leadership, citizenship, and life skill development through club experiences for youth ages 8 to 19.
- Provide hands on learning through research-based curriculum to youth members enrolled in the 4-H youth development clubs within Adams County.
- Penn State Extension will train and supervise volunteer participants in the Master Gardener program who in return will teach peers and the general public about all aspects of home horticulture.

	2022 Budget	2023 Budget	2024 Budget	2025 Budget
Budgeted Positions	3	3	2	2

Cooperative Extension (continued)

# Revenue & Expense Detail

	2022 Actuals	2023 Actuals	2024 Adopted	2025 Tentative
Account Description	Audited	Audited	Budget	Budget
Revenues:	1			8
NO REVENUES	-	-	-	-
TOTAL REVENUES	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
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Expenses:				
Professional Services	153,995	157,451	236,902	314,680
Advertising	-	-	-	-
Contracted Services	8,743	9,583	11,360	11,260
Training	-	920	500	500
Conferences	-	-	-	-
Travel - Mileage	3,812	4,054	7,000	7,500
Travel - Meals	-	63	200	200
Travel - Other	48	66	100	100
Travel - Lodging	-	771	1,000	1,000
Equipment Repair/Maintenance	14	-	500	500
Rental of land and buildings	97,295	97,295	103,523	103,523
Telephone	1,810	1,797	2,300	2,300
Cell Phone	-	-	-	-
Internet	2,132	2,014	2,200	2,200
Insurance	-	-	-	-
Supplies	1,324	2,661	3,000	2,500
Postage/Shipping	1,740	1,924	2,500	2,800
Minor Equipment	1,478	1,600	3,600	1,800
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	\$272,391	\$280,199	\$374,685	\$450,863
Salaries	173,241	152,966	158,764	100,796
FICA ER	12,930	11,486	12,146	7,711
Allocated Benefits	75,126	61,792	59,374	45,318
TOTAL OPERATING BUDGET	\$533,688	\$506,443	\$604,969	\$604,688



The Coroner's Office is responsible for investigating any sudden unexplained deaths not due to prior known medical causes, to ascertain the cause and manner of death and try to determine if another person was responsible for the death. The Coroner's Office shall perform his/her duties without fear, prejudice or partiality towards any person or institution. The Coroner's Office shall proceed in the public interest to carry out diligently and as rapidly as possible the duties and responsibilities as required by law to serve the residents of Adams County.

# **Budget** Narrative

I have once again kept the training line dollars in place even though we didn't use it in 2024. The Pennsylvania State Coroner's Association is still working on new legislation to revamp the training and the Coroner's Education Board. We are working on training several new deputies that will be required to complete this training.

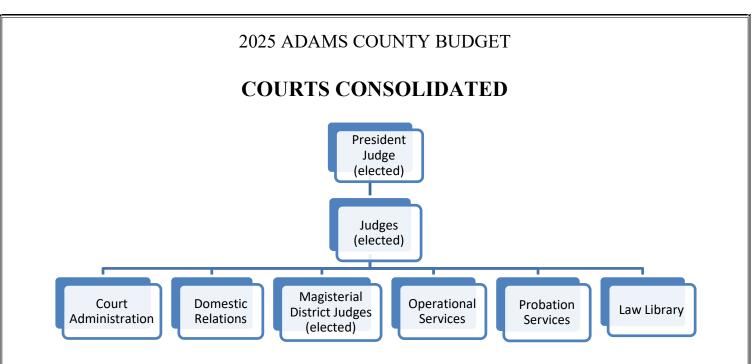
## Departmental Goals

- Conduct a thorough death scene investigation and determine whether any other persons were involved with the death other than the decedent.
- Protect and preserve the death scene for the purpose of gathering relative facts, circumstances, and evidence related to the cause and manner of death.
- Obtain all information necessary to establish a positive identification and supplement the background history and locate and notify the legal next of kin.
- Determine the need and arrange for the completion of various studies, by the appropriate experts, to bring the investigation to a successful conclusion.

	2022 Budget	2023 Budget	2024 Budget	2025 Budget
Budgeted Positions	8	8	8	8
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Coroner (continued)

<i>Revenue &amp; Expense Detail</i>	2022 Actuals	2023 Actuals	2024 Adopted	2025 Tentative
Account Description	Audited	Audited	Budget	Budget
Revenues:	•			
State Funding	25,000	18,000	10,000	10,000
Charges for Services	31,256	35,000	30,000	35,000
TOTAL REVENUES	\$56,256	\$53,000	\$40,000	\$45,000
Expenses:				
Professional Services	110,833	134,948	110,000	120,000
Legal Fees	-	-	-	5,000
Dues/Memberships	665	665	665	800
Contracted Services	2,760	2,424	2,990	3,50
Training	169	75	1,525	2,50
Conferences	1,700	900	1,750	2,00
Travel - Mileage	25	119	500	60
Travel - Meals	-	-	-	50
Travel - Other	-	15	20	10
Travel - Lodging	-	226	1,000	1,50
Building Repair/Maintenance	401	-	6,789	4,56
Vehicle Repair/Maintenance	1,463	884	300	1,30
Equipment Repair Maintenance	-	-	500	50
Telephone	463	431	368	11
Cell Phone	-	1,259	960	96
Electric	3,792	4,451	4,000	4,50
Fuel Oil/Natural Gas	3,321	2,336	3,200	3,20
Water/Sewer	2,961	2,961	2,900	2,90
Disposal of Waste	584	701	650	70
Television	-	6	-	
Internet	208	226	222	22
Supplies	1,169	2,492	2,650	4,50
Postage/Shipping	142	162	175	30
Gasoline for County Vehicles	1,662	1,572	1,300	3,00
Minor Equipment	-	3,173	500	
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	\$132,318	\$160,026	\$142,964	\$163,25
Salaries	73,614	76,485	77,399	113,22
FICA ER	5,498	5,793	5,922	8,66
Allocated Benefits	31,311	31,610	29,645	46,17
TOTAL OPERATING BUDGET	\$242,741	\$273,914	\$255,930	\$331,31



The mission of the Adams County Court of Common Pleas:

As members of an institution vital to civilization, our mission is to deliver dignified, respectful, and efficient service to the community and to our peers, promoting the rule of law and preserving justice for the benefit of all.

The vision of the Adams County Court of Common Pleas:

We are committed to promoting the rule of law and preserving justice for all. We will heighten the value of the court institution for community members and court employees alike. We will serve the people through enlightened and proactive leadership, enhancing the quality of life within court offices, and delivering dignified, respectful, and efficient service to all members of the community. We will strive to identify and develop future generations of highly skilled and creative public servants who can preserve the court's best traditions, while ably meeting the challenges arising from rapid social change.

The Adams County Court of Common Pleas Community: Court of Common Pleas Court Administration Department of Probation Services Domestic Relations Section Department of Operational Services Magisterial District Court 51-3-01 Magisterial District Court 51-3-02 Magisterial District Court 51-3-03 Magisterial District Court 51-3-04 Law Library

### **Budget** Narrative

Court Consolidated (continued)

The Court of Common Pleas is preparing for significant change for 2025. Our current President Judge, Michael George, will be leaving his commissioned judgeship as of January 3, 2025. Until an election can occur, the three remaining Judges of the Court of Common Pleas, along with support from senior judges, will have to cover the full caseload work until 2026. Additionally, there is the anticipated retirement of two Court Administration personnel to occur in 2026, and therefore a focus on transition of work tasks will need to begin in 2025 if there is to be a smooth succession in 2026. The Court has also taken steps to attempt to fill a significant need for the court system in 2025 through the request to create and fund a full-time Spanish Interpreter/Language Access Coordinator. The demand for Spanish-language support in our courts continues to rise, as does the expenses, to the point where, in order to maximize work product in relation to costs, a full-time staff member is warranted. This position will be difficult to fill, as the person in this role must be certified by the AOPC to interpret, and the testing involved is extremely difficult. No person who resides in Adams County has been able to successfully complete this testing.

At the District Court level, the Court is looking at property improvements for District Court 51-3-03, overseen by Magisterial District Judge Tony Little. The current property is owned by Reading Township, and they are considering an addition to the building for possible expansion/improvement by the District Court. While it is too early to know if this will come to fruition, the possibility of an improvement at this location is welcome and long overdue. As a result, there are budget items reflected in our submission for additional furniture at this location.

The Adams County Department of Probation Services (DPS) relies on state funds for 30 percent of the annual budget for adult probation services. The other 70 percent of funding comes from county funds, supervision fees paid by offenders (a portion of which passes through the state treasury), and other sources that include various fees and grants. Probation Services continues to be significantly impacted by the current job market, for which finding new Probation Officers to hire has been extremely difficult. It is therefore essential that we continue to find ways to attract prospective candidates to the field, such as providing for sign-on incentives, as well as finding ways to retain those officers we hire. Additionally, there is a need to make changes regarding how we supervise offenders, specifically to ensure we are not over-supervising low-risk offenders while focusing our supervision efforts on moderate-to-high-risk offenders. This change is being made to improve alignment with evidence-based practices and to align with the Probation Reform Act, which took effect on June 11, 2024. As a result, we will see an increase in status review hearings, with the potential for an increase of individuals who are eligible for early case closure. The challenge faced by DPS will be the training requirement necessitated by instituting evidence-based practices, which becomes more difficult if officers leave employment after a short period of time. As to equipment needs, there is the ongoing need to maintain a fleet of vehicles so that officers can see the people they supervise in the community, whether in their homes, prison, school or juvenile placement facilities. One current vehicle is in need of replacement.

The Adams County Domestic Relations Section will continue to focus on serving families by elevating parents to help ensure children receive the financial, emotional and medical support they deserve. As new mandates continue to be received with the ever-changing environment, Domestic Relations will continue to raise awareness and promote one of the nation's most critical income support program. The department will inspire innovative approaches and continue collaborative efforts with partner agencies to assist parents with caring for themselves and their children. Domestic Relations will strive to effectively manage and enforce child support, so the children receive timely and professional support services.

Courts Consolidated (continued) All of this hard work takes resources, focus, vision and dedication. The Court turns to its wellestablished Mission and Vision statement for guidance, which has been in place for over a decade. As always, we look forward to serving the citizens of the County in 2025.

## Departmental Goals

### • Court Administration

- Assume and enforce responsibility for the enforcement of court rules.
- Enhance case flow management, court scheduling, jury management, public access, and other responsibilities.
- Provide access to court information for the general public and media.
- Utilize, with the help of technology, a fair, economic, and judicious process in summoning citizens for jury duty and selecting prospective jurors for jury service.
- Coordinate case and judge assignments and arrange all court schedules.

### • Probation

- Prepare court ordered reports.
- Use evidence-based practices to determine supervision levels based on offender needs and risk to re-offend.
- Monitor and enforce the payments of fines, fees, costs, and restitution imposed by the court.
- Determine, impose, and enforce the completion of required community service hours for both adult and youth.

### • Domestic Relations

- Locate absent parents for the establishment and enforcement of support orders.
- File all legal documents for application of support and the process of inputting demographic information in the statewide Pennsylvania Child Support Enforcement System.
- Determine the fatherhood children born outside a marriage through genetic testing.
- Schedule and conduct conferences for review of financial information in determining support obligations.

### • Magisterial District Judges

- Conduct fair and impartial hearings and dispose of cases in an expeditious manner.
- Enter and update all case information in the MDJ's statewide computer system.
- Increase collections of fines, costs, and restitution.
- Improve judicial accountability and cooperative relationships between the Magisterial District Courts and the Common Please Bench.
- Provide prompt, courteous service to the public in the major functions of the Magisterial District Courts.

#### • Operational Services

- Support the Court of Common Pleas through ongoing collaboration with all Court related departments.
- Evaluate, analyze, plan, and integrate information, to identify, access and sustain sources of funding to centralize and eliminate duplicative services within the Court system.

	2022 Budget	2023 Budget	2024 Budget	2025 Budget
Budgeted Positions	131	134	142	142

Courts Consolidated (continued)

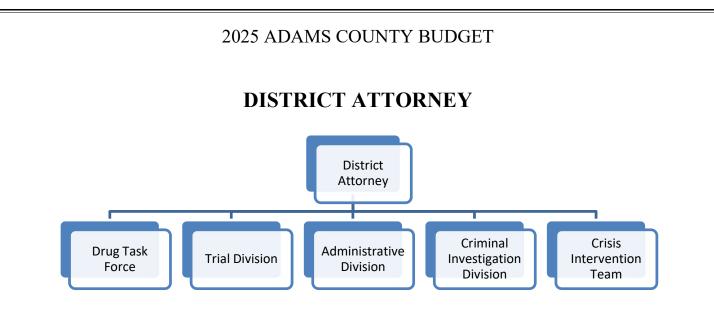
#### *Revenue & Expense Detail*

	2022	2023	2024	2025
	Actuals	Actuals	Adopted	Tentative
Account Description	Audited	Audited	Budget	Budget
Revenues:				
Federal Funding	-	-	-	
State Funding	749,945	431,269	468,000	493,000
Charges for Services	251,750	287,722	273,000	311,00
Copy Revenue	-	-	100	
Admin Fees	113,789	108,383	105,000	105,00
Re-Entry Room/Board	70,632	57,908	-	
Re-Entry Drug Testing Fees	5,663	3,840	-	
Re-Entry Laundry Fees	87	30	-	
Re-Entry Transportation Fees	2	20	-	
Salary Reimbursement	48,213	24,963	25,022	26,27
Restitution	313	485	-	
Offender Supervision Fee-CTY	248,930	318,219	400,000	400,00
Arbitration Board Reimb.	3,250	1,300	2,000	2,50
Conciliation Fee	23,617	25,728	23,000	25,00
DUI Education Fee	42,322	44,997	40,000	40,00
Electronic Monitoring Fee	316,946	308,890	250,000	300,00
Instate Compact Application Fee	1,913	2,603	1,500	2,00
Public Service Fees	41,050	37,377	40,000	40,00
County Fines	320,946	375,421	341,000	357,00
Miscellaneous	470	1,438	-	
TOTAL REVENUES	\$2,239,838	\$2,030,593	\$1,968,622	\$2,101,77
Expenses:				
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Professional Services	662,847	485,984	669,075	631,90
Professional Services Technical Services	662,847 3,262	485,984 75	669,075	631,90
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Technical Services	3,262	75	-	110,00
Technical Services Legal Fees	3,262 42,589	75 96,066	- 102,500	110,00 140,00
Technical Services Legal Fees Court Appointed Counsel	3,262 42,589 110,572	75 96,066 145,853	- 102,500 140,000	110,00 140,00 15,00
Technical Services Legal Fees Court Appointed Counsel Arbitration Board	3,262 42,589 110,572 18,575	75 96,066 145,853 16,773	- 102,500 140,000 15,000	110,00 140,00 15,00 14,00
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Revenue & Expense Detail

Courts Consolidated (continued)

	2022	2023	2024	2025
	Actuals	Actuals	Adopted	Tentative
Account Description	Audited	Audited	Budget	Budget
Property Repair Maintenance	-	1,180	-	-
Building Repair Maintenance	14,112	22,693	9,635	6,366
Vehicle Repair Maintenance	8,163	9,090	7,178	7,000
Equipment Repair Maintenance	2,230	358	800	4,600
Rental of land and buildings	56,300	58,100	57,400	72,500
Telephone	20,855	18,984	22,806	13,226
Cell Phone	39,459	39,191	37,800	35,391
Electric	57,923	44,608	57,010	46,415
Fuel Oil/Natural Gas	38,334	20,343	36,120	19,705
Water/Sewer	21,905	9,706	22,820	5,907
Disposal of Waste	7,340	3,246	6,700	3,550
Television	1,384	1,518	1,400	1,700
Internet	18,794	17,807	20,000	20,710
Insurance	610	1,650	7,650	4,200
Client Assistance	1,040	1,468	1,400	1,436
Supplies	91,837	80,775	98,670	92,700
Publications Subscriptions	179,651	155,082	164,557	175,750
Postage/Shipping	81,943	86,665	98,075	113,400
Gasoline for County Vehicles	12,334	6,464	14,840	14,600
Uniforms/Tactical Gear	27,743	15,679	57,694	40,000
Minor Equipment	37,915	15,891	41,481	43,915
Bank Fees	-	809	600	1,104
Miscellaneous	700	500	-	-
Union Compliance	12,009	2,851	7,700	7,700
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	\$1,847,559	\$1,634,447	\$2,107,495	\$2,048,737
Salaries	4,816,698	4,799,025	5,602,239	5,872,003
FICA ER	355,486	355,666	428,572	449,209
Allocated Benefits	2,395,967	2,224,919	2,453,259	2,526,231
TOTAL OPERATING BUDGET	\$9,415,710	\$9,014,057	\$10,591,565	\$10,896,180



The District Attorney's Office is responsible for the prosecution of every misdemeanor and felony arrest and appeal from summary conviction in Adams County. The District Attorney's Office also handles all juvenile prosecutions which occur in Adams County. The District Attorney's Office also counsels all law enforcement agencies in Adams County on legal and investigative issues dealing with the investigations of all crimes in Adams County. The Office is available to counsel law enforcement agencies on a 24 hour a day, 365 days a year basis. The District Attorney's Office, through the District Attorney, supervises and controls the Adams County Drug Task Force.

The District Attorney's Office also coordinates the Adams County Child Abuse Network, responsible for the investigation and prosecution of all child abuse cases in Adams County. The District Attorney's Office also coordinates the investigation and prosecution of all domestic violence cases in Adams County. The District Attorney's Office is a member of the Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force (ICAC).

# **Budget** Narrative

Given the continuing budget issues that Adams County faces, I have attempted to fashion a budget for 2025 which serves the County's needs to insure continued public safety. The District Attorney's Office will attempt to use discretionary accounts to pay for some training, however nearly all of our discretionary funds have been exhausted. Furthermore, the District Attorney's Office will use discretionary funds to pay for membership fees for the AOPC and MAGLOCLEN.

Adams County continues to receive reimbursement from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to cover sixty-five percent of the District Attorney's salary. This revenue source will continue during 2025.

The District Attorney's Office applied for continued STOP Grant funding for 2025-2027. The total amount requested was \$375,000. Of that, \$112,500.00 will pass through to Safe Home for use in provision of victim services to victims of domestic violence. \$75,012 will pass through to the Pennsylvania Coalition Against Rape (PCAR) to provide sexual assault services to victims of sexual assault in Adams County. The remaining amount is earmarked for the County to support expenses of a Paralegal, an Assistant District Attorney, and one or two County Detectives.

#### District Attorney (continued)

The Adams County District Attorney's Office is responsible for paying for the blood work necessary for all driving under the influence of controlled substance cases filed by municipal police departments in Adams County. When the police suspect an individual is driving under the influence of a controlled substance, blood is drawn and sent to National Medical Services Lab (NMS) for testing and analysis. The District Attorney's Office is billed for this service. As part of the defendant's sentence, the defendant is ordered to pay the costs of the blood draw and analysis to the County of Adams, c/o the District Attorney's Office. Furthermore, for trial purposes, the District Attorney's Office must utilize an expert witness from NMS for purposes of presenting this expert testimony. The costs of this expert witness are also added to the defendant's costs at sentence and the defendant ultimately reimburses the County for these costs. Under Professional Services, the District Attorney's Office is requesting \$110,000.00. \$87,000 represents costs from NMS Labs with an additional \$23,000.00 for costs from various forensic services and transcripts. The restitution paid within the next year to Adams County by the defendant after sentence is included in the revenue projections and is projected at \$60,000.00. These costs may also be recouped through the payment of costs of prosecution next year to Adams County by the defendant after sentence.

There is one pending homicide cases in Adams County Court for 2025 which will potentially require expert witnesses and other professional services. Up until 2016, the District Attorney's Office utilized approximately \$108,000.00 from a federal forfeiture fund to pay for professional services, forensic services training, equipment, supplies, and other expert witnesses at trial, thereby excluding those costs from the County general fund. The federal forfeiture fund is closed as a result of a zero balance and there are no new anticipated federal forfeitures to refresh this fund.

As a result of constantly evolving criminal trends, the County detectives have received training and equipment to forensically analyze cellphones, tablets and other computer devices. The continued licensing and training costs are approximately \$6,000.00 per year. This figure is included in the amount for Professional Services

2024 has presented a new dynamic in the way cases are handled, requiring more time and adaptation to accomplish effective review and dispositions. There were 1594 misdemeanor and felony cases for 2022 and, in 2023, there were 1486 misdemeanor and felony cases. So far in 2024, there are 1349 misdemeanor and felony cases. There has also been a rise in summary appeals. There were 110 summary appeals in 2022 and 110 summary appeals in 2023. So far, in 2024, there are 97 summary appeals. Also, the number of crimes against children cases through the Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) unit increased from 35 cases in 2022 to 36 in 2023 and so far in 2024, 52 have been opened. NCMEC Cybertips have tripled since COVID. In 2023, 32 electronic items were investigated. So far in 2024, 50 electronic items were investigated. Many of these cases require significant man hours and investigative resources dealing with computers and forensic issues. These are the type of cases that have garnered so much publicity in the local press.

District Attorney (continued)

## **Departmental Goals**

- Investigate and provide investigative support countywide on all violations of the Controlled Substance and Cosmetic Act.
- Oversee the investigation and prosecution of all crimes committed in the County and assure that law enforcement considers all investigative techniques.
- Assure that each case is considered as early as practicable for alternate disposition through specialty/problem solving courts.
- Timely schedule all pre-trial and post-trial hearings, jury trials, non-jury trials, and miscellaneous hearings.
- Timely generate court notices to victims and witnesses.
- Accompany victims of crime to adult and juvenile court hearings.
- Ensure that all trial files contain pertinent information to assist in the successful prosecution of criminal cases.

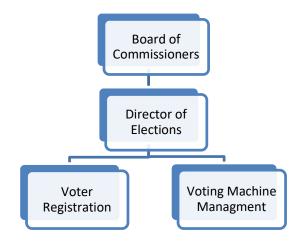
	2022 Budget	2023 Budget	2024 Budget	2025 Budget
Budgeted Positions	18	19	19	19

District Attorney (continued)

Revenue & Expense Detail			District Att	orney (continued)
	2022	2023	2024	2025
	Actuals	Actuals	Adopted	Tentative
Account Description	Audited	Audited	Budget	Budget
<u>Revenues:</u>				
Federal Funding	129,357	132,951	125,000	125,000
State Funding	120,682	127,477	143,028	143,028
Charges for Services	2,951	3,324	10,450	10,450
Salary Reimbursement	4,683	1,389	4,500	4,500
Restitution	165,146	153,152	60,000	60,000
Rental Income	1,920	1,920	1,920	1,920
Forfeited Properties	42,786	39,243	35,000	35,000
TOTAL REVENUES	\$467,525	\$459,456	\$379,898	\$379,898
<u>Expenses</u>				
Professional Services	250,207	115,253	110,000	110,000
Legal Fees	22,500	22,500	22,500	22,500
Witness Fees	404	221	500	500
Advertising	550	-	550	550
Dues/Memberships	11,263	10,515	14,250	14,900
Application Filing Fee	1,927	159	1,600	1,600
Contracted Services	40,219	22,017	17,371	63,086
Training	1,000	1,981	3,000	3,000
Conferences	4,700	2,140	5,000	5,000
Travel – Mileage	1,087	1,808	1,250	1,250
Travel – Meals	134	269	250	250
Travel – Other	1,842	356	250	250
Travel – Lodging	4,309	2,753	3,000	3,000
Building Repair Maintenance	-	2,089	-,	-
Vehicle Repair Maintenance	73	_,	100	100
Telephone	1,779	1,637	1,651	283
Cell Phone	3,121	5,059	5,000	5,200
Internet	346	368	370	370
Human Services	73,823	56,737	62,500	62,504
Supplies	9,928	9,294	13,000	13,000
Publications/Subscriptions	8,476	9,415	7,500	-
Postage/Shipping	6,948	5,773	6,000	6,200
Gasoline for County Vehicle	1,678	1,436	1,750	1,750
Uniforms/Tactical Gear	1,166	-,	1,200	1,200
Minor Equipment	8,374	872	6,800	1,000
Bank Fees	-	367	-	540
Forfeiture Return	42,786	39,243	35,000	35,000
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	\$498,640	\$312,262	\$320,39	\$365,579
Salaries	976,896	1,046,929	1,151,470	1,144,326
FICA ER	70,305	75,742	88,088	87,541
Allocated Benefits	338,413	350,605	370,891	381,899
TOTAL OPERATING BUDGET	\$1,884,254	\$1,785,538	\$1,930,842	\$1,979,345
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# **ELECTIONS & VOTER REGISTRATION**



## **Mission Statement**

Our office is responsible for the County's electoral process as well as Voter Registration and Campaign Finance filings for all candidates in accordance with the Pennsylvania Election Code, the National Voter Registration Act, the Pennsylvania Voter Registration Act and the Help America Vote Act.

# **Budget** Narrative

This year will be a Municipal Election year. There will be County and Local offices up for election this year. Candidates will be filing nomination petitions in our office in February and March.

The County has grown to 72, 661 registered voters. We are going to start the year with about 15,390 permanent Mail-in/Absentee voters. We will be mailing them a mail-in/absentee application the first week in February.

We will continue to maintain our mandated list maintenance programs according to the PVRA and NVRA. We will process our annual NCOA mailing as well as the five-year non-voting notices. We will also provide voter lists @ .25 per page and CDs @ \$20.00 each.

We have the maintenance on our DS200, ExpressVotes and the DS450 voting machines through ES&S. In addition, we will also incur costs for the coding and programming of the ballots and scanners. It is our responsibility to test each voting machine before each election. We are also responsible for the delivery of all of this equipment to each polling place which we will once again contract for rental trucks.

Elections/Voter Registration (continued)

#### **Departmental Goals**

- To process all applications within 72 hours of receipt (except during periods of closed registration).
- Integrate online voter registration as a method of registration.
- Process absentee ballot applications within 24 hours of receipt.
- Have elections results available for public inspections within 12 hours of polls closing.
- Have 100% accuracy on programming the Primary and Elections ballots.

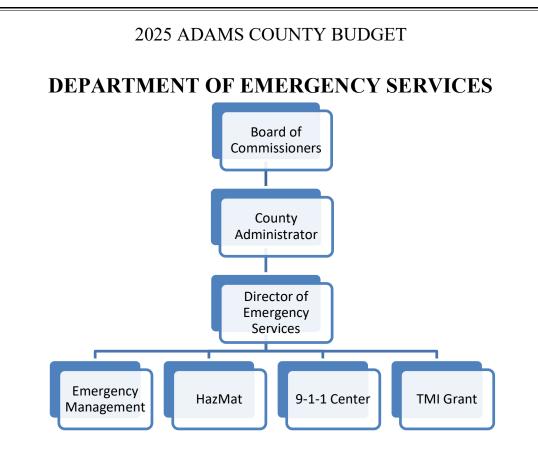
	2022 Budget	2023 Budget	2024 Budget	2025 Budget
Budgeted Positions	4	4	6	6

Elections/Voter Registration (continued)

Account Description	2022 Actuals Audited	2023 Actuals Audited	2024 Adopted Budget	2025 Tentative Budget
<u>Revenues:</u>				
Federal Funding	8,905	-	-	-
State Funding	142,224	379,006	365,843	357,157
Charges for Services	106	1,847	1,500	2,000
Miscellaneous	-	-	-	-
TOTAL REVENUES	\$151,235	\$380,853	\$367,343	\$377,157
Expenses:				
Professional Services	18,034	181,708	176,000	218,650
Advertising	8,398	15,475	10,000	14,000
Dues/Membership	889	474	500	500
Contracted Services	45,504	31,627	50,652	30,369
SBITA	-	-	-	16,060
Training	(33)	-	7,200	5,000
Conferences	730	1,070	1,900	1,900
Travel - Mileage	210	357	450	600
Travel - Meals	119	202	100	100
Travel - Other	23	35	70	70
Travel - Lodging	1,440	1,629	1,300	2,462
Building Repair/Maintenance	2,842	47,286	-	
Equipment Repair/Maintenance	250	375	450	450
Rental of land and buildings	4,170	6,100	6,000	6,200
Telephone	515	499	458	112
Cell Phone	506	506	480	510
Disposal of Waste	-	235	-	
Internet	75	80	81	263
Supplies	74,210	77,417	62,350	62,350
Publications Subscriptions	198	1,750	500	500
Postage/Shipping	36,914	34,808	50,000	50,000
Gasoline for County Vehicles	269	346	-	
Minor Equipment	18,250	24,232	-	5,238
Equipment	-	220,135	49,824	
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	\$333,513	\$663,066	\$418,315	\$415,334
Salaries	189,439	193,251	227,434	235,435
FICA ER	13,611	13,926	17,399	18,011
Allocated Benefits	96,852	96,573	90,626	97,941
TOTAL OPERATING BUDGET	\$633,415	\$966,816	\$753,774	\$766,721

#### Revenue & Expense Detail

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The Adams County Department of Emergency Services is responsible for maintaining the Adams County Emergency Services Center – Offices and Training Center and operations therein.

Built in 2003-2004, the facility houses the Emergency Management Agency; the County 9-1-1 Center; training classrooms, conference rooms and offices for County emergency responders, and the supplies and equipment utilized by the American Red Cross when disasters strike the County. It is the hub of the County's emergency communications system and includes facilities for emergency amateur radio operations, and the County emergency operations center or "EOC".

Emergency Services staff are responsible for the 9-1-1 emergency communications center, emergency management, hazardous materials response and all of the emergency planning functions, preparedness, prevention, response and recovery for natural and man-made emergencies, disasters and special events.

# **Budget** Narrative

The 2025 objectives for the Emergency Services Department and Emergency Management function includes improvements and enhancements to the training facility, continued training for the County's Emergency Operations Center staff, County municipal emergency management coordinators and local elected officials.

Further opportunities to educate the public and encourage disaster planning remain an ongoing priority for the Emergency Management staff. Each year, personnel visit with local organizations, schools and senior centers to talk about disaster planning and preparedness and the importance of remaining alert to weather conditions, man-made disasters and citizens' role in safe practices and remaining alert for potential hazards.

Dept. of Emergency Services (continued)

The Emergency Services Department continues to work closely with the South Central Task Force to build and maintain vital regional resources critical in times of emergencies. The Task Force helps to provide training to first responders and emergency management personnel.

Department personnel will also continue to respond when needed around the County during weather emergencies, potential hazardous materials incidents and other emergencies that jeopardize public safety.

The Department is also responsible for maintaining the Emergency Services Training Facility and Office Center in Straban Township. Available funding will be used in 2025 to upgrade technology in the center.

#### **Departmental Goals**

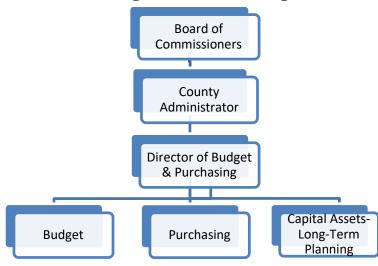
- Ensure the Emergency Services department is staffed at the appropriate level with competently trained and certified personnel in accordance with federal, state, and local performance and Quality Assurance Standards.
- Ensure the equipment and technology are capable of meeting all anticipated industry standards.
- Continue to update enhancements and life cycle plans for all primary emergency action plans.
- Continue idea sharing and receive input from other emergency responding departments.

	2022 Budget	2023 Budget	2024 Budget	2025 Budget
Budgeted Positions	2	2	2	2

Dept. of Emergency Services (continued)

	2022	2023	2024	2025
A acount Description	Actuals Audited	Actuals Audited	Adopted	Tentative
Account Description	Audited	Audited	Budget	Budget
<u>Revenues:</u>	00 150	64 202	(0,000	110 226
Federal Funding	88,159	64,203	60,000	119,336
State Funding	16,948	16,948	16,948	-
Charges for Services	-	1,297	-	-
Rental Income	37,400	35,525	34,900	35,974
Miscellaneous	-	-	-	-
TOTAL REVENUES	\$142,507	\$117,973	\$111,848	\$155,310
Expenses:				
Professional Services	-	-	80	80,080
Dues/Memberships	-	-	250	250
Contracted Services	27,276	24,698	34,053	60,000
Training	247	21,090	250	250
Conferences	-	-	200	200
Travel - Mileage	139	-	150	150
Travel - Meals	-	-	100	100
Travel - Other	-	-	100	100
Travel - Lodging	-	-	400	400
Property Repair/Maintenance	1,215	1,387	1,500	1,500
Building Repair/Maintenance	6,797	6,927	12,000	12,000
Vehicle Repair/Maintenance	-		50	750
Equipment Repair Maintenance	1,752	2,061	2,094	500
Telephone	13,772	14,268	14,000	11,949
Cell Phone	711	506	500	510
Electric	46,156	58,377	47,000	55,000
Fuel Oil/Natural Gas	14,075	12,214	18,000	15,000
Water/Sewer	8,883	8,883	8,900	8,900
Disposal of Waste	1,907	2,228	2,141	2,500
Television	1,932	2,068	2,200	2,200
Internet	1,160	1,440	1,441	1,441
County Hosted Activities	-	-	500	500
Supplies	17,842	13,578	9,527	6,000
Publications/Subscriptions	-	-	-	-
Postage/Shipping	10	26	75	50
Gasoline for County Vehicles	-	-	-	500
Minor Equipment	1,782	-	4,489	-
Equipment	-	-	7,620	
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	\$145,656	\$148,878	\$167,620	260,830
Salaries	144,449	153,665	158,826	165,401
FICA ER	10,578	11,337	12,150	12,654
Allocated Benefits	61,262	60,903	56,989	61,092
TOTAL OPERATING BUDGET	\$361,945	\$374,783	\$395,585	\$499,977
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# 2025 ADAMS COUNTY BUDGET Budget & Purchasing



# **Mission Statement**

The primary mission of the Adams County Office of Budget & Purchasing is to develop, maintain, and forecast the annual County Budget. This Office is also responsible for all the purchasing in the County as it houses the Purchasing Division. The Budget and Purchasing Team provides timely and accurate financial reports to the Board of Commissioners and Department Directors/Elected Officials for proper management of the county finances. The Budget Office also acts as an advisor and makes recommendations to the County Administrator, Board of Commissioners, and Department Directors on matters such as budgets, purchases, capital items, cashflow and Debt management. In addition, the Office oversees and is responsible for assigned special projects that include general operations, capital projects, inventory management. As the Office of Budget, we are held to high standards in safeguarding the county's fiscal affairs in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP), Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) and best practices from Governmental Finance Officers Association (GFOA).

# **Budget** Narrative

In **2024**, the Office of Budget and Purchasing developed and maintained essentially two budgets. The first, the Operational Budget in the amount of \$88.4 million and the second, a Capital Budget totaling approximately \$2.5 million. As of June 30<sup>th</sup>, the County has collected 73% of budgeted revenues and only expended 43% of their expenditures. Overall, the County is financially healthy and fiscally sound.

As we begin to develop the **2025 budget**, we will see the continued challenges brought on by inevitable growth. This Office continues to observe the impact of County growth and will track, monitor, and maintain an overall County budget of <u>\$94 million</u>. The Office of Budget is a small staff of 4 and services approximately 35 departments. Our core existence is to develop and provide services relating to Budget and Purchasing. The Office of Budget continues to review monthly budget reports, performs analytics and forecasting methods to provide a blueprint for future County budgets. Working with the department directors continuously, providing budget information, data analysis, recommending budget modifications, and cost saving measures, allows for efficient budget operations. A critical task assigned to our department is to routinely provide budget presentations to the Board of Commissioners for good financial decision making.

Budget & Purchasing (continued)

The Budget Office has been Awarded the GFOA Distinguished Budget Presentation Award for the fifth year consecutively, from the GFOA Government Finance Officers Association. This award is a testament to the County's commitment to producing annual reports that air full disclosure and transparency. To receive this award, a governmental unit must publish a budget document that meets program criteria as a policy document, as a financial plan, as an operations guide, and as a communications device. The Adams County Office of Budget & Purchasing also publishes an annual Budget-in-brief document that highlights the County Budget.

The Purchasing Division makes all purchases on behalf of the County and continues to research and recommend cost savings wherever possible while working with departments on requested purchases. All purchases are required to run through the County's centralized purchasing software system for accurate accounting and record keeping.

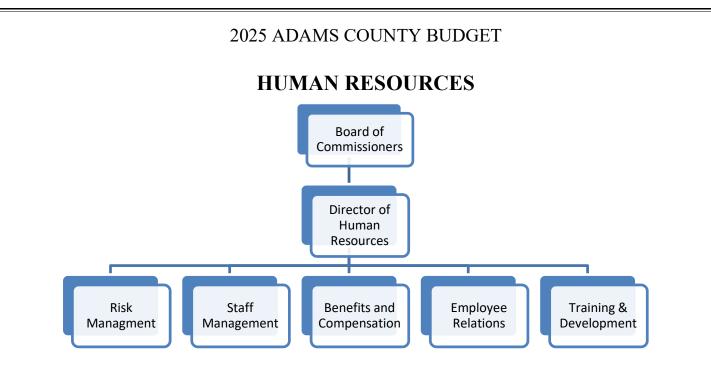
#### 2025 Departmental Goals

- Support departments and management on financial matters
- Assist departments in meeting budget targets and help resolve budget related issues
- Trend analysis and forecasting to provide a foundation for the annual budget development process
- Create a user-friendly, customer service-oriented environment
- Generate a L-Term Capital Improvement Plan per CIP Policy and manage the financing for capital projects
- Develop additional reports that pull data from the Contract Module, the Purchasing module, and the Budget Module
- Manage a service-oriented purchasing process to ensure the best value for the County while complying with all Pennsylvania procurement codes and County purchasing policies
- Cash management and fund balance management to ensure availability of adequate funds to meet all County disbursements

	2022 Budget	2023 Budget	2024 Budget	2025 Budget
Budgeted Positions	5	5	5	4

Budget & Purchasing (continued)

	2022	2023	2024	2025
	Actuals	Actuals	Adopted	Tentative
Account Description	Audited	Audited	Budget	Budget
<u>Revenues:</u>				
NO REVENUES	-		_	-
TOTAL REVENUES	\$ -	\$ -	<b>\$</b> -	\$ -
<u>Expenses:</u>				
Professional Services	94,256	96,009	125,700	122,750
Advertising	-	-	100	100
Dues/Memberships	935	950	1,825	1,825
Contracted Services	34,869	36,209	43,500	43,709
Training	-	70	3,000	3,000
Conferences	735	475	2,000	2,000
Travel - Mileage	205	94	150	250
Travel - Meals	-	-	75	150
Travel - Other	-	-	60	60
Travel - Lodging	147	-	1,800	1,800
Telephone	663	620	670	500
Internet	721	2,006	2,040	2,040
Supplies	981	944	3,000	2,500
Inventory Adjustment Expense	430	(200)	1,200	1,200
Publications Subscriptions	-	-	500	500
Postage/Shipping	1	-	150	200
Gasoline for County Vehicle	-	-	100	-
Minor Equipment	1,716	1,373	3,000	1,000
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	\$135,659	\$138,550	\$188,870	\$183,584
Salaries	220,514	246,415	259,466	271,479
FICA ER	17,127	18,566	19,850	20,768
Allocated Benefits	77,362	84,294	88,349	113,949
TOTAL OPERATING BUDGET	\$450,662	\$487,825	\$556,535	\$589,780



The Human Resource's primary role is to support the County of Adams by providing services related to human resources management to approximately 627 full and part-time employees. Payroll, benefits administration, and Risk Management are also under the direction of the Director of Human Resources.

The Human Resources Department supports the County in the selection and development of skilled employees who can provide the highest quality services to the community. It is responsible for coordination of employee benefits, labor relations, employee relations, employee wellness and being the subject matter experts for the management team.

The Assistant Director serves as the Risk Management Officer for the County. This position is responsible for managing the County's risk and employee safety. This includes managing workers compensation and safety.

There are two dedicated Human Resources Generalist who assist departments with recruiting as well as payroll.

A Human Resources Manager is assigned to the Adams County Adult Correctional Facility full time.

# **Budget** Narrative

In 2025 the Human Resources department

- Continue to work closely with the Board of Commissioners on employee benefits.
- Continue to encourage Wellness activities to encourage healthy behavior changes to directly affect the cost of health insurance coverage.
- Continue to be customer services focused and professional in our efforts and relationships.
- Continue to stay educated and up-to-date in all areas of responsibility.

Human Resources (continued)

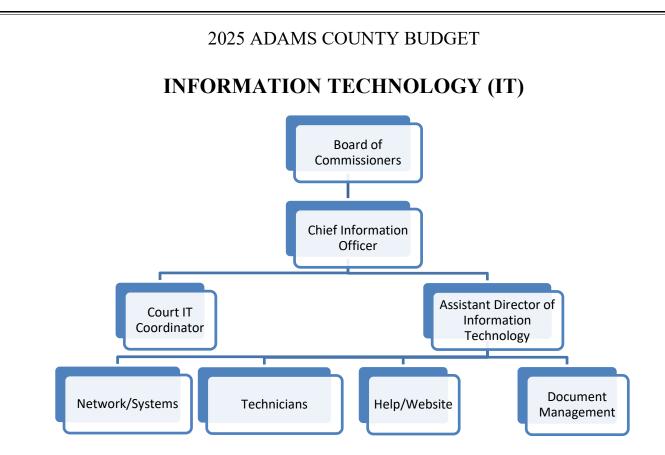
#### **Departmental Goals**

- Work with County departments to improve and strengthen the recruiting, interviewing, and selection process.
- Review all applications, screen candidates, assist County departments in developing guides, and review the hiring process to ensure the most qualified candidates are selected.
- Work with providers to improve cost effectiveness and competitiveness of employee benefits.
- Provide a new hire orientation to each new employee for the County.
- Make sure all County employees are treated in a fair and consistent manner as well as improve communication.
- Review current policies for updates and develop new policies as required.
- Administer union contracts as written and establish regular schedules for management labor meetings.

	2022 Budget	2023 Budget	2024 Budget	2025 Budget
Budgeted Positions	5	4	4	4

Human Resources (continued)

	2022 Actuals	2023 Actuals	2024 Adopted	2025 Tentative
Account Description	Audited	Audited	Budget	Budget
<u>Revenues:</u>				
Admin Fees	345	456	200	456
Miscellaneous	1,344	-	20,000	
Flexible Spending Forfeiture	120	(393)	-	
Other Grants	-	25,671	-	20,000
TOTAL REVENUES	\$1,809	\$25,734	\$20,200	\$20,456
Expenses:				
Professional Services	194,173	225,724	228,048	219,557
Legal Fees	1,022	2,046	1,000	
Advertising	100	5,229	_,000	20,000
Dues/Memberships	1,526	1,878	1,953	1,953
Contracted Services	3,298	3,065	2,367	2,528
SBITA	-	3,000	3,000	3,000
Training	3,979	7,214	24,000	23,000
Conferences	1,040	1,040	3,000	2,000
Travel - Mileage	-	50	125	12:
Travel - Meals	87	71	200	200
Travel - Other	-	-	-	
Travel - Lodging	586	595	1,500	1,500
Building Repair Maintenance	992	-	23,440	
Equipment Repair Maintenance	-	-	300	200
Telephone	821	674	735	168
Cell Phone	2,353	2,360	1,920	1,920
Internet	133	221	622	622
Supplies	1,866	842	2,000	1,900
Publications Subscriptions	143	293	143	132
Employee Recognition	860	775	1,000	775
Postage/Shipping	82	46	30	50
Gasoline for County Vehicles	52	-	-	
Minor Equipment	1,419	3,129	-	
Miscellaneous		(186)	-	
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	\$214,532	\$258,066	\$295,383	\$279,930
Salaries	259,020	263,553	272,873	284,101
FICA ER	18,802	19,268	20,875	21,734
Allocated Benefits	92,143	81,498	92,827	93,539
TOTAL OPERATING BUDGET	\$584,497	\$622,385	\$681,958	\$679,304



The County of Adams Information Technology Department provides technology solutions, support, and service to County departments so that each department can effectively accomplish their missions.

# Vision Statement

The County of Adams Information Technology Department pursues excellence in technical service delivery and provides guidance to prepare departments for modern world changes.

## Goals

The County of Adams Information Technology Department has established departmental goals to support the Mission and Vision statements. The department will endeavor to ensure the integrity of data from loss or destruction. Department personnel will provide professional customer service to enhance customer relationships, both internally and externally. The staff will also focus on delivering effective and efficient technology that will enhance the delivery of public services. The department is committed to continually researching and evaluating technologies that will ensure a foundation for future growth, further strengthen security posture of the network and the expansion of services. The County of Adams Information Technology Department strives to be a high performing and leading Pennsylvania county.

Information Technology (continued)

## **Budget** Narrative

The Information Technology Department completed numerous projects during the 2024 calendar year while navigating and supporting Adams County. The projects ranged from department-level upgrades to major system improvements within the County. The team was able to accomplish these IT projects through sound project management principles, interdepartmental collaboration, highly talented technical staff, and standard business practices. The department continues to center organizational objectives around a standardized approach to ensure the highest levels of customer satisfaction, efficiency, and economies of scale. By realizing such an approach, the IT Department will proficiently deliver modernized technologies in which all departments benefit. These standards will continue to be highlighted in both current practice and future strategic planning. The expedited adoption of technology due to COVID has continued to increase demand on technology adoption and general support. County, Court, and Elected Offices are reliant on technology to function at even the most basic level. The IT Department will be tasked with identifying issues at the time of impact to limit the negative effects on these critical business processes.

A prioritized effort in securing all aspects of the County network and infrastructure have continued. Current threats throughout the landscape require advanced tools and highly capable staff to effectively combat the threats and maintain a high-level functioning network and server environment. There is no end in sight to these dangers and requires the department to diligently assess existing products for potential replacement. In addition, as the lifespan of IT hardware and software continues to lessen, it will require the department to plan for annual change. An influx of "internet of things" devices continues to dominate requests to add more non-traditional workplace devices to the secure environment. The success of the IT Department's security objectives will necessitate commitment in both current and future budgets.

As we approach the 2025 calendar year, "cloud" technologies continue to lead the shift in mission critical IT workloads. Adams County, like many other Counties, will realize cybersecurity benefits by shifting from a traditional on-premises data center towards a hybrid model with included security services. The IT Department will continue to work closely with the County Commissioners Association of Pennsylvania (CCAP) and other Pennsylvania Counties to determine an aggregate approach to manage the hybrid approach.

A key component to the overall success of the department will be dependent on the ability to retain highly competent and skilled staff within the IT Department. The department continues to evaluate the balance between internal and external resources that will meet short- and long-term needs of the County.

In closing, the IT Department will approach 2025 with similar objectives as in years past by aligning departmental goals with the three-year rolling IT strategic plan. The balance between innovation, culture, and end-user technical capacity will be closely aligned with recommendations. The goal is to gain the most utility from the technology investments the County owns. The benefits of current technologies will continue to require all County and Court staff to keep current with IT skillsets. This will promote a healthy and stable network, along with a workforce capable of fully realizing the County's investment in up-to-date technology.

Information Technology(continued)

Key Organizational Goals

- Support highly functioning and efficient government
- Maintain fiscally responsible budget.
- Align local government for future e-business demands.
- Manage appropriate levels of organizational risk.

#### Key Technical Priorities:

- Digital records improvement county-wide
- Device refreshes focused on mobility
- Microsoft Office 365 expansion and modifications
- Incremental cybersecurity improvements to reduce risk
- Cisco ISE deployment
- Redesign and rebuild internal network infrastructure
- Further deployment of security policies using National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) and Center for Internet Security (CIS) templates
- Enhancing capabilities of remote work for County employees
- Adapting functionality of legacy products to modern standards

#### Key Operational Objectives:

- High-level customer service
- Prioritize and assess significant areas of risk.
- Equitable allocation of time and resources to departments
- Regular dialogue with Office of Budget and Purchasing, Commissioners, and Controller's Office
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- Participation in all technology reviews related to all purchase requests, contracts, and agreements.
  - Highly functioning divisions within IT Department
  - IT Management accessibility to all departments
  - Succession planning and cross-training where applicable
  - Maintain IT staff technical standards and capacities
  - Best practice project management principles (project governance)
  - Department-level meetings to evolve soft skills within IT Department
  - Super user empowerment
  - End-user education and training
  - Improved cybersecurity posture of end users through multiple education methods

Information Technology (continued)

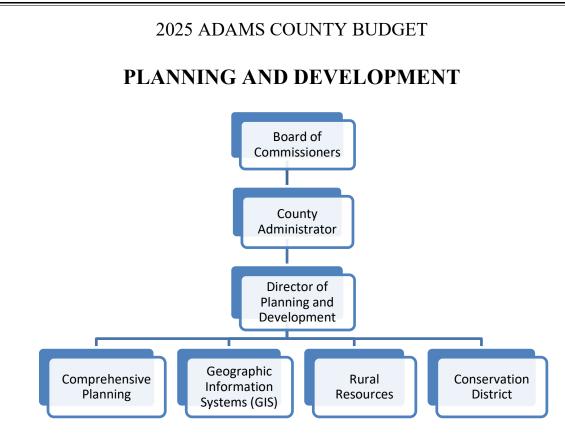
#### **Departmental Goals**

- Ensure system functionality, operability, and security of the County's telephone, computer, and networking systems.
- Install, service, and upgrade standard software, hardware, and related equipment in a responsive and economical fashion.
- Provide system users with a secure and reliable Information Technology environment.
- Assist County offices and departments in acquiring and implementing more efficient technologies.
- Provide basic training on organization-wide software packages used by most staff
- Resolve user problems in a responsive and efficient manner
- Perform upgrades and maintenance of applications without business disruptions
- IT staff technical training opportunities
- Data loss is not an option. Ensure the integrity of data from loss or destruction
- Regularly interacting with County business
- Meet and provide updates to technical-focused departments

	2022 Budget	2023 Budget	2024 Budget	2025 Budget
Budgeted Positions	14	14	12	12

Information Technology (continued)

-	2022 Actuals	2023 Actuals	2024 Adopted	2025 Tentative
Account Description	Audited	Audited	Budget	Budget
<u>Revenues:</u>				
State Funding	-	-	-	-
Web Hosting Fee	1,400	5,740	1,340	1,440
Charges for Services	40	-	-	-
Miscellaneous	-	-	-	-
TOTAL REVENUES	\$1,440	\$5,740	\$1,340	\$1,440
<u>Expenses:</u>				
Professional Services	63,649	106,481	137,000	99,200
Technical Services	-	975		-
Advertising	990	-	300	300
Contracted Services	493,464	171,187	218,606	387,032
SBITA	-	451,391	392,111	381,907
Training	2,696	2,784	2,500	2,680
Conferences	260	260	350	350
Travel - Mileage	1,230	1,291	1,700	1,300
Travel - Meals	32	127	100	100
Travel - Other	13	30	50	50
Travel – Lodging	293	297	300	300
Building Repair Maintenance	422	2,590	8,000	-
Equipment Repair Maintenance	11,789	-	500	250
Telephone	1,766	1,392	1,614	246
Cell Phone	7,458	7,328	6,400	7,200
Electric	3,378	3,553	3,400	3,400
Fuel Oil/Natural Gas	1,746	1,342	1,760	1,760
Water/Sewer	366	376	364	364
Disposal of Waste	826	481	334	334
Internet	4,977	1,277	1,483	1,483
Supplies	13,080	11,559	4,786	4,200
Publications Subscriptions	-	-	-	-
Postage/Shipping	-	80	50	50
Gasoline for County Vehicle	-	-	-	-
Minor Equipment	16,251	5,074	14,950	40,000
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	\$624,686	\$769,875	\$796,658	\$932,506
Salaries	832,631	792,990	769,918	821,764
FICA ER	62,433	59,999	58,899	62,865
Allocated Benefits	235,449	227,811	209,891	205,170
TOTAL OPERATING BUDGET	\$1,755,199	\$1,850,675	\$1,835,366	2,022,305



The Adams County Office of Planning and Development (ACOPD) comprehensively guides planning policy for the County to promote economic development, strengthen communities, and protect resources. We strive to enhance the quality of life for the residents while conserving the uniqueness of Adams County. Planning initiatives focus on advocacy for the community regarding desired development and resource conservation in Adams County. ACOPD emphasizes long-range economic visioning, land use, transportation and resource protection policies intended to guide short-term implementation activities to foster the best possible community development and conservation decisions resulting in long term quality of life benefits.

ACOPD is comprised of four divisions including Comprehensive Planning, GIS, Rural Resources, and the Conservation District. The department incorporates various disciplines that support a comprehensive list of programs and services to benefit the residents of Adams County.

#### **Objectives:**

The objective of the Adams County Office of Planning and Development (ACOPD) is to support the practice of sound planning to balance the conservation of valuable resources with the economic development needs of the community. ACOPD endeavors to provide leadership, support and resources and assist community representatives in making informed decisions regarding planning, economic development, and conservation visioning for the County. Through outreach and education efforts, ACOPD assists in responding to the defined needs of the County and its local communities and provides information and recommendations to citizens, decision makers and other County departments cooperatively so a long-term sustainable vision can be achieved.

ACOPD provides professional planning services to local municipalities, community and state partners, and the County. ACOPD is involved in projects and plans that enhance the physical and social character

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of our communities; achieved through traditional planning along with the incorporation of innovative concepts and solutions, integrated with striking visual representations.

ACOPD offers a variety of tools and resources to assist local municipalities and the County to envision their future through land use, transportation, economic development, and resource protection policies and implementation.

ACOPD through its four divisions works to provide the finest and most distinct service to our communities.

The active projects currently being conducted by ACOPD can be found on the following website for review at: <u>https://www.adamscountypa.gov/departments/officeofplanninganddevelopment</u>

# **Budget** Narrative

ACOPD had some staffing challenges in 2023 but is now fully staffed. This will enable ACOPD to provide greater resources for planning projects with the local municipalities. We continue to employ technology, primarily GIS, to provide greater public interaction with projects and visualizations that better communicate objectives of any given project. More detail is provided under the highlights below. We have also deployed drone technology to assist with inspection and analysis for various projects that provides compelling evidence of need for these projects as well. Emphasis on funding for technology will continue in 2025 and beyond.

The 2023 Annual Report for the Department including the Conservation District can be found at <u>https://storymaps.arcgis.com/stories/3e524d3e012f4048b5fce9b5838ee3f1</u>

The annual report for 2024 will be available online after the 1st quarter of 2025.

Highlights of the work of the ACOPD that are supported by this budget request include:

- 223 total reviews of Subdivision & Land Developments, Act 67/68 inquiries, sewage facilities planning modules, ordinance amendments and other miscellaneous documents. Plans submitted for review are depicted on this app in the GIS Hub <u>https://adamsgis.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=30fe0cdf96024f62b825d2d</u> <u>ca672ada0</u>
- The Transportation Improvement Program beginning in 2023 and was adopted in 2nd quarter of 2024. The most recent version of this document can be found here <a href="https://www.adamscountypa.gov/departments/officeofplanninganddevelopment/tip">https://www.adamscountypa.gov/departments/officeofplanninganddevelopment/tip</a>
- The Agricultural Land Preservation Program preserved 24,700 acres on 195 farms to date with 820 acres on 8 farms preserved in 2023 alone. Locations of preserved farms, conservation easements, ASA's and other protected lands can be viewed here <a href="https://adamsgis.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=529ce96e4c7b492ba28b23218e01aale">https://adamsgis.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=529ce96e4c7b492ba28b23218e01aale</a>

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The Adams County Parks, Recreation and Green Space Program assists qualified 0 applicants in protecting and preserving agricultural lands, open space, and community park and recreation projects. The Adams County Board of Commissioners allocates funds for preservation efforts, while the funding of park and recreational efforts is supported through Act 13 Marcellus Shale Gas funds received by the County. A dashboard of these projects can be found at

https://www.arcgis.com/apps/dashboards/04e28f9d1c9a4ab5a7fd05a6a0b9efb9

A new round for Parks and Rec grants was opened in June of 2024. Applications are due August 30, 2024 and will be reviewed by the advisory committee in September.

- > Regional planning efforts including work with the South Mountain Partnership are ongoing and there are plans to conduct and update to the Natural Areas Inventory working cooperatively with Franklin, Cumberland, and York Counties to complete this project.
- > ACOPD has developed an array of web maps, applications, dashboards, and StoryMaps to present data in a format that's easier for the public to understand, while providing a more interactive and engaging experience for the residents, municipalities, and visitors of the County. The GIS Hub https://gis-hub-adamsgis.hub.arcgis.com/ offers access to a collection of over 20 apps providing information on a variety of subjects, accessed from the County web site. The most popular app, the Adams County Tax Parcel Viewer, averages close to 500 views per day. Planning staff maintain over 75 of these GIS-based applications to assist in sound decision making, location of features, project outreach, data summaries, inspections, and reports.
- > CDBG grant administration including work with Gettysburg and Littlestown Entitlement Communities on their behalf with DCED. A dashboard of CDBG funded projects can be found at: https://adamsgis.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=baa4de008bd340fd921e89 561251c60b
- > ACOPD continues to provide support and resources for projects with the Adams Economic Alliance, and
- > Special projects with the Commissioner's Office and other county offices as needed, including the Broadband Connectivity Initiative https://broadband-connectivity-initiativeadamsgis.hub.arcgis.com/ and special funding programs like FAIR and ARRF among others.

Support documentation for the 2025 budget was included with this submission. Questions can be addressed to Sherri Clayton-Williams, Director of the Adams County Office of Planning and Development.

#### **Departmental Goals**

- Maintain and implement the Adams County Comprehensive Plan while providing technical assistance to municipal partners to facilitate coordinated countywide planning.
- Contribute to the successful implementation of economic development priority areas.
- Achieve timeliness status for the CDBG program.
- Improve the economic prosperity of the community.
- Support residents, businesses, builders, and developers in their effort to deliver new development in the community in accordance with development standards and regulations.

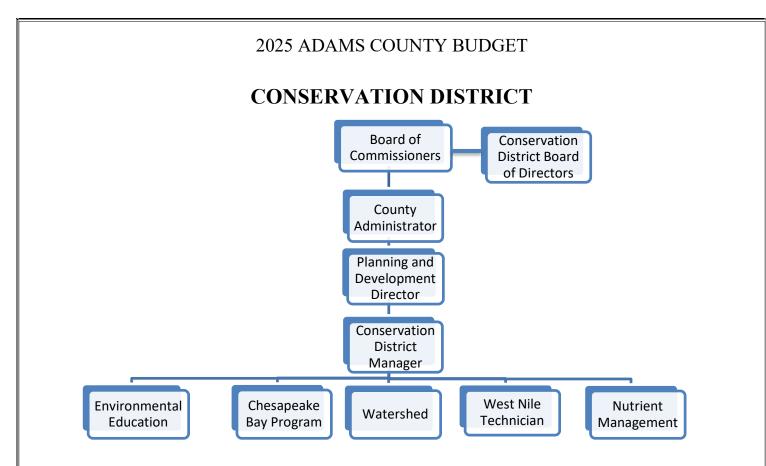
#### **Position Count**

	2022 Budget	2023 Budget	2024 Budget	2025 Budget
Budgeted Positions	16	16	16	16

Account Description	2022 Actuals Audited	2023 Actuals Audited	2024 Adopted Budget	2025 Tentative Budget
<u>Revenues:</u>				
Federal Funding	315,119	149,604	130,000	130,000
State Funding	26,655	77,525	143,500	118,500
Charges for Services	11,830	11,124	12,000	12,500
Copy Revenue	223	60	200	200
Admin Fees	29,907	112,927	50,000	65,000
Application Fees	68,183	39,764	50,000	50,000
Permits-Zoning	5,085	6,532	6,000	6,500
Other Grants	-	5,640	-	-
TOTAL REVENUES	\$457,002	\$403,176	\$391,700	382,700

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Revenue & Expense Detail	e & Expense Detail				
	2022	2023	2024	2025	
	Actuals	Actuals	Adopted	Tentative	
Account Description	Audited	Audited	Budget	Budget	
Expenses:					
Professional Services	41,552	49,475	121,500	121,500	
Legal Fees	1,175	3,276	2,000	3,000	
Advertising	7,856	7,114	6,500	8,000	
Dues/Memberships	3,009	2,020	5,795	6,795	
Contracted Services	68,488	68,676	70,990	60,863	
SBITA	-	4,101	4,101	9,040	
Training	317	375	4,900	4,900	
Conferences	1,691	356	5,700	5,700	
Travel - Mileage	1,801	3,541	3,000	3,550	
Travel - Meals	98	296	350	400	
Travel - Other	45	13	100	200	
Travel – Lodging	1,083	1,298	2,000	3,000	
Vehicle Repair/Maintenance	534	1,453	-		
Workshops	-	-	-	2,500	
Equipment Repair Maintenance	-	-	250	250	
Rental of land and buildings	60,323	60,323	65,070	65,070	
Telephone	2,408	2,246	2,500	1,005	
Cell Phone	2,251	2,828	3,000	2,676	
Internet	2,632	3,848	3,600	3,550	
County Hosted Activities	-	-	-	25,000	
Human Services	200,166	4,045	-	-	
Public Services	-	-	4,000	-	
Supplies	4,802	10,225	4,560	4,600	
Publications Subscriptions	404	772	500	500	
Postage/Shipping	1,237	1,150	1,200	1,300	
Gasoline for County Vehicles	620	471	600	600	
Minor Equipment	7,874	15,037	7,799	-	
Reimbursements	-	-	-	-	
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	\$410,366	\$242,939	\$320,015	\$338,999	
Salaries	874,403	879,073	994,997	1,039,371	
FICA ER	64,494	65,235	76,118	79,512	
Allocated Benefits	373,998	374,483	391,956	399,066	
TOTAL OPERATING BUDGET	\$1,723,261	\$1,561,730	\$1,783,086	\$1,856,948	



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# **Budget** Narrative

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#### **Departmental Goals**

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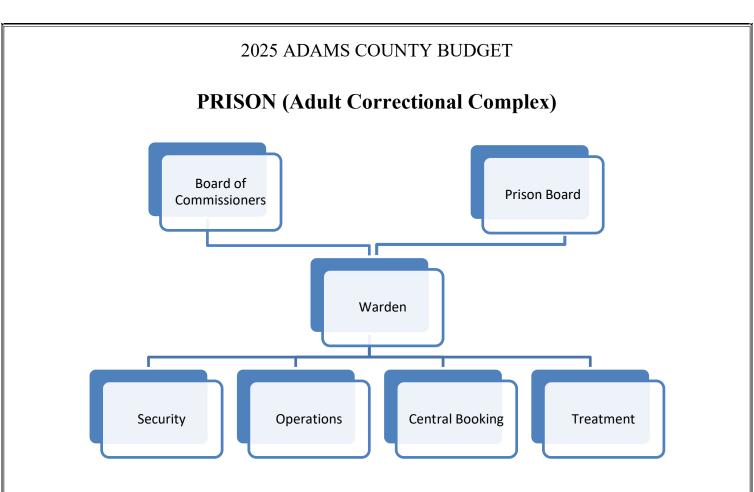
	2022 Budget	2023 Budget	2024 Budget	2025 Budget
Budgeted Positions	13	13	12	13
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#### Revenue & Expense Detail

Account Description	2022 Actuals Audited	2023 Actuals Audited	2024 Adopted Budget	2025 Tentative Budget
<u>Revenues:</u>				
State Funding	464,799	517,000	549,000	552,000
Salary Reimbursement	120,000	120,000	144,500	184,500
TOTAL REVENUES	\$584,799	\$637,000	\$693,500	\$736,500
Expenses:				
Professional Services	5,000	5,760	5,000	6,600
Technical Services	1,029	-	-	-
Advertising	108	106	115	115
Dues/Memberships	2,965	3,040	3,390	3,390
Contracted Services	6,315	6,161	5,643	5,588
SBITA	-	-	-	1,173
Training	-	-	50	50
Conferences	190	75	750	725
Travel - Meals	20	24	100	100
Travel – Other	26	7	50	50
Travel - Lodging	265	110	350	350
Building Repair/Maintenance	-	-	-	-
Vehicle Repair/Maintenance	2,219	2,400	2,400	2,500
Equipment Repair Maintenance	-	-	-	-
Rental of land and buildings	36,972	36,972	40,592	40,592
Telephone	1,791	1,662	1,651	476
Internet	1,881	970	974	1,000
Supplies	266	536	520	1,120
Postage/Shipping	399	401	400	430
Gasoline for County Vehicles	4,594	4,069	5,000	5,000
Minor Equipment		-	-	5,515
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	\$64,040	\$62,293	\$66,985	\$74,774
Salaries	564,651	606,928	686,162	706,566
	41,607	45,223	52,492	54,053
FICA ER				
FICA ER Allocated Benefits	315,710	286,763	303,625	323,089

\*The Conservation District is a component unit of Adams County and therefore adheres to two separate boards. The above budget represents the County's portion of the component unit.



The mission of the Adams County Adult Correctional Complex (ACACC) is to protect and serve the residents of Adams County and the public by providing progressive and comprehensive correctional and rehabilitative services. These functions are achieved through well managed and effective correctional programming, including: the use of pre-trial supervision; secure incarceration; community re-entry programs, and highly accountable security methods.

## Vision Statement

We will strive to empower our workforce at every level to achieve excellence in correctional practices. Integrity, communication, accountability, efficiency, and leadership are keys to our success.

# **Budget** Narrative

The 2024 average daily population (ADP) year to date is 218.16 inmates which is an increase from the (ADP) of 2023 which was 208.44. The slight increase in population still allows the ACACC to operate with a significant decrease in population since 2020. This allows us to continue reducing the overall cost to operate the correctional facility per inmate; however, the costs associated with routine purchases, such as personal protective equipment and cleaning supplies did increase as supply and demand issues have

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remained. Through these challenging and unprecedented times, the facility balanced fiscal responsibility with its mission to provide a safe and secure correctional facility.

In addition to the expense pertaining to the inmate population we continue to see a rise in cost from the aging facility and maintaining adequate standards involving the building, equipment, services, and repairs that continually grow. These costs have continued to rise in the current economy.

Moving into 2025, we will continue to focus on preventative maintenance relating to equipment repairs and replacement. There is impact visually, as well as monetarily, due to a facility that celebrated its 20th operational anniversary in 2023. Upgrades to several of the facility's major maintenance areas, such as the hot water heaters, boilers and HVAC system began in 2020 and were completed in early 2021. These upgrades are expected to provide energy savings, as well as reduce routine maintenance costs associated with the aging equipment that is being replaced. In early 2024, we replace two roof top units that provide heating and cooling to the facility. We expect to replace one more unit in 2025. Since the costly aspect of maintaining a 24/7 operation does not decrease, we continue to strive at establishing and maintaining a solid preventative maintenance schedule. The maintenance upkeep of a large correctional complex is so important to provide the safety and security of the prison at its peak, which is where strict following of a detailed preventative maintenance schedule is a must.

In 2025 we will continue to work through the regular occurrences of inmate hospital stays and emergency medical transports. We have experienced a slight increase in our total number of transports year to date compared to 2023, to include a decrease in the number of local transports, but an increase in transports for the United States Marshall Service and to the emergency room. These factors can cause a rise in our overtime as there are necessary local and emergency transports that cannot be planned for.

Our Facility continues with intensive Drug and Alcohol Outpatient Treatment to provide a needed service to these inmates which in return will reflect a decrease over the long term with drug and alcohol related recidivism that has always been a factor in our facility. In 2019, several grants were obtained by the County of Adams for use at the ACACC to further expand our Drug and Alcohol treatment services, specifically by initiating medication assisted treatment programming. We have received no-cost extensions for those grants and continue to utilize the funds to expand our Drug and Alcohol treatment services. We also received a new grant that went into effect October 1, 2022, for a pilot project that will replace the previous programming in the Re-Entry building. The goals of this program include reducing recidivism, although the fiscal benefits and impact of the program will not be immediately evident. Once the program has been operational for a few years, participation and other relevant data will be used to provide evidence of its efficacy. The Transition to Success program officially became operational on August 18, 2024, and we were able to extend our project period through 2025 to continue growing this program with grant funding. The Work Release Program and its participants are a part of this program that we expect to have positive impacts on reducing recidivism and preparing returning citizens for successful reentry into the community.

When comparing 2023 USMS revenue with 2024, we are continuing to see steady increases this year providing consistency. Continuing this course, we expect to exceed our budgeted amount in revenue by

#### Prison (continued)

year end. We continue to provide the ability for the facility to work with additional outside agencies and to accommodate housing inmates which temporarily benefits the prison revenue.

The staff of the Adams County Adult Correctional Complex will continue to operate effectively and efficiently within the parameters of the allowable budget as we have shown consistently through the years. We will continue to run a model correctional facility that will have a positive impact on the inmate population and reduce recidivism. We are dedicated to the professional, humane, and fiscally responsible operation of a correctional facility that will reflect positively on the residents of Adams County, the Adams County Prison Board, and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

#### **Departmental Goals**

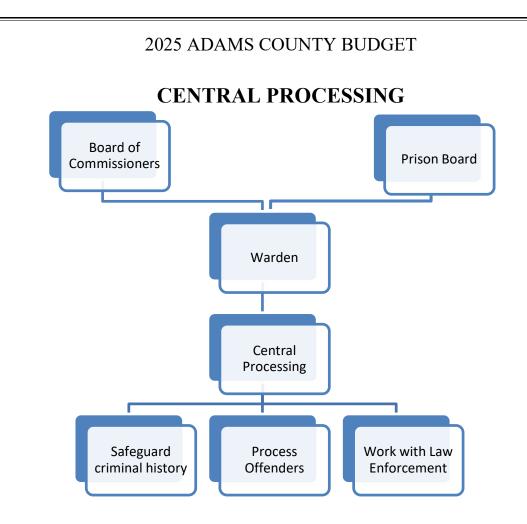
- Ensure the fiscal management of the prison is administered efficiently and responsibly.
- Provide food service that is nutritionally adequate, prepared and served in a sanitary manner, and is a reasonable cost.
- Prevent escapes through the use of suitable physical, mechanical, and procedural safeguards.
- Maintain an orderly environment with clear expectations of behavior and systems of accountability.
- Provide quality inmate health care that satisfies statutory requirements at a reasonable cost.
- Provide service to County law enforcement agencies by making positive identification of criminal defendants and collecting related information.
- Provide service to County law enforcement agencies by processing and collecting evidence on DUI offenders.

	2022 Budget	2023 Budget	2024 Budget	2025 Budget
Budgeted Positions	135	113	139	139

Prison (continued)

	2022 Actuals	2023 Actuals	2024 Adopted	2025 Tentative
Account Description	Audited	Audited	Budget	Budget
<u>Revenues:</u>				
Federal Funding	3,200	163,239	11,526	115,623
State Funding	5,634	98,779	302,162	352,864
Charges for Services	3,349	3,964	3,300	2,750
Copy Revenue	245	223	200	300
Admin Fees	1,796	1,740	1,500	1,250
Medical Copay Revenue	4,291	4,579	4,000	4,500
Weekender/Out of County Fees	1,147,840	1,525,105	1,400,000	1,750,000
Guard & Transport Fees	55,242	66,899	50,000	70,000
Work Release Inmate Fees	16,568	157,930	240,000	175,000
Commissions Earned	-	55	-	-
Vending Commissions	7,954	3,387	2,000	2,250
Salary Reimbursement	-	-	-	-
Restitution	1,440	739	1,250	1,000
Other Grants	5,000	-	-	-
Education Sub Abuse – Act 198	30,553	29,137	35,000	30,000
Interest Income	101	377	200	200
Miscellaneous	37,051	214,300	10,000	6,000
TOTAL REVENUES	\$1,320,264	\$2,270,453	\$2,061,138	\$2,511,737

Revenue & Expense Detail			Prison (continued)		
2	2022	2023	2024	2025	
	Actuals	Actuals	Adopted	Tentative	
Account Description	Audited	Audited	Budget	Budget	
Expenses:	2 4 40 271	2 226 000	2 5 4 2 7 2 9	2 20( 07	
Professional Services	2,449,371	2,336,888	2,542,738	3,286,97	
Technical Services	330	-	-	0.50	
Legal Fees	4,977	8,856	10,000	8,50	
Advertising	1,363	13,762	2,500	1,50	
Dues/Memberships	1,794	1,245	2,905	1,34	
Application Filing Fee	-	-	400	40	
Contracted Services	149,179	155,710	173,633	165,20	
SBITA	-	-	-	5,35	
Training	3,570	913	6,176	9,03	
Conferences	3,450	3,800	4,250	3,75	
Travel - Mileage	368	906	1,202	7,96	
Travel - Meals	-	-	100	10	
Travel - Other	42	10	100	10	
Travel – Lodging	-	-	1,000	1,00	
Property Repair/Maintenance	1,798	307	2,500	2,75	
Building Repair/Maintenance	58,675	33,656	55,000	50,00	
Vehicle Repair/Maintenance	8,999	4,108	5,000	5,00	
Equipment Repair Maintenance	26,913	12,603	77,500	75,00	
Telephone	9,531	10,032	10,065	4,80	
Cell Phone	1,308	1,686	2,000	2,00	
Electric	108,567	146,796	110,000	120,00	
Fuel Oil/Natural Gas	86,979	66,713	64,000	66,00	
Water/Sewer	68,100	80,599	68,100	70,00	
Disposal of Waste	20,034	26,888	21,000	25,00	
Internet	11,805	12,653	13,186	13,00	
Supplies	100,014	112,274	216,582	197,02	
Publications Subscriptions	4,367		4,758	197,02	
Employee Recognition	2,381	2,491	3,000	2,50	
Postage/Shipping	1,863	1,293	2,000	1,50	
	5,346	6,663	2,000 6,000	5,50	
Gasoline for County Vehicles Uniforms/Tactical Gear	385	12,117	6,411	9,30	
	31,500	76,632	111,353	20,91	
Minor Equipment	51,500	122	111,333	20,91	
Bank Fees	-		-		
Union Compliance	129,418	151,897	145,000	140,00	
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	\$3,292,427	\$3,281,620	\$3,668,459	\$4,304,70	
Salaries	6,379,506	7,154,446	8,380,027	8,701,85	
FICA ER	478,896	536,162	641,071	665,692	
Allocated Benefits	2,177,102	2,500,648	2,887,035	3,193,71	
TOTAL OPERATING BUDGET	\$12,327,931	\$13,472,876	\$15,576,592	\$16,865,96	



The mission of the Adams County Central Processing Unit is to provide local law enforcement with standard protocol in which to process individuals accused of criminal offenses. This shall be attained by coordinating the means and methods of obtaining, processing and disseminating offender identification and criminal history information.

## Vision Statement

The vision of the Adams County Central Processing Unit is to insure that criminal history information is properly safeguarded and to maximize local law enforcement's ability to coordinate their efforts in solving crime. We will also minimize the amount of time required to process offenders thereby allowing law enforcement officers the opportunity to maximize the services provided to their communities.

# **Budget** Narrative

During the 2024 year we have continued with the new and progressive operational guidelines and processes through continuous discussions with all members of the criminal justice community. This has continued to allow law enforcement the ability to reduce time processing prisoners, increase the safety and security of the booking center while remaining cost effective. We have more Correctional Officers trained and certified in the operation of the booking center which continues to reduce overtime expenses.

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During the 2025 budget year we will plan to intelligently implement new and improved changes and processes and will continuously monitor the operation of the booking center to ensure the smooth implementation of the changes.

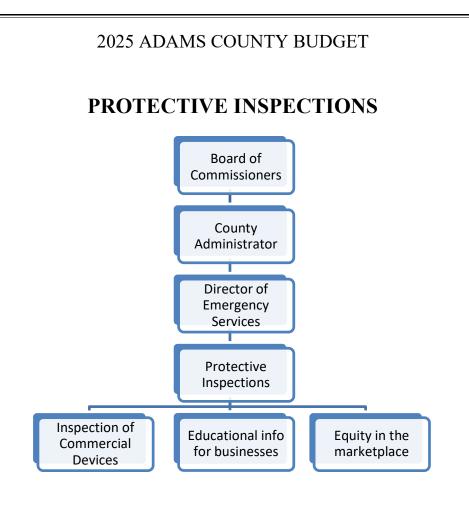
#### **Departmental Goals**

- Provide service to County law enforcement agencies by making positive identification of criminal defendants and collecting related information.
- Provide service to County law enforcement agencies by processing and collecting evidence on DUI offenders.

#### **Position Count**

	2022 Budget	2023 Budget	2024 Budget	2025 Budget
Budgeted Positions	10	9	9	9

	2022	2023	2024	2025
	Actuals	Actuals	Adopted	Tentative
Account Description	Audited	Audited	Budget	Budget
<u>Revenues:</u>				
Federal Funding	-	-	-	-
Charges for Services	420,770	398,170	440,000	440,000
TOTAL REVENUES	\$420,770	\$398,170	\$440,000	\$440,000
Expenses:				
Contracted Services	7,336	7,382	8,441	8,826
Supplies	4,741	5,256	5,758	5,911
Postage/Shipping	660	492	750	500
Minor Equipment	-	-	-	-
Union Compliance	-	268	3,500	100
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	\$12,737	\$13,398	\$18,449	\$15,337
Salary Expense	680,537	608,499	718,246	749,363
FICA ER	50,635	44,694	54,946	57,327
Allocated Benefits	258,516	235,573	252,352	279,652
TOTAL OPERATING BUDGET	\$1,002,425	\$902,164	\$1,044,003	\$1,101,679



The Adams County Department of Protective Inspections strives to protect the public in commercial weighing and measuring practices, to achieve fair competition among businesses, and to facilitate trade between the states. This is accomplished by:

- 1. Inspecting and testing at facilities which sell by weight, measure and/or count.
- 2. Assuring that the devices used, and the method of sale followed are correct, accurate and legal.
- 3. Eliminating from use the devices which are incorrect and/or inaccurate and those methods of sale which are not legal.
- 4. Responding to consumer complaints.

The Department of Protective Inspections also works in the following fields.

- 1. Enforcement of the Solid Waste Laws
- 2. Posting and personal service of tax claims presented by the Tax Claim Department.
- 3. Defensive Driver Training of County Employees (certified instructor)
- 4. Assist With operation within the Department of Emergency Services.

## **Budget** Narrative

The 2025 budget includes the statement of projected expenses and income for the following programs: Weights and Measures, Solid Waste Code Enforcement and Tax Claim. The anticipated revenue for weights and measures comes from a fee for service calculated to be approximately \$8,000.00. Additional revenue for personal service of tax claims is provided by the Tax Service Department.

Some elements of the operating expenses are fixed costs from year to year and are anticipated to remain the same. However, adjustments have been made to reflect potential changes to consumer prices such as gasoline, supplies, and conference costs. The testing equipment used for inspections is in excellent condition, but annual maintenance of cleaning and repainting will need to continue as well as regular service for the vehicle. There are no capital requests this year. Overall, this proposed budget has stayed within the parameters set by the Finance Department for 2025.

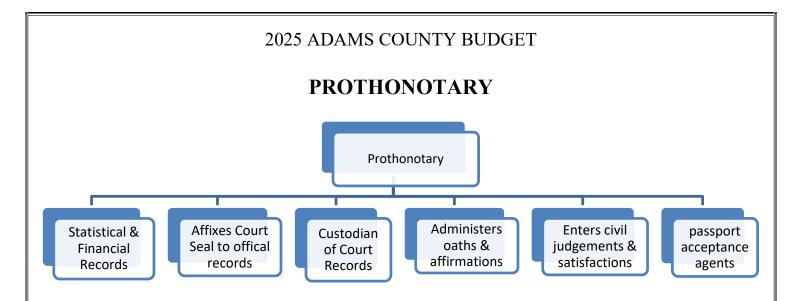
#### **Departmental Goals**

- Register and inspect, approve, or reject County weighing and measuring commercial devices by the end of 2025.
- Inform public regarding quick response to inquiries and selling/purchasing related information.

	2022 Budget	2023 Budget	2024 Budget	2025 Budget
Budgeted Positions	1	1	1	1

Protective Inspections (continued)

	2022	2023	2024	2025
	Actuals	Actuals	Adopted	Tentative
Account Description	Audited	Audited	Budget	Budget
<u>Revenues:</u>				
Charges for Services	9,355	8,900	9,000	9,000
TOTAL REVENUES	\$9,355	\$8,900	\$9,000	\$9,000
Expenses:				
Dues/Memberships	-	-	25	25
Contracted Services	100	97	103	103
Conferences	-	-	150	150
Travel - Lodging	-	-	300	300
Vehicle Repair/Maintenance	399	1,210	1,000	1,000
Equipment Repair Maintenance	-	-	-	-
Cell Phone	300	300	310	310
Internet	23	25	25	25
Supplies	284	321	300	300
Postage/Shipping	30	28	52	52
Gasoline for County Vehicles	2,563	2,137	2,600	2,600
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	\$3,699	\$4,118	\$4,865	\$4,865
Salary Expense, Full Time	63,099	63,000	70,304	73,112
FICAER	4,770	4,762	5,378	5,594
Allocated Benefits	28,536	27,751	29,061	31,171
TOTAL OPERATING BUDGET	\$100,104	\$99,631	\$109,608	\$114,742



The Prothonotary's office was established by the State Constitution to function as the civil clerk for the Court of Common Pleas. Maintaining public records is essential for safeguarding the rights of every citizen, and this responsibility has long been a cornerstone of county governance. Our aim is to deliver service with both professionalism and courtesy.

# **Budget** Narrative

The Department is committed to maintaining a close collaboration with the Court and its personnel to ensure the prompt and efficient processing of documents. We aim to enhance office productivity through advanced computer technology.

We are diligently advancing the rollout of several case management software modules, which will include online dockets, e-filing, and enhanced scanning capabilities. We are collaborating closely with the technology provider and coordinating with the County's IT team, court departments, and other relevant agencies to maximize efficiency, including benefits for the Sheriff's Department and the Clerk of Courts.

As a passport acceptance facility for the United States Department of State, our department underwent a comprehensive inspection and audit, achieving a flawless score. We were also honored with a letter of appreciation, recognizing our exemplary service to the traveling public and our commitment to maintaining the high standards established by the program.

# Goals for 2024

- Deployment of civil case management software modules, encompassing online dockets, electronic filing, update scanning software, and digitizing of microfiche
- Advancement of document management systems to enhance efficiency, improve services delivery, and reduce operational costs. This involves implementing the PDF/A file format for the permanent retention of records
- Cross-training initiatives to ensure prompt and accurate document processing
- Maintenance of necessary certifications and accreditations
- Enforcement of stringent financial controls

Prothonotary (continued)

#### **Departmental Goals**

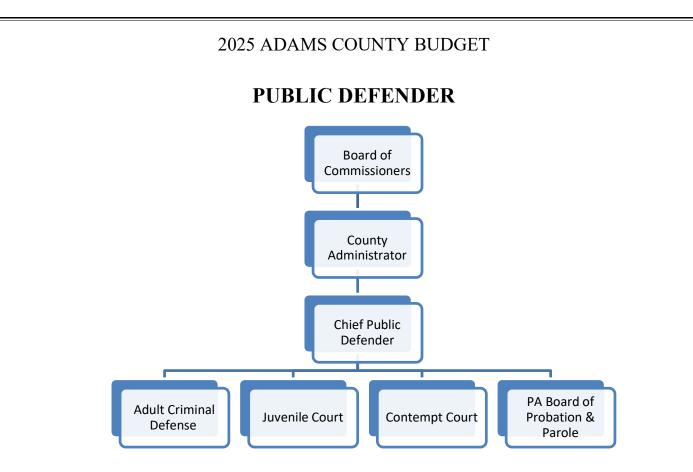
- Receive, docket, scan and process all civil case filings promptly
- Collect filing fees in accordance with the established fee schedule and state regulations
- Ensure public accessibility to records as determined by court policies
- Authenticate and distribute court orders and opinions to attorneys and involved parties
- Processing of Protection from Abuse Orders by the close of business on the day filed
- Maintain stringent financial controls by remitting collected funds to the County and State on a monthly basis
- Submit statistical reports monthly to the Administrative Office of Pennsylvania Courts and Court Administration
- Continue serving as Acceptance Agents for passport applications on behalf of the United States Department of State

	2022 Budget	2023 Budget	2024 Budget	2025 Budget
Budgeted Positions	7	7	7	7

Prothonotary (continued)

#### *Revenue & Expense Detail*

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	Actuals	Actuals	Adopted	Tentative
Account Description	Audited	Audited	Budget	Budget
<u>Revenues:</u>				
Charges for Services	266,194	270,145	280,000	280,000
Copy Revenue	1,298	-	-	-
Offender Supervision Fee	-	-	-	-
TOTAL REVENUES	\$267,492	\$270,145	\$280,000	\$280,000
Expenses:				
Professional Services	10,372	-	1,090	890
Legal Fees	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000
Advertising	253	251	300	300
Dues/Memberships	625	625	625	625
Contracted Services	3,794	5,486	26,313	26,275
Conferences	375	-	425	425
Travel - Mileage	263	37	100	500
Travel - Meals	-	-	-	
Travel - Other	12	-	100	100
Travel - Lodging	406	-	600	650
Property Repair/Maintenance	-	-	-	
Building Repair/Maintenance	164	9,994	-	
Equipment Repair/Maintenance	-	-	300	700
Telephone	841	780	826	826
Cell Phone	506	506	480	525
Internet	237	252	253	253
Supplies	4,036	4,623	6,000	7,737
Publications Subscriptions	-	87	-	150
Postage/Shipping	3,633	4,226	4,300	4,300
Minor Equipment	829	2,022	3,600	4,500
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	\$28,346	\$30,889	\$47,312	\$50,750
Salaries	269,056	275,376	301,466	300,107
FICA ER	19,816	20,265	23,062	22,958
Allocated Benefits	138,481	137,333	144,208	121,241
TOTAL OPERATING BUDGET	\$455,699	\$463,863	\$516,048	\$495,062



The Adams County Public Defender's Office is committed to providing excellent legal representation to all juveniles who commit criminal offenses and to financially qualified individuals in adult criminal cases, parole/probation and intermediate punishment revocation matters, protection from abuse contempt cases, cases involving alleged contempt of court for non-payment of child support or criminal case fines and costs, and mental health involuntary commitment hearings. Eligibility for representation is based on the income and personal assets of the individual (and in some cases, his or her household) who has applied for services. Our office uses an eligibility threshold of 150% of the federal poverty guidelines. Individuals who are incarcerated automatically qualify for public defender services.

It is the objective of this office to ensure that all individuals, regardless of financial circumstances, are afforded due process and the full protections of our state and federal Constitutions.

# **Budget** Narrative

Duties and responsibilities of our professional staff include interviews with defendants, investigation of cases, preparation for trials and hearings, representation during hearings and trials and, in the event of conviction, representation in connection with sentencing and any appeals. In addition, our office is also appointed to represent defendants in post-conviction matters who allege constitutional violations.

The current professional staff of the Adams County Public Defender's Office consists of a Public Defender, a First Assistant Public Defender and two assistant public defenders. This staff is supplemented by the services of an investigator, two legal secretaries and a Certified Paralegal/Office Manager, who oversees day-to-day operations in conjunction with the Public Defender. We are adequately staffed for our present needs.

Public Defender (continued)

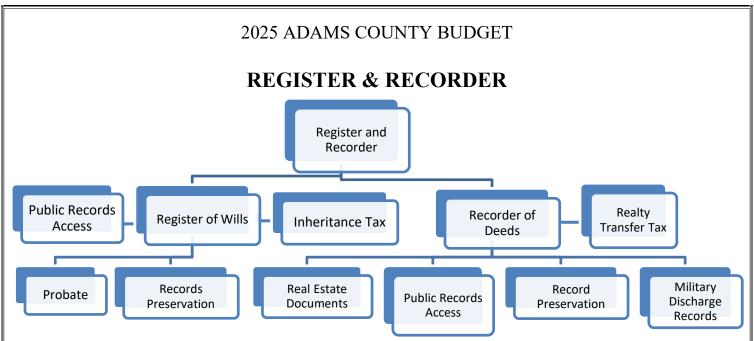
#### **Departmental Goals**

- Maintain a talented and dedicated professional staff.
- Maintain a manageable caseload for the attorneys in the office so there is sufficient time for case preparation.
- Ensure availability of supportive forensic services such as investigations, psychiatric evaluations, and expert witness retention.
- Provide quality legal representation to all eligible adult and juvenile defendants charged who lack sufficient funds to obtain their own counsel.

	2022 Budget	2023 Budget	2024 Budget	2025 Budget
Budgeted Positions	8	8	8	8

Public Defender (continued)

Account Description	2022 Actuals Audited	2023 Actuals Audited	2024 Adopted Budget	2025 Tentative Budget
<u>Revenues:</u>				
NO REVENUES	-	-	-	
TOTAL REVENUES	\$-	\$ -	\$ -	<b>\$</b> ·
Expenses:				
Professional Services	26,476	14,015	25,000	20,000
Legal Fees	77,821	63,788	58,000	58,000
Advertising	750	1,500	300	300
Dues/Memberships	3,510	3,620	4,125	4,550
Contracted Services	6,155	24,138	11,073	11,330
Training	2,610	6,334	3,000	3,30
Conferences	375	-	-	
Travel - Mileage	1,869	1,997	1,700	1,80
Travel - Meals	-	-	-	
Travel - Other	15	70	25	6
Travel - Lodging	-	163	-	18
Telephone	1,182	970	919	25
Cell Phone	2,038	2,529	2,880	2,88
Television	-	-	-	
Internet	124	132	133	13
Supplies	1,833	2,638	2,969	2,29
Publications Subscriptions	17,716	18,005	17,000	8,50
Postage/Shipping	1,927	1,767	1,800	1,80
Minor Equipment	1,375	6,026	4,500	
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	\$145,776	\$147,692	\$133,424	\$115,38
Salaries	419,354	404,223	461,823	493,99
FICA ER	31,045	30,223	35,330	37,79
Allocated Benefits	194,557	172,149	176,469	180,282
TOTAL OPERATING BUDGET	\$790,732	\$754,287	\$807,046	\$827,44



The office of the Adams County Register of Wills and Recorder of Deeds consists of two separate and distinct offices and the officeholder manages both offices.

The role of the Register of Wills is to act in a judicial capacity for issuing Letters, which is granting legal authority to the qualified Personal Representative to best serve as Executor or Administrator of an estate. In addition, the Register accepts estate filings throughout the administration process and monitors certain aspects of the estate administration. The Register also accepts Inheritance tax payments in the capacity of an Agent for the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

The role of the Recorder of Deeds is to accept for recording those documents that pertain to land records and transactions, and to preserve and maintain those public records whereby making them available for examination and research. In addition, the Recorder of Deeds has the duty to collect State and Local municipality and school district transfer taxes, and to timely disburse those funds to the proper entities. For our Veterans, the Recorder's office will record (upon request by a Veteran) and keep confidential his/her military discharge paper (DD-214) and will (upon request) provide certified copies (to the Veteran only). For the Pennsylvania notary, the Recorder of Deeds will issue an Oath to a notary, and will record the bond and commission and maintain as public record as required by law.

## **Budget** Narrative

The objective for the Register of Wills and Recorder of Deeds official is to focus on keeping a watchful eye on the ministrations of the office to keep the office up-to-date with any required law changes, best practices, as well as technology that may be incorporated to enhance and improve the services that each individual office provides to our community.

The office will continue to provide excellent customer service to help customers reach the ultimate goal they are looking to achieve, and will continue to preserve all records to allow users the ability to search data and associated images; whether it be by looking at actual historical books containing the desired information, or by using a reliable, user-friendly computer system. This office continues to serve our customers efficiently and with precision.

Register & Recorder (continued)

#### **Departmental Goals**

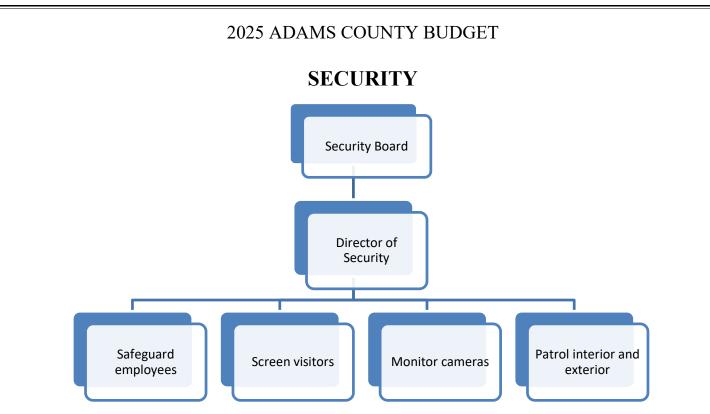
- Record all documents pertaining to real estate in Adams County through traditional or eRecording methods.
- Retain earliest documents as a method of historical record keeping.
- Scan all documents as a system of record preservation.
- Make recorded documents available to the public.
- Record all final discharge paperwork for honorably discharged non-commissioned officers for the Armed Forces.
- Collect fees and taxes mandated by the County and state on recorded documents.
- Determine if the documents presented are in compliance with applicable law and rules to be admitted for probate and the proper personal representative appointed for the estate.
- Collect the fees for probate and all other filings in accordance with the published fee schedule and state-mandated fees.

	2022 Budget	2023 Budget	2024 Budget	2025 Budget
Budgeted Positions	8	8	8	8

Register & Recorder (continued)

	2022 Actuals	2023 Actuals	2024	2025 Tentative
Account Description	Audited	Audited	Adopted Budget	Budget
Revenues:	1100100	1100100	200800	20080
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Charges for Services	872,238	742,435	900,000	800,000
TOTAL REVENUES	\$872,238	\$742,435	\$900,000	\$800,000
Expenses:				
Professional Services	-	-	100	100
Legal Fees	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000
Dues/Memberships	1,250	1,250	1,250	1,250
Contracted Services	16,459	31,867	18,441	18,827
SBITA	-	1,920	1,920	1,920
Training	-	-	250	250
Conferences	750	800	2,750	2,750
Travel - Mileage	310	-	500	300
Travel - Meals	35	72	60	60
Travel - Other	22	-	50	50
Travel - Lodging	1,062	584	3,770	3,770
Building Repair/Maintenance	309	-	-	-
Telephone	985	868	919	224
Cell Phone	169	506	480	480
Internet	280	298	299	299
Supplies	1,842	2,359	3,640	3,210
Postage/Shipping	976	1,081	1,100	1,100
Minor Equipment	-	872	-	-
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	\$29,449	\$47,477	\$40,529	\$39,590
Salaries	276,322	275,151	287,412	292,893
FICA ER	20,557	20,620	21,988	22,861
Allocated Benefits	161,509	141,093	125,666	134,738

# Revenue & Expense Detail



Our department is responsible for the safety and security of the Adams County Courthouse, the Human Services Building (HSB), County assets, employees, and visiting members of the public.

We strive to accomplish this role by diligently screening visitors, consistently monitor security cameras and alarms, conduct interior and exterior patrols, and provide a uniformed presence while monitoring conferences, hearings, or other proceedings.

Security Officers are typically the first county employees that members of the public meet when entering the facility. Officers are to project a professional image and treat all visitors with courtesy and respect.

# **Budget** Narrative

In 2023, 86,598 individuals were processed through the Courthouse and Human Services Building (HSB) security checkpoints. Visitors relinquished 1,579 prohibited items, including 10 handguns, that are prohibited from being carried onto county property. There were 94 requests for Security assistance by various county offices.

While still not at pre-COVID numbers, visitor traffic has shown an increase, since returning to full operations.

The mere presence, of an active security checkpoint, has been proven to discourage most individuals from implementing attacks on facilities. The security measures utilized discourage individuals from concealing items at our checkpoints.

Renovated in 2018, HSB has intrusion detection alarms, security cameras, and ID badge management all monitored by on-site security. Similar systems were installed at the Courthouse in 2015. In 2024, we

Security (continued)

continued to conduct security camera upgrades, removing some analog systems and improved the picture quality. In response to hazmat and riot style incidents, throughout our Nation, we are adding gas masks to our equipment profile.

Having added portable ballistic shields to our security posture, Officers are being trained on its proper use. We continue to upgrade older security systems, and implementing what is known as Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED).

The continued integration of new technology, along with sound security measures, in our facilities can provide an elevated sense of security for staff and visitors. Improving all measures provides a peace of mind that will allow County business to be conducted as efficiently as possible. In today's world, it is imperative that Adams County supports a proactive security platform, evaluates emerging technology, and finances necessary security enhancements as the County expands.

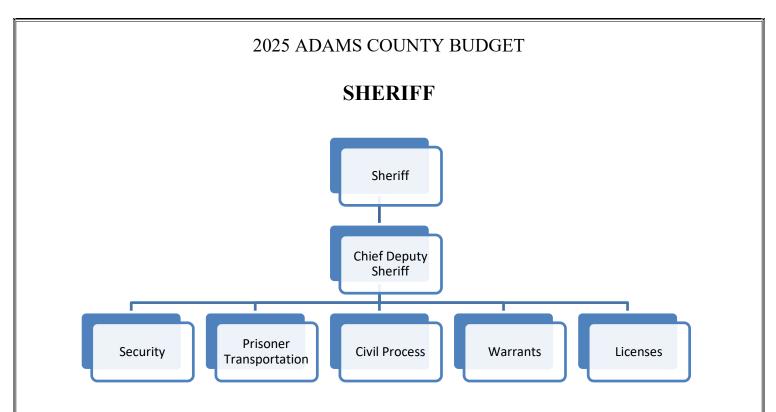
#### **Departmental Goals**

- Screen visitors who enter County affiliated buildings for prohibited items.
- Patrol the interior and exterior of County affiliated buildings for any suspicious activity.
- Attend and monitor interviews or meetings when necessary.
- Safeguard county employees and the public who enter the facilities.
- Monitor security cameras and alarms daily.

	2022 Budget	2023 Budget	2024 Budget	2025 Budget
Budgeted Positions	12	12	13	13

Security (continued)

Revenue & Expense Detail	2022	2023	2024	2025
	Actuals	Actuals	Adopted	Tentative
Account Description	Audited	Audited	Budget	Budget
Revenues:	110000	1100100	20080	20080
State Funding	-	-	-	-
Charges for Services	10	_	50	50
Miscellaneous	-	_	-	
		2,935		
Other Grants	-		-	-
TOTAL REVENUES	\$10	\$2,935	\$50	\$50
<u>Expenses:</u>				
Professional Services	1,153	-	1,100	1,500
Technical Services	1,029	-	-	•
Advertising	-	-	-	
Dues/Memberships	150	150	150	195
Application Filing Fee	800	800	800	1,040
Contracted Services	10,842	17,189	22,177	22,749
Training	-	300	1,050	2,100
Conferences	-	-	-	-
Travel - Mileage	-	20	75	150
Travel - Meals	-	-	50	50
Travel - Other	-	-	50	50
Building Repair/Maintenance	419	-	500	3,100
Equipment Repair Maintenance	2,075	1,136	1,950	2,215
Telephone	377	343	405	199
Cell Phone	1,013	1,011	1,000	1,440
Electric	251	264	300	300
Fuel Oil/Natural Gas	129	100	135	135
Water/Sewer	28	28	50	50
Disposal of Waste	31	16	30	30
Internet	58	61	70	70
Supplies	4,713	8,010	4,550	5,750
Postage/Shipping	-	-	35	45
Uniforms/Tactical Gear	2,317	4,781	7,500	11,500
Minor Equipment	10,239	4,575	6,405	-
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	\$35,624	\$38,784	\$48,382	\$52,668
Salaries	359,594	353,531	421,605	434,836
FICA ER	26,533	26,093	32,252	33,266
Allocated Benefits	130,879	119,182	102,565	139,593
TOTAL OPERATING BUDGET	\$552,630	\$537,590	\$604,804	\$660,363



The mission of the Adams County Sheriff's Office is to provide first-class professional and courteous service to the Adams County Courts, the Citizens of Adams County, its agencies, and all law enforcement organizations with whom we partner to maintain order in our community.

We will serve with integrity and distinction, whether providing security for court proceedings, serving warrants and civil process, conducting prisoner transports, providing community service or fulfilling other law enforcement duties required or requested under law and statute.

## **Budget** Narrative

In 2024, members of the Adams County Sheriff's Office (ACSO) continued to perform their duties in accordance with the Mission Statement. The funding requests outlined in our FY-2025 Budget Request will go toward the completion of the various tasks and duties of the Sheriff's Office. The following data show projected and actual accomplishments this year and 2024 goals (all year to date statistics are based on January to July of 2024):

#### 2024 Actual and Projected Accomplishments

- Warrants served year to date: 560 Projected year-end: 1000
- License to Carry Permits year to date 2,220 Projected year end 4000.
- PFA's served year to date -175.
- Out of county prisoner transports and all other transports other than inmate transports from Adams County Adult Correctional Center and Returns year to date 176 with a year- end projection of 301.
- The Sheriff's Office continues to use SGI Avalon for long distance out of state inmate transports.
- Civil / Real Estate / Personal Property / Subpoenas year to date 722

Sheriff (continued)

- The Sheriff's Office continues to provide help and support to Federal, State, and local law enforcement agencies upon request.
- The Sheriff conducted several Law Enforcement Officer Safety Act (LEOSA) firearms certifications for retired law enforcement officers.

#### **Departmental Goals**

- The completion of the ACSO Policy and Procedure's Manual as contracted with Lexipol
- Train and certify a new ACSO firearm instructor
- Train and certify an ACSO firearm armorer
- Implement a department defensive tactics program
- Continue to provide education and training to the public upon request
- Purchase to be made by the Sheriff of a new K9 for explosives detection
- Train and equip a new explosives K9
- Contract with "Accurint for Law Enforcement" a comprehensive database of public records for identification of people and other useful information
- Update holding cell renovations

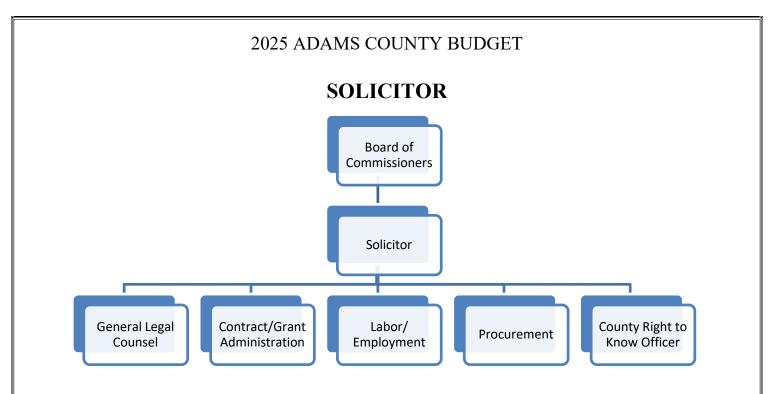
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James W. Muller Sheriff

	2022 Budget	2023 Budget	2024 Budget	2025 Budget
Budgeted Positions	21	21	20	20

Sheriff (continued)

Revenue & Expense Detail	2022	2023	2024	2025
	Actuals	Actuals	Adopted	Tentative
Account Description	Audited	Audited	Budget	Budget
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<u>Revenues:</u>		16.260		
State Funding	-	16,368	-	150.000
Charges for Services	123,186	129,811	150,000	150,000
MDJ Warrant Revenue	1,410	742	2,500	1,500
License-Precious Metals	100	100	-	100
Permits-Guns	106,023	85,118	100	80,000
Miscellaneous	-	-	90,000	
Other Grants		2,740	-	
TOTAL REVENUES	\$230,719	\$234,879	\$242,600	\$231,600
Expenses:				
Professional Services	110,877	91,819	85,150	75,000
Legal Fees	1,408	310	1,500	1,200
Advertising	-	-	-	
Dues/Memberships	2,054	1,891	2,100	1,39:
Contracted Services	104,706	91,800	95,748	108,63
Training	85	2,540	2,450	7,085
Conferences	399	-	1,000	1,50
Travel - Mileage	401	3,527	500	3,000
Travel - Meals	743	387	700	75
Travel - Other	832	667	800	80
Travel - Lodging	317	-	250	250
Building Repair Maintenance	130	-	-	4,000
Vehicle Repair/Maintenance	6,257	4,840	10,000	7,500
Telephone	2,355	2,230	2,145	322
Cell Phone	8,281	8,619	8,000	8,200
Internet	3,380	3,412	3,533	3,500
Supplies	7,665	11,063	24,541	21,000
Publications Subscriptions	853	-	300	300
Postage/Shipping	3,567	3,795	3,700	3,700
Gasoline for County Vehicles	17,563	14,642	21,000	18,000
Uniforms/Tactical Gear	13,214	19,318	22,750	30,500
Minor Equipment	6,091	7,692	21,247	
Bank Fees	-	245	-	360
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	\$291,178	\$268,797	\$307,414	\$307,10
Salaries	936,004	948,159	1,028,675	1,047,179
FICA ER	68,272	69,536	81,889	80,109
Allocated Benefits	541,476	496,887	498,287	453,972
TOTAL OPERATING BUDGET	\$1,836,930	\$1,783,379	\$1,916,265	\$1,888,361



The Solicitor's Office consists of the Solicitor, a First Assistant Solicitor, and an Assistant Solicitor. The Solicitor's Office acts as general counsel to the County Commissioners and all County departments. The County Code delineates the statutory duties of the County Solicitor, including the commencement and prosecution of all legal actions brought by the County, and the defense of the County in all actions or lawsuits brought against the County. This Office advises the Board of Commissioners, other County Boards, and County Departments on legal and policy matters. The Solicitor's Office drafts and reviews policies, legislation, regulations, and ordinances, conducts research, and provides advice that is both reactive and proactive. All contracts are reviewed before being submitted to the Board of Commissioners for approval. The office drafts Master Service Agreements, Agreements for Professional Services, and procurement documents. The Solicitor coordinates and supervises outside Legal Counsel and Special Counsel, as needed. The Office plays a significant role in the following:

- Personnel and employment matters;
- Policy and labor issues at the Adams County Adult Correctional Complex;
- Voter Registration and Election issues;
- Collective bargaining negotiations with Teamsters and AFSCME unions;
- Capital procurement projects;
- Land use planning, zoning, and agricultural preservation initiatives;
- Real estate tax assessment appeals and exemption requests;
- Right-To-Know Law review and responses;
- Provides close operational support and contract revision services to the Department of Children and Youth Services and to the York/Adams Joinder;
- Employee health care plan design and administration;
- County-wide data retention, digital archive and cyber-security issues; and
- Insurance coverage and risk management issues.

The Solicitor's Office strives to provide responsive, accurate, and ethical services that materially assist the County in achieving its policy and operational goals.

## Vision

Solicitor (continued)

The vision for this office for the four (4) year period including 2024-2028 is to continue to evolve our service and accessibility model such that all departments are receiving timely and proactive legal services and advice. In addition, the department intends to continue developing policy objectives that address existing problems, provide the footprint for new initiatives, and broaden the scope of deliverable services to County residents. We intend to increase our educational outreach to all County departments and Elected Officials on legal and policy issues that touch their areas of practice and administration. The goal is for this Office to move to a paperless environment within this (4) year time period.

## **Budget** Narrative

Over the past four years, the Solicitor's Office has experienced an increase in litigation and other legal matters impacting the County. This year, the Office will represent the Board of Assessment Appeals in approximately 15-20 tax exemption appeals. This includes drafting legal memoranda to assist the Board and representing the Board in commercial and residential valuation appeals as needed. Currently, the Solicitor's Office is litigating 7 appeals from 2023 Board decisions in the Court of Common Pleas, several of which have been favorably resolved.

Right-To-Know Law (RTKL) requests have remained steady, averaging around 200 requests per year, plus appeals. In 2023-2024, all RTKL appeals to the PA Office of Open Records were resolved in the County's favor, including challenges to the County's Tax Services fee structure and Election Department records policy.

The addition of a third attorney in the Solicitor's Office has helped to streamline the contract review and procurement processes. The Office negotiates, drafts, and reviews contracts for goods and services for every County Department, now providing a 30-day turnaround on most contract review/revision projects. The Office also provides advice, support, and contract review services to the York/Adams Joinder Board for its administration of Health Choices, MHIDD, and YADAC services. The County's procurement process was moved to the online PennBid platform in 2021, promoting efficiency and assisting in overseeing multiple capital projects. Similarly, the Solicitor's Office moved County auctions to an online website called Municibid, which allows the County to reach a greater audience and receive higher bids for its retired inventory. This Office regularly negotiates contract prices and leverages cooperative purchasing networks to ensure the best value to taxpayers.

Special projects regularly receiving Solicitor attention include Commissioners' initiatives, labor negotiations, tax service requirements, and Planning Office projects. Additionally, the Office assists the Planning Department with the administration and compliance of the County's American Rescue and Recovery Fund ("ARRF") grant program and has taken a leadership role in the county-wide Broadband Project and the Rooftop Solar Project.

Legal support for the Elections & Voter Registration Office has increased substantially since the 2020 Presidential Election cycle due to the contentious nature of election matters and related litigation. During election season, the Solicitor's Office works daily with the Director of Elections to ensure smooth primary and general elections, addressing court challenges raised by candidates and parties, and interpreting recent amendments to the Election Code and recent case law. In the past year, the County was named in various election-related lawsuits in state and federal courts and is likely to face much

more litigation leading up to and following the 2024 Presidential Election. The Solicitor's Office has managed all election litigation in-house since 2020, saving the County significant outside legal fees.

The Solicitor's Office provides significant legal support to Human Resources and the ACACC, including collective bargaining efforts, resolving personnel matters, administering union grievances and arbitrations, and drafting policy. The Solicitor plays an active role in evaluating and administering employee health care plans. Recently, the Office assisted Human Resources in reclassifying the County as a hybrid entity under HIPAA, which included drafting and adopting a new County HIPAA policy to mitigate potential financial penalties for data breaches.

Technology and data security continue to impact most County and Solicitor projects. The additional Assistant Solicitor position enables the Department to partner with the IT Department to stay updated on evolving cyber-security and data retention/destruction issues, and better support technology-driven departments. Following a CYS data breach that was discovered in 2023, the Office updated internal IT policy, assisted in mitigation efforts, and ensured compliance with state and federal notification requirements. The Office continues to work with the federal Office of Civil Rights and the IT Department to ensure ongoing compliance and implement best practices.

The Solicitor's Office is actively litigating cases in federal and state courts and managing litigation where outside or special counsel has been retained. Such cases, whether civil or criminal in nature, can last several years. As an example, though this Office typically provides contract support to CYS, the last year has required the Office to be actively engaged in various litigation matters stemming from the search and seizure of thousands of sensitive county records by the District Attorney in the Spring of 2023 and to retain outside counsel to assist in the protection and return of those records sought to be used in several criminal cases. Though the underlying criminal cases were dismissed by the Court of Common Pleas, this Office will continue to be engaged in litigation over the records while the cases are appealed through the state appellate courts.

## **Departmental Goals**

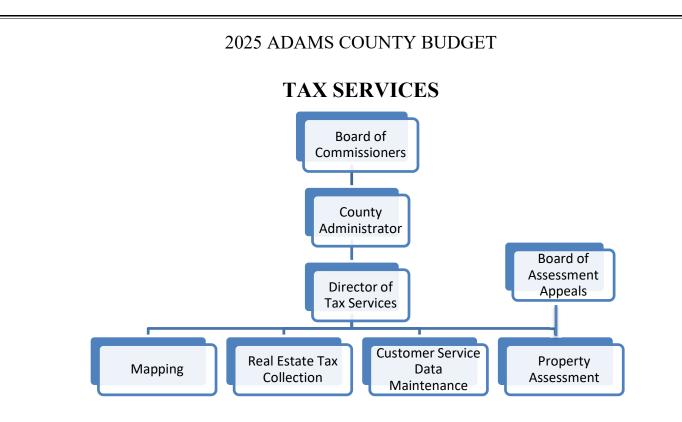
- Provide legal opinions in an expeditious manner, depending upon complexity and urgency of the matter
- Review all contracts and grant applications and negotiate contract revisions within twenty days from receipt
- Ensure that the interests of the County are fully protected in all transactions
- Litigation management to ensure that each phase of litigation is handled appropriately and complies with statutory and procedural time limits
- With the support of the Board of Commissioners, attend department head meetings as needed in order to offer proactive legal assistance

	2022 Budget	2023 Budget	2024 Budget	2025 Budget
Budgeted Positions	4	3	4	4
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## Revenue & Expense Detail

Account Description	2022 Actuals Audited	2023 Actuals Audited	2024 Adopted Budget	2025 Tentative Budget
Revenues:	Tudited	Tudited	Dudget	Dudget
Open Records Fees	-	_	140	_
TOTAL REVENUES	\$-	<b>\$-</b>	\$140	<b>\$-</b>
Expenses:				
Professional Services	-	-	-	-
Legal Fees	1,092	93	10,000	5,000
Advertising	-	-	600	600
Dues/Memberships	2,024	1,997	4,300	3,300
Application Filing Fee	140	-	-	-
Contracted Services	2,567	2,705	3,306	2,953
SBITA	-	-	-	6,274
Training	554	513	3,000	3,000
Conferences	1,255	485	1,700	1,700
Travel – Mileage	127	102	550	550
Travel – Meals	13	-	200	200
Travel – Other	50	-	100	100
Travel – Lodging	393	221	1,700	1,700
Building Repair/Maintenance	-	-	-	28,352
Telephone	608	533	600	168
Cell Phone	1,495	1,489	1,440	1,440
Internet	688	701	722	695
Supplies	1,114	1,605	3,095	2,095
Publications Subscriptions	4,329	6,814	4,500	342
Postage/Shipping	68	52	300	200
Minor Equipment	821	538	4,500	-
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	\$17,338	\$17,848	\$40,343	\$58,669
Salaries	276,269	291,343	346,131	367,856
FICA ER	20,539	21,742	26,480	28,141
Allocated Benefits	102,425	103,651	116,371	125,075
TOTAL OPERATING BUDGET	\$416,571	\$434,584	\$529,325	\$579,741



The mission of the Adams County Tax Services Department is to provide fair and equitable administration of Adams County's tax system, as mandated by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, by mapping and maintaining current information for all tax parcels and taxable individuals; producing and supporting real property values through systematic procedures; billing and oversight of the collection of taxes for all of the county's taxing bodies; managing preferential assessment and exclusion programs; and for the collection of delinquent property taxes while providing the public, municipalities, school districts and other county departments with high quality and friendly customer service. These tasks are done by a well-educated and dedicated staff that includes Certified Pennsylvania Evaluators and others with specialized skills in specific areas; always remaining cognizant that good administration of the Tax Services Department and our tax system is essential for the adequate funding of local government services.

# **Budget** Narrative

During 2024, Tax Services staff continued to provide courteous services while looking to further enhance the efficiency and services that we provide. The Tax Services webpage on the County's website continues to provide the public with tax related information without having to travel to the courthouse. On the site, the public can obtain Tax Services information regarding assessments, the Clean and Green process, appeal process and pay delinquent taxes just to name a few. Downloadable and/or fillable documents can also be obtained. In 2025, we plan to continue to examine any new services that may help to further eliminate the general public's need to visit the courthouse.

With the ever-evolving post COVID-19 pandemic landscape, we continue to examine how we operate and utilize new efficiencies to provide services and keep the tax rolls and other information updated. We continue to rely on online technology and email to serve our customers. Other remote activities such as online appeal hearings and remotely accessed meetings through Microsoft Teams have been successful and will continue. A move to online tax sales may be on the horizon as well. COVID-19 has

#### Tax Services (Continued)

shown us that there may be better ways to conduct business moving forward, regardless of whether or not a pandemic exists.

Looking forward to 2025, it appears that the residential and commercial real estate development continues on a positive track. While the County may see some increased development in the short term, we will look to review certain areas, such as exempt properties and Clean and Green enrollments, to ensure that all properties are properly taxed. We will also continue to use new technology to assist in identifying parcels, whose owners may have not complied with mandated law requirements in regard to notifying the County of property improvements, to update those building records for proper taxation.

We will continue to work with the Information Technology department to identify any other advances in technology which will help to improve overall efficiency and accuracy in the department in any line of our duties. Those advances may enhance our efficiency while conducting field visits, tax claim property posting, tax sales and appeal hearings. Additionally, Universal Parcel Identification ("UPI") programs may be a future consideration.

Staffing needs for 2025 will be to identify ongoing continuing education opportunities for our current Certified Pennsylvania Evaluators, who, during 2025, will be renewing their certifications. Furthermore, we remain flexible to rebuild and train staff in general, and to look into continued department restructuring, if required, due to retirements and staff turnover. Finally, all staff will be aware and asked to identify areas in which the Tax Services Department can increase efficiency and safety to keep costs down to all taxpayers as we work to administer legally mandated programs.

#### **Departmental Goals**

- Maintain and update tax parcel map database.
- Identify all real property and assign uniform and equitable assessments.
- Maintain current ownership and address information on all real property.
- Update assessments in a timely manner as property improvements are made.
- Maintain all County assessments at 100% of base year value.
- Support county assessments on all formal appeals brought before the Board of Assessment Appeals (BoA).
- Maintain names and address of all persons over eighteen years of age for all taxing districts that impose the Per Capita and/or Occupation Tax.
- Maintain an accurate account of delinquent tax revenue collection and make timely deposits.
- Distribute delinquent real estate taxes collected accordingly to taxing districts.

	2022 Budget	2023 Budget	2024 Budget	2025 Budget
Budgeted Positions	49	48	47	47

Tax Services (Continued)

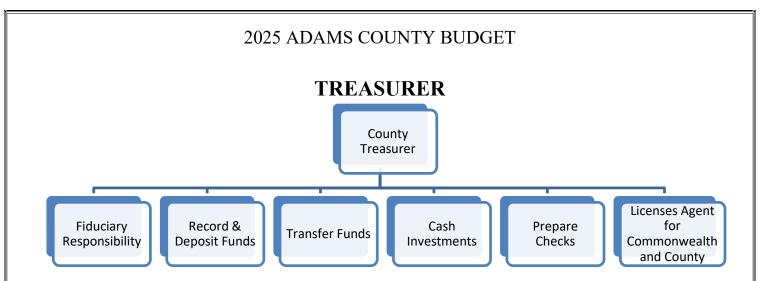
	2022	2023	2024	2025
	Actuals	Actuals	Adopted	Tentative
Account Description	Audited	Audited	Budget	Budget
<u>Revenues:</u>				
Real Estate Taxes-CY	42,015,354	42,857,105	44,000,000	51,516,400
Real Estate Taxes – PY	1,020,138	929,361	990,000	775,300
RE Taxes-Clean/Green RB	98,104	229,150	130,000	190,800
PILT-Local	60,000	60,000	60,000	60,000
Per Capita Taxes-CY	324,588	328,410	330,000	335,000
PILT-Federal Land	19,639	16,342	25,000	20,000
State Funding	-	527	350	350
PILT-State Game Lands	2,344	2,344	2,344	2,344
PILT-Public Utility Realty Tax	41,873	41,555	41,000	41,500
PILT-State Forest Reserves	49,732	49,732	50,000	50,000
Charges for Services	557,273	514,597	550,000	519,000
Copy Revenue	162	167	150	175
Admin Fees	50	1,900	1,500	1,500
Application Fees	6,092	5,513	4,500	4,500
Penalty Late Fee Charges	-	200		3,600
Interest Income	2,649	2,261	3,000	2,280
Permits-Building	18,530	10,875	10,000	11,500
Miscellaneous	-	1,000		-
Excess Proceeds of Tax Sale	8,390	1,839	1,135	9,904
TOTAL REVENUES	\$44,224,918	\$45,052,878	\$46,198,979	\$53,544,153

#### Revenue & Expense Detail

Tax Services (Continued)

## Revenue & Expense Detail

	2022	2023	2024	2025
	Actuals	Actuals	Adopted	Tentative
Account Description	Audited	Audited	Budget	Budget
Expenses:				
Professional Services	33,550	28,972	47,700	52,550
Legal Fees	6,232	7,558	8,000	8,000
Advertising	9,923	11,308	12,500	7,500
Dues/Memberships	1,530	3,054	8,057	3,208
Application Filing Fee	5,655	4,687	4,500	3,800
Contracted Services	117,603	104,271	98,971	523,759
SBITA	-	5,012	38,995	38,995
Training	6,081	1,325	3,895	5,692
Conferences	600	776	1,800	1,500
Travel - Mileage	198	221	500	500
Travel - Meals	-	-	250	250
Travel - Other	19	-	100	100
Travel - Lodging	-	530	1,200	1,200
Vehicle Repair/Maintenance	3,338	769	3,000	1,500
Equipment Repair Maintenance	-	-	-	-
Telephone	2,362	2,250	2,400	800
Cell Phone	1,490	4,590	5,351	5,400
Internet	678	1,425	1,500	1,500
Insurance	23,345	-	-	25,000
PILT-Distributions	48,658	45,363	50,835	49,125
Supplies	15,468	11,334	12,000	13,077
Publications Subscriptions	12,770	8,795	3,275	9,460
Postage/Shipping	91,889	102,615	97,500	115,000
Gasoline for County Vehicles	4,575	3,624	4,600	4,250
Minor Equipment	1,869	2,848	5,400	-
Bank Fees	-	122	160	180
PY Tax Refunds	11,519	20,146	24,500	62,000
Library Tax	1,146,520	1,146,530	1,246,530	1,346,530
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	\$1,545,872	\$1,518,125	\$1,683,519	\$2,280,876
Salaries	956,201	952,881	1,048,900	1,059,621
FICA ER	71,378	71,444	80,241	81,061
Allocated Benefits	398,318	408,826	413,892	444,758
TOTAL OPERATING BUDGET	\$2,971,769	\$2,951,276	\$3,226,552	\$3,866,316



The mission of the Adams County Treasurer's Office is to receive, invest, disburse, and safeguard all monies in the County. Additionally, the Treasurer's office is committed to providing superior customer service to Adams County residents while fulfilling the obligations set forth by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Performing our duties with efficiency, transparency, respectfulness, and equitability is of utmost importance.

## **Budget** Narrative

The Treasurer's Office operates as an agent of the Commonwealth, responsible for facilitating the sale of dog licenses, hunting and fishing licenses, sportsman's firearm permits, and small games of chance licenses.

Additionally, the Treasurer's Office is tasked with managing and collecting the Hotel Room Rental Tax, commonly referred to as the "Pillow Tax," and ensuring accurate reporting and disbursement of these funds to the relevant entities.

Furthermore, our office collaborates closely with the 34 township/borough tax collectors, who are responsible for reporting their account balances for the current year's County real estate and per-capita taxes to the Treasurer's Office.

The Treasurer also practices fiscal responsibility in cash management and offers recommendations to the Board of Commissioners on the most advantageous investment options to maximize returns.

The highly skilled and knowledgeable staff members at the Treasurer's Office are dedicated to delivering dignified, courteous, and respectful customer service to individuals who have entrusted us with these responsibilities while prioritizing their specific needs and maintaining the utmost integrity and professionalism.

In 2024, we achieved significant progress in expanding electronic payment options and digitizing record-keeping. The Treasurer's Office also successfully filled vacant tax collector positions in Abbottstown, Arendtsville, Bendersville, Germany, and Hamiltonban Township. We remain dedicated to collaborating with county departments and leadership to effectively represent the residents of Adams County. Our commitment involves driving the office forward with innovative ideas while upholding efficiency, proficiency, transparency, and accountability.

Treasurer (continued)

It is both an honor and privilege to represent and serve the residents of Adams County with the utmost pride and respect.

- Christine Redding

Treasurer

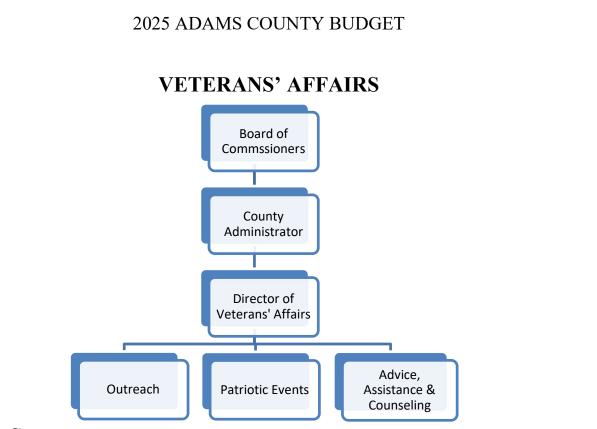
#### **Departmental Goals**

- Receive, classify, record, and deposit monies for all operational accounts/funds for the County daily.
- Complete the investment of operational funds and the transfers of investments, in accordance, with the directives of the Budget and Controller's Offices.
- Maintain, update, and reconcile all cash investments daily.
- Prepare checks for reimbursement and disbursement of expenses from payroll, general expenses, and indirect costs associated with the accounts in a timely manner.
- Properly issue licenses and disburse proceeds.

	2022 Budget	2023 Budget	2024 Budget	2025 Budget
Budgeted Positions	6	6	6	6

Treasurer (continued)

Revenue & Expense Detail		r (continued)		
	2022	2023	2024	2025
	Actuals	Actuals	Adopted	Tentative
Account Description	Audited	Audited	Budget	Budget
<u>Revenues:</u>				
Charges for Services	16,288	52,142	20,000	45,000
Interest Income	191,858	1,010,359	825,000	825,000
Net G/L Investments	-	-	-	-
License-Hunting	15,812	673	500	175
License-Fishing	67	85	70	70
License-Dog	7,467	7,677	6,500	9,500
License-Small Games	19,945	20,545	16,500	16,500
TOTAL REVENUES	\$251,437	\$1,091,481	\$868,570	\$896,245
<u>Expenses:</u>				
Professional Services	-	-	800	-
Legal Fees	-	-	1,000	1,000
Advertising	-	-	-	-
Dues/Memberships	1,045	730	1,050	1,050
Contracted Services	5,255	6,426	8,060	10,560
Conferences	1,700	500	2,200	700
Travel - Mileage	331	-	450	700
Travel - Meals	-	-	-	-
Travel - Other	-	-	-	-
Travel - Lodging	-	1,200	-	2,500
Building Repair/Maintenance	-	12,623	-	-
Telephone	588	544	560	560
Cell Phone	815	759	1,011	1,011
Internet	133	141	150	150
Supplies	2,212	9,398	2,845	3,207
Postage/Shipping	4,425	5,710	5,000	6,500
Gasoline for County Vehicle	-	-	-	-
Minor Equipment	1,419	20,741	10,000	-
Bank Fees	-	489	720	2,020
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	\$17,923	\$59,261	\$33,846	\$29,958
Salaries	188,328	199,015	214,005	229,240
FICA ER	13,910	14,567	16,372	17,537
A = 11	102,107	105,601	100,071	109,228
Allocated Benefits	102,107	105,001	100,071	109,228



The Adams County Office of Veterans Affairs provides, at no cost to the Veteran, guidance and submission of applications and assistance on a wide range of federal, state and county benefits for qualified Veterans and their families. VA program assistance includes but is not limited to: health care, disability compensation, pensions, aid and attendance benefits for wartime Veterans and spouses, education benefits, VA home loan guarantees, homeless Veterans assistance, emergency financial needs, burial benefits, obtaining copies of military records, replacement medals as well as a central resource for the distribution of information to Veterans and Veteran service organizations. Potential non-VA benefits are identified, and referrals are made on the Veteran's behalf to other agencies.

Our office is also responsible for keeping the burial records of all Veterans buried in Adams County. In addition, we oversee and direct the ordering, distribution, and placement of American flags on the graves of all County Veterans every Memorial Day. This involves the coordination and direction of over 30 organizations in placing over 9,000 flags in 90 cemeteries throughout the County. Additionally, representation at community functions is provided to include, but not limited to: attending veterans service organization meetings and outreach to non-Veteran community service organizations. We are available to do presentations and question and answer sessions on all aspects of Veterans benefits to any group/organization that makes a request - at no charge to them.

# **Budget** Narrative

This office continues to conduct Veterans outreach programs such as conducting program seminars at places such as, but not limited to, long term care facilities and Veteran's Service Organizations. We continue to share resources and referrals with other agencies and organizations. We continue to utilize the resources of several Adams County churches in order to provide necessities of life, mostly food and temporary shelter to Veterans who are disadvantaged. As a result of various application submissions, this office has been able to bring in substantial state and federal disability compensation and VA pension benefits to county Veterans and their families. We have also been successful in getting more Veterans

enrolled in the VA Health Care System than any time in the past. This is in addition to other federal, state, and local benefits, both monetary and otherwise that are obtained for our Veterans and their families.

This office continues to develop and maintain a very robust relationship with the GETTYSBURG TIMES that has resulted in the TIMES providing countless Public Service Ads concerning Veterans Benefits and our office. This enables our County Veterans to be made more aware of the services we provide and benefits to which they are entitled. This is being accomplished at NO cost to the County or its taxpayers.

In the fiscal year ending this past June, our office brought in millions of dollars of benefits to our County Veterans and their families. These benefits were in the form of health care, disability and pension benefits, education benefits, death benefits, temporary assistance funds and other benefits. In addition to monetary benefits, we were instrumental in aiding families of deceased Veterans in obtaining assistance with burial details, ordering burial markers and other related activities.

In consideration of the above duties, responsibilities, and obligations of the County Veterans Affairs Director, it is of the utmost importance that the budget, salary, benefits and staffing to efficiently operate this department are commensurate with same. This proposed 2025 budget reflects a continuing commitment in setting an appropriate course of direction to support our Adams County Veterans.

Respectfully submitted,

Stan Clark

Director of Adams County Veterans Affairs

## **Departmental Goals**

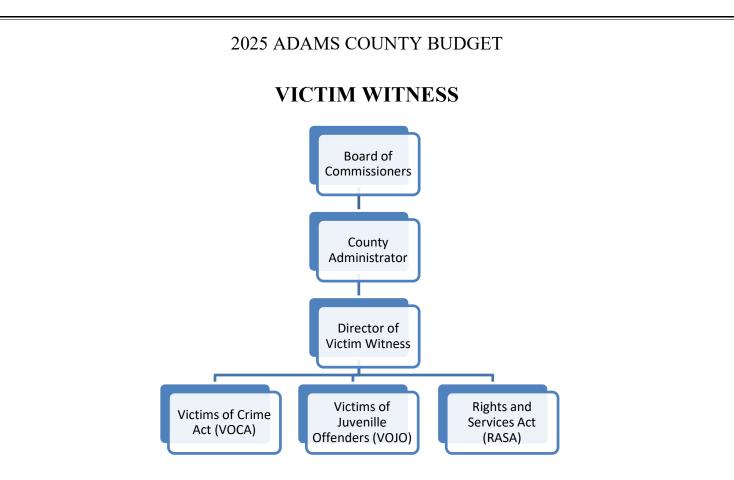
- Assist veterans and their family members in understanding, filing for, and obtaining the full range of federal, state, and county veteran's benefits.
- Process all burial and marker allowance requests received.
- Conduct briefings on veterans' benefits to organizations and senior facilities.
- Coordinate, conduct, and participate in patriotic events, ceremonies, and memorials throughout the County.
- Provide flags/markers for all identified veterans' graves in the County for Memorial Day.

	2022 Budget	2023 Budget	2024 Budget	2025 Budget
Budgeted Positions	2	2	3	3

Veterans Affairs (continued)

	2022 Actuals	2023 Actuals	2024 Adopted	2025 Tentative
Account Description	Audited	Audited	Budget	Budget
<u>Revenues:</u>				
Miscellaneous		-	-	-
TOTAL REVENUES	\$ 13	\$-	\$ -	\$-
Expenses:				
Advertising	621	1,844	1,500	2,000
Dues/Memberships	310	250	500	500
Contracted Services	1,375	1,440	1,500	1,500
Training	-	-	750	750
Conferences	300	150	1,500	1,500
Travel - Mileage	68	1,043	1,000	1,750
Travel - Meals	-	46	300	300
Travel - Other	-	98	75	150
Travel - Lodging	-	300	1,250	1,250
Building Repair/Maintenance	-	3,212	-	-
Telephone	329	333	600	84
Cell Phone	506	758	480	480
Internet	43	46	81	60
Burial Exps/Marker Allow	5,100	5,700	12,500	12,500
Supplies	16,638	6,253	14,213	16,700
Postage/Shipping	149	93	400	300
Minor Equipment		872	1,800	-
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	\$25,439	\$22,438	\$38,449	\$39,824
Salaries	112,931	119,403	166,328	173,607
FICA ER	8,549	9,043	12,725	13,281
Allocated Benefits	21,601	21,942	38,391	40,509
TOTAL OPERATING BUDGET	\$168,520	\$172,826	\$255,893	\$267,221

## *Revenue & Expense Detail*



The mission of the Adams County Victim Witness Assistance Program is to meet the many needs of crime victims and their families by providing compassionate services and advocating for the fair and dignified treatment of crime victims as mandated in the Crime Victims' Rights Act. Through these services, the program will assist and enable victims of crime to be restored to their pre-crime status and to continue to be healthy members of the Adams County community.

# **Budget** Narrative

The Adams County Victim Witness Assistance Program provides a full range of mandated services to all victims of crime in Adams County.

Three external funding streams distributed by the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency generate significant revenues for the Victim Witness Assistance Program. The Rights and Services Act (RASA) and the Victims of Juvenile Offenders (VOJO) funds received are state grants that allow for us to advocate for the rights and mandated services to all victims of crime. Our Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) grant is a federal grant the provides direct services to victims. It is to be noted that these grants are not taxpayer funded; all monies supporting these grants come from fines that defendants pay at the time of sentencing both locally and federally.

RASA funding provides all mandated services to crime victims in the Adult Criminal Justice System. Notifications of court, input on plea agreement, assistance with restitution and victim impact statements are a few of these rights and services.

VOJO funding will provide Victims of Juvenile Offenders with all mandated rights as outlined above.

Victim Witness (continued)

VOCA grant funds are utilized for personnel hours to provide direct services to all victims of crime in Adams County. Services included but are not limited to: Accompaniment to Criminal Justice Proceedings, Crisis Intervention, Supportive Counseling, and Individual Advocacy.

Programmatically, the Adams County Victim Witness Assistance Program provides cost effective, efficient services, delivered in a professional and compassionate manner to victims of all crimes in both the adult and juvenile criminal justice system.

### **Departmental Goals**

- Educate victims on the criminal justice system.
- Provide specific information and case updates to crime victims, including case progress and disposition.
- Accompany victims and witnesses to court appearances.
- Assistance to prepare for testifying.
- Assistance to prepare a Victim Impact Statement prior to sentencing.
- Assistance with restitution and Victims Compensation claims.
- Provide resources and referrals to counseling and support groups.
- Notify victims of court hearing cancellations and rescheduling.
- Provide safe and secure waiting while attending court proceedings.

	2022 Budget	2023 Budget	2024 Budget	2025 Budget
Budgeted Positions	6	6	6	6

Victim Witness (continued)

Revenue & Expense Detail				ss (continued)
*	2022	2023	2024	2025
	Actuals	Actuals	Adopted	Tentative
Account Description	Audited	Audited	Budget	Budget
<u>Revenues:</u>				
Federal Funding	102,278	113,226	107,503	102,128
State Funding	121,335	94,159	87,758	83,347
Charges for Services	8,866	6,223	5,000	5,000
Restitution	-	-	-	
Miscellaneous	-	-	-	
Contributions and Donations	590	334	300	300
Other Grants		-	-	3,285
TOTAL REVENUES	\$233,069	\$213,942	\$200,561	\$194,060
Expenses:				
Professional Services	26,609	9,421	600	600
Dues/Memberships	20,007	,421	100	100
Victim Assistance	510	670	1,500	1,500
Contracted Services	1,200	1,161	2,187	2,18
Training	40	-	600	600
Conferences	-	-	-	200
Travel - Mileage	275	578	500	500
Travel - Meals	82	70	400	400
Travel - Other	12	6	50	5(
Travel - Lodging	-	-	300	300
Building Repair/Maintenance	-	-	6,000	5,000
Telephone	823	765	642	19
Cell Phone	3,067	2,529	2,400	2,400
Internet	104	111	111	113
Supplies	1,123	1,447	2,250	2,330
Postage/Shipping	-	-	-	
Publications Subscriptions	130	-	170	18:
Minor Equipment	-	-	800	2,925
Miscellaneous		-	-	
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	\$33,975	\$16,758	\$18,610	\$19,592
Salaries	277,073	253,830	294,778	314,656
FICA ER	21,145	18,925	22,551	24,072
Allocated Benefits	128,919	120,403	134,512	144,108
TOTAL OPERATING BUDGET	\$461,112	\$409,916	\$470,451	\$502,428

## TRANSFERS

Budget transfers shift previously budgeted funds from one item of expenditure to another. Transfers may occur throughout the course of the fiscal year as needed for County government operations.

Revenue & Expense Detail				
	2022	2023	2024	2025
	Actuals	Actuals	Adopted	Tentative
Account Description	Audited	Audited	Budget	Budget
<u>Transfers In:</u>				
Affordable Housing Fund	29,972	22,172	25,000	25,000
Court Reserved Fund	-	-	69,352	-
Liquid Fuels Fund	8,000	8,000	8,000	10,868
Domestic Relations	1,311,798	1,354,467	1,100,000	1,275,200
Hotel Tax Fund	123,270	159,202	142,000	164,765
ARPA Fund	10,000,000	9,398,849	-	-
Unclaimed Money	421	2,019	-	-
TOTAL TRANSFER IN	\$11,473,461	10,944,709	\$1,344,352	\$1,475,833
Transfers Out:				
Ag Land Fund*	360,000	864,243	400,000	400,000
Conservation District	401,210	364,208	-	-
Open Space/Park and Recreation*	51,620	255,380	223,000	223,000
911 Telecommunications Fund**	1,745,524	1,869,021	1,954,387	1,732,833
Children & Youth Fund**	1,630,652	2,047,619	948,329	1,516,930
Independent Living Grant**	137,611	(104,352)	51,647	103,227
Hazardous Materials Fund**	71,851	55,499	71,081	70,295
Domestic Relations	386,220	418,488	-	-
	143,196	95,823	685,008	1,727,577
Capital Projects - Reserve	145,170	,020	000,000	

\*These items are found in the transfer out section of the contingency summary on page 20.

\*\*Note the amount of expenditures that exceed revenues for these funds is considered a contribution made by the General Fund (\$3,423,285).

# 911 TELECOMMUNICATIONS



## **Mission Statement**

The Adams County 9-1-1 Center is responsible for answering all emergency calls in Adams County and for dispatching police, fire, EMS and other emergency agencies.

The 9-1-1 Center is a critical operation serving the citizens, visitors and first responders in our County. Every day more than 530 calls come into the center; requests for immediate emergency response to help accident victims, persons with life-threatening health problems, fires, robberies, domestic disputes and other emergencies. On the busiest days when bad weather wreaks havoc on County roads or flooding plagues the County, more than 1000 calls can be placed to the 9-1-1 Center.

The 9-1-1 Center is also the link between the County and State and Federal emergency communications centers, as well as regional resources that might be needed in the event of a disaster or major emergency. The County 9-1-1 Center is staffed with extensively trained, full-time and part-time telecommunicators 24 hours a day.

The backbone of the County's communications system is the 800 MHz P25 Digital trunked radio system which went live late in 2015 and earlier in 2016. This system is used around the clock by County dispatchers, fire fighters, fire police, emergency medical technicians and paramedics, law enforcement officers and other emergency responders. Communications is arguably the most critical element in emergency response and the lifeline of citizens and first responders alike.

Maintaining up-to-date technology and the day-to-day cost of running the County's 9-1-1 Center is a constant challenge. While partially funded through fees on land line phones, wireless phones and voice over internet phone service, this funding does not cover all expenses and the County must supplement funding through contributions from the general fund.

## **Budget** Narrative

The proposed 2025 operating budget for the County's 9-1-1 Center reflects increasing expenses, mostly associated with the ongoing operation of the 800 MHz P25 Digital Public Safety Radio System, expenses associated with maintaining the Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP), training the 9-1-1 Telecommunicators, utility costs, and the maintenance contracts needed for 24/7 operations.

With the County moving forward with technological upgrades to the communications system, Emergency Services management continues to be engaged in discussions with their counterparts from surrounding counties to look for ways to share technologies and processes with the ultimate goal of costsharing and collaboration where it makes both financial and operational sense. These efforts may pay off in the long run further reducing the financial burden of maintaining sophisticated communications networks for first responders and vastly improving interoperable capabilities among neighboring counties. In 2019, the Department implemented a Dynamic System Resilience or "DSR" feature shared with Dauphin and Franklin Counties, which gives all three (3) counties a shared 'back up' system, thus saving each county from having its own back up system.

Along with the system upgrades, training requirements for 9-1-1 personnel will increase in 2024. In addition to training new dispatchers, continuing education for staff has been submitted in the operating budget for next year.

The 800 MHz P25 Digital Public Safety Radio system has many new features far beyond the basic capability of voice communications. Moving forward, tapping into the system's many capabilities makes sense and provides our first responders with the ability to share data and other critical information to improve emergency response and guarantee improved public safety and the safety or our first responders.

#### **Departmental Goals**

- Continue to receive rapid emergency call receipt, appropriate interim assistance, and swift and accurate emergency responder dispatch so that the citizen's safety is maintained.
- Ensure the 9-1-1 center is equipped to receive, document, record, and manage all forms of incoming emergency calls.
- Ensure all staff are trained and certified at the appropriate levels in accordance with federals, state, and local performance and Quality Assurance Standards.
- Develop and execute improvement plans for the lifecycle of the existing radio system.
- Maintain a computer-based information system to automate, store, and retrieve critical data that is initiated by receipt of an enhanced 9-1-1 telephone call for emergency service.

	2022 Budget	2023 Budget	2024 Budget	2025 Budget
Budgeted Positions	37	37	37	37

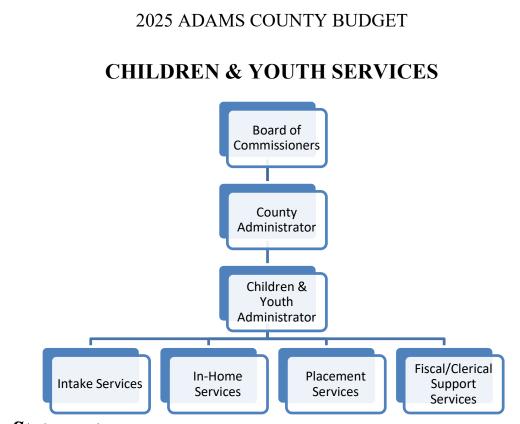
911 Telecommunications (continued)

Revenue & Expense Detail		911 Telecommunications (continued)			
Revenue a Enpense Denni	2022	2023	2024	2025	
	Actuals	Actuals	Adopted	Tentative	
Account Description	Audited	Audited	Budget	Budget	
Revenues:					
State Funding	127,439	-	-	-	
Charges for Services	28,974	26,274	28,000	28,000	
Public Safety Telephone Fee	2,213,485	2,277,812	2,220,222	2,418,760	
Interest Income	2,586	1,429	3,250	3,250	
Issuance of Debt		445,021	-	-	
TOTAL REVENUES	\$2,372,484	\$2,750,536	\$2,251,472	\$2,450,010	
Expenses:					
Professional Services	33,291	47,349	50,340	49,655	
Technical Services	-	-	7,500	5,000	
Advertising	177	321	550	550	
Dues/Memberships	2,633	2,194	2,630	2,569	
Contracted Services	1,318,625	1,323,920	1,311,152	1,085,280	
SBITA	-	57,727	26,460	26,460	
Training	9,287	16,590	15,000	15,068	
Conferences	760	575	2,000	2,000	
Travel - Mileage	1,656	293	2,000	1,015	
Travel - Meals	393	113	500	500	
Travel - Other	910	346	500	100	
Travel - Lodging	1,143	551	2,000	2,000	
Vehicle Repair Maintenance	42	165	-	750	
Equipment Repair/Maintenance	3,977	10,933	25,000	79,500	
Rental of land and buildings	395,514	407,103	413,838	431,831	
Telephone	21,093	20,446	22,389	20,984	
Cell Phone	511	806	805	814	
Electric	41,744	49,972	46,950	56,340	
Fuel Oil/Natural Gas	9,338	6,431	11,400	10,375	
Internet	3,433	3,650	3,664	3,100	
Insurance	-	200	-	250	
Supplies	6,330	14,554	18,500	11,652	
Postage/Shipping	91	-	50	50	
Gasoline for County Vehicles	319	267	1,500	750	
Uniforms /Tactical Gear	2,905	870	3,000	3,000	
Minor Equipment	4,097		35,250	3,290	
Equipment	-	27,900	-	-	
Computer Systems and Equipment	-	445,021	-	-	
Debt Principal	-	47,428	-	67,337	
Debt Interest	-	5,911	-	-	
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	\$1,858,269	\$2,491,636	\$2,002,978	\$1,880,220	

911 Telecommunications (continued)

#### *Revenue & Expense Detail*

	2022	2023	2024	2025
	Actuals	Actuals	Adopted	Tentative
Account Description	Audited	Audited	Budget	Budget
Salaries	1,510,201	1,522,402	1,567,075	1,606,330
FICA ER	111,120	112,455	119,881	122,885
Allocated Benefits	541,126	493,063	515,925	573,408
TOTAL OPERATING BUDGET	\$4,020,716	\$4,619,556	\$4,205,859	\$4,182,843
<u>Transfers:</u>				
Transfer In	1,745,524	1,869,021	1,954,387	1,732,833
TOTAL TRANSFERS	\$1,745,524	\$1,869,021	\$1,954,387	\$1,732,833



It is the mission of Adams County Children & Youth Services to provide a work environment that is educational, responsive, efficient, and safe for our staff, so we can deliver high quality services to ensure that each child and youth in Adams County has a safe and permanent family.

## **Agency Purpose:**

We are responsible under Pennsylvania Public Law to receive and investigate reports of child abuse and neglect, provide for the temporary care of children not able to safely remain with their own families and develop community-wide social service programs that promote family stability. The Agency endeavors to be responsive to the changing health and welfare needs of all families by encouraging the development of programs that reduce dependency and strengthen family life. We are guided by many laws, regulations, and policies as well as principles and values to help us achieve our mission.

#### **Anticipated Outcomes:**

- Protecting children and youth from abuse and neglect
- Enhancing the family's capacity to meet the child/ youth's well-being, including physical, emotional, behavioral, and educational needs.
- Strengthening families to successfully sustain positive changes that lead to safe, nurturing, and healthy environments.
- Securing a permanent living arrangement in a timely manner that supports stability if children and youth cannot reside with their biological caregivers.
- Ensuring that we are finding all possible kin resources and engaging families in the decisionmaking process.
- Ensuring skilled and responsive child welfare professionals, who perform with a shared sense of accountability for best practice and positive outcomes.

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### **Budget** Narrative

Some of the ways we are fulfilling our mission statement and supporting our staff and our community include:

The Agency continues to participate in numerous committees and workgroups whose members include contracted and community service providers along with other collateral partners such as MH/IDD, Early Intervention and Juvenile Probation. These activities provide us with ongoing opportunities to identify the needs of children and families in Adams County. Adams County will spend time throughout the year discussing needs/gaps, researching services and providers, and implementing use of new services, education, or programs to meet those needs and with the support of the following committees:

<u>The Family Engagement Oversight Committee</u> - oversees our in-house Engagement Program and consists of both internal and contracted staff. The representation of different staff on the oversight team allows for gathering of qualitative data to strengthen the process and identify gaps. This team meets quarterly and/or earlier based off the needs of the Agency. Our Justice Works Provider is a part of DAPIM process, which is paramount to teaming and serving families.

<u>Collaborating for Youth (CFY)</u> – brings together diverse stakeholders to guide integrated planning of human services that serve children and families in Adams County. The collaborative includes educators, non-profits such as big brothers/big sisters, health and wellness, Drug and Alcohol Prevention Services and evidence-based providers, representatives of CYS, JPO and other key stakeholders within the community. This team also coordinates the PA Youth Survey in all six public school districts, completes the Needs Assessments using PAYS and other local data sources and conduct resource assessments to identify unmet needs, access issues and barriers to service delivery.

<u>Children's Roundtable</u> – Congregate Care Subcommittee - This subcommittee was initiated during FY 19-20 with a goal of identifying strategies to work toward zero use of congregate care / Family First Prevention Act as it related to congregate care.

<u>Truancy Prevention</u> – this is a workgroup that is comprised of our Judge, representatives from each of our schools throughout Adams County, school board members and CYS staff. The goal is to identify needs and strategies to prevent school absence.

<u>Team Case Conferencing (TCC)</u> - is a meeting that occurs monthly. Cases that are accepted for services are reviewed and opened for input from the membership, which is comprised of staff, clinical consultants (EI, MH / IDD, D&A) and providers (Justice Works and Family Support Services).

<u>CYS Continuous Quality Improvement (CQI)</u> – The Agency has a CQI team that consists of representatives from every unit and department. Each representative is responsible for gathering and sharing feedback and information to/from their units/departments/Sponsor Group. Unit/Department representatives rotate serving on the team so that every employee has the opportunity to participate in the process. The Sponsor Group includes the Administration and other senior management. We continue to utilize the CQI collaborative process across units/department to identify challenges and service gaps and promote problem solving and solution focused planning. Although we have generally completed the action items outlined on our CIP from FY 18-19 Quality Assurance Review (QSR) we have continued to utilize our file review process for all intake files and conduct a comprehensive review of 10 closed files from family support/ placement every quarter and the CIP team continues to meet to analyze the data and

findings from file reviews, discuss identified strengths and gaps. This process may help inform need for practice changes and/or Service Provider gaps.

<u>MDIT – certification process</u> – Membership representative of all partnering entities to include CYS.

<u>Contract Review with JPO</u> – collaborative effort between probation and CYS to review contracts and discuss gaps. Membership consists of staff from both entities.

<u>Community workgroups</u> - The Agency also has representation on several other community wide workgroups such as the Substance Abuse / Heroin task force, Domestic Violence, the Cultural Competency workgroup (via CFY) and the York Adams Early Childhood Mental Health Group.

<u>Family First MDT</u> – consists of Agency Staff, and representation from MHIDD, Health Choices, Community Care Behavioral Health, Collaborating for Youth, and representatives from two of our evidence-based providers – MST and Incredible years/Strengthening Families along with a representative from Justice Works and Diakon.

<u>Family Advisory Board (FAB)</u> – This team includes the Juvenile Court Judge, the CYS Administrator, Assistant Administrator and Program Director, CYS solicitor, Casework Supervisors, Program Director of Justice Works in Adams County, the County's Guardian Ad Litem, as well as a parent attorney. In addition to these standing members, 2 staff members rotate on and off the board and give feedback on the meeting to the staff, as a whole, on what is discussed during the meetings.

Adams County works closely with our service providers and have developed strong teaming practices with many of our primary in-home providers. We discuss needs and trends during contract monitoring and during the contract renewal process. We have quarterly coordination meetings for MST and FFT. These are joint meetings held with provider staff, CCBH, York and Adams CYS and JPO representatives at the table. These discussions may also occur during Oversight Team meetings which typically include CYS and provider staff who meet regularly to monitor strengths and needs related to specific practice strategies.

Some areas of focus for retention of staff and maintain high quality staff- for those working in child welfare, the importance of self-care and a healthy work-life balance cannot be stressed enough. It is essential for us to take care of our staff, for the sake of the families that we serve. It is paramount to us retaining staff and keeping them physically and emotionally safe. Furthermore, we, as an Administration must model this behavior to ensure staff know that we are serious about self-care being important for everyone.

We have seen amazing growth in our Agency's engagement skills in past several years and take a lot of pride in this area. We have seen a practice shift in how we "do business". Family Meetings, Team Meetings, Family Finding, regular family engagement, enhanced legal representation and prioritizing kinship is how we do business now- as new staff come into the Agency, they know this is just the expectation and it is normal business. Justice Works Youth Care has been instrumental in supporting the Agency with timely crisis and rapid response meetings and having a well-developed plan- they are often in our office daily. We also have an amazing internal Family Engagement team that supports our staff every day. It is exciting that this has become a norm within our Agency.

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We feel that Child Permanency and Safety are well defined by the Department of Human Services, but we have really been trying to focus on Child Well-Being. Including what it means to us and how we can integrate and assess it as part of our regular practice. We knew we wanted to assess the child from a

holistic approach- how they are doing physically, emotionally, medically, behaviorally, cognitively, and what we can do to set them up for a successful future that may include eliminating recidivism and continued involvement in the system- short and long term. Promoting, advocating, understanding, and addressing child, youth, and caregiver functioning in physical, behavioral, social, and cognitive areas. A focus on well-being should be integrated into understanding what is best for a child and what permanency goal is best for them. We have begun with a focus on our 0-5 youth and what services, including Early Intervention, they are getting and how that affects their well-being.

Our local children's roundtable and our Children and Youth advisory board are committed to ensuring that the community become aware of the significant and positive changes in child welfare and how Adams County wants to champion this cause and making sure that caseworkers are getting the respect and recognition.

### Information & Referral Services

Adams County Children & Youth provides information and referral services to county residents each year. This may include phone number and address information for appropriate community-based or public services, or direct brief casework assistance by a Children & Youth staff member.

We continue to focus on paperwork reduction as part of the work we are doing to address caseworker turnover. We work with a philosophy of not continuing to do something simply because this is the way we have always done it. We realized that there are numerous forms that we are doing that are duplicative or outdated. We have included our program representative from DHS in the paperwork to ensure that none of the paperwork that is being reduced is mandatory or part of the licensing process. As we increase the work of our staff to improve our practices in the Family Engagement Initiative, we want to ensure that we remain focused in the paperwork reduction. The more time that our caseworkers can spend with families in the community, the safer the children in our communities will be. We have seen a significant increase in the number of referrals we are receiving, as well.

### **In-Home Services**

### **Child Protective Services**

Adams County Children & Youth accepts all incoming reports of suspected child abuse and neglect. Ensuring the safety of children residing in the reported household, investigates the validity of reports, and provides services to families dealing with child abuse and neglect issues.

Intake investigations have been on the rise as the below trend indicates. The agency is predicting continued increases, particularly due to the change in the Child Protective Service Law (CPSL) definitions that are thought to result from the Child Protection Task Force. Any change in the definition of abuse, perpetrator and mandated reporter may significantly impact the number of referrals, assessments and investigations.

Caseworkers spend countless hours working to protect children, our greatest resource and the future of our county and our community. They are working with children that deal with unspeakable pain that

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plagues any victim of abuse and neglect, often at the hands of their own parents, caretakers, and those that they most trust in life.

### **Family Support Services**

Adams County Children & Youth staff provides direct casework services to children and families dealing with issues of child abuse and neglect, along with the purchase, coordination, implementation, and evaluation of services for families in need of support.

With the changes in the CPSL related to definitions for abuse, perpetrator, and mandated reporter, the agency has seen an increase in the need for ongoing services.

### **Permanency Services**

In the majority of cases, children remain at home or experience brief out-of-home placement services with the goal of family reunification. In the event the child may not be able to return home, Adams County Children & Youth staff is working toward achieving permanency from the first day of placement.

In Summary, the Agency continues to meet our mission- to provide a work environment that is educational, responsive, efficient, and safe for our staff, so we can deliver high quality services to ensure that each child and youth in Adams County has a safe and permanent family. We will also provide direct and contracted services to assist those children and families who are engaged with our system. Believing that families are the best place for children and youth to grow up, we will make every effort to enhance the family's capacity to meet the child / youth's well-being to include physical, emotional, behavioral, and educational needs.

If out-of-home placement for the children is necessitated due to safety concerns, the agency will pursue the least restrictive environment which can provide a family-like atmosphere. We will emphasize the need to engage families in identifying kinship resources so the child / youth can be with those whom they are familiar. Our utilization of more restrictive facilities will be reserved for those children and youth who require in-patient treatment or supports to ensure their own safety.

Knowing that quality practice is assured by consistently monitoring and improving performance, we will continue to self-examine our interventions and seek the guidance and expertise of those who are committed to best practice approaches that honor the well-being of the child and family.

### **Departmental Goals**

- Assure child safety in their home and community.
- Support and preserve child permanency with their family.
- Provide direct social services to children living in their own homes as well as referral and case management services all throughout 2025.
- Assure child safety in their out-of-home placement.
- Assure all children have the right to be protected from physical neglect and abuse, including sexual victimization, and from emotional neglect and abuse.

### **Position Count**

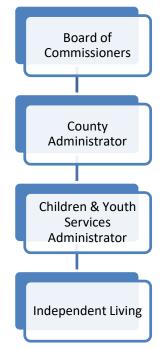
	2022 Budget	2023 Budget	2024 Budget	2025 Budget
Budgeted Positions	52	52	54	54
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Children and Youth Services (continued)

Revenue & Expense Detail		0.000	0004	0005
	2022	2023	2024	2025
Account Description	Actuals Audited	Actuals Audited	Adopted Budget	Tentative Budget
Revenues:	Audited	Audited	Budget	Dudget
Federal Funding	1,319,825	1,613,180	1,362,859	1,607,984
State Funding	5,945,177	5,467,277	7,179,263	6,835,721
Charges for Services				
Parental Support	105,569	61,588	110,000	22,500
Interest Income	-	-	-	
Contributions and Donations	-	_	_	_
Sale of an Asset	-	_	-	-
TOTAL REVENUES	\$7,370,571	\$7,142,045	\$8,652,122	\$8,466,205
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<u>Expenses:</u> Professional Services	1,726,502	3,182,987	3,187,823	3,506,811
Legal Fees	1,720,502	161,758	126,044	85,212
Court Appointed Counsel	127,772		120,044	
Foster Care-CY	1,300,654	_	_	_
Instit'l Care-Dependents CY	900,919	_	-	_
Instit'l Care-Offenders JPO	496,694	_	_	_
Advertising	1,136	1,229	1,423	14,000
Dues/Memberships	3,488	3,557	3,650	3,650
Application Filing Fee	835	1,021	1,200	1,120
Subsidy	-	1,207,135	1,316,695	1,166,404
Contracted Services	42,125	55,647	100,437	197,483
SBITA		-	-	-
Training	634	1,445	2,600	2,600
Conferences	2,816	3,616	3,500	4,500
Travel - Mileage	23,807	35,923	24,890	32,700
Travel - Meals	683	1,931	1,850	1,812
Travel - Other	1,218	2,610	882	1,250
Travel - Lodging	483	3,811	800	4,300
Property Repair/Maintenance	-	2,486	-	-
Building Repair/Maintenance	-	4,597	-	-
Vehicle Repair/Maintenance	7,092	10,051	11,034	10,500
Rental of land and buildings	223,736	239,718	238,230	208,230
Telephone	6,474	6,253	6,400	6,400
Cell Phone	32,831	32,780	33,042	36,600
Electric	32,903	17,004	34,900	12,400
Fuel Oil/Natural Gas	5,546	4,956	5,100	3,615
Water/Sewer	1,164	1,860	1,200	1,275
Disposal of Waste	4,433	2,464	2,000	505
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2025 ADAMS COUNTY BUDGET Children and Youth Services (continued)					
Account Description	2022 Actuals Audited	2023 Actuals Audited	2024 Adopted Budget	2025 Tentative Budget	
Internet	29,037	32,213	<u>33,399</u>	33,399	
Youth Stipends	2,848	52,215			
Client Assistance	4,626	2,851	400	67,350	
Supplies	28,644	34,790	26,775	21,704	
Publications/Subscriptions	1,014	1,127			
Postage/Shipping	8,035	8.787	9,391	9,800	
Gasoline for County Vehicles	11,062	9,120	8,500	11,200	
Minor Equipment	29,364	43,879	900	27,960	
Bank Fees		245	312	365	
Miscellaneous	_	1,050	_	_	
Indirect Costs	244,290	257,564	271,972	271,591	
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	\$5,299,535	\$5,376,465	\$5,455,349	\$5,744,736	
Salaries	2,430,758	2,502,320	2,753,454	2,826,747	
FICA ER	180,959	187,772	210,641	216,248	
Allocated Benefits	1,089,973	1,123.113	1,181,007	1,195,403	
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$9,001,225	\$9,189,670	\$9,600,451	\$9,983,134	
Transfers:					
Transfer In	1,630,652	\$2,047,619	948,329	1,516,930	
Transfer Out	-	-	-	-	
TOTAL TRANSFERS	\$1,630,652	\$2,047,619	\$948,329	\$1,516,930	

### **INDEPENDENT LIVING**



### Mission Statement

The mission of the Adams County Independent Living Program is to provide youth ages 13-23 who are in foster care, and others with an identified need in our community, opportunities to obtain essential skills, resources, mentoring, and support for living independently.

### **Budget** Narrative

The budget of the Adams County Independent Living (IL) Program encompasses the costs incurred to provide the program services to the youth. These costs include supplies, resource and curriculum materials, food, mileage and meal reimbursement, staff conferences/training, memberships, stipends and incentives for youth, transportation costs, rent and related costs to offer the Transitional Housing Program (THP) and HAVEN (shelter) and the salaries and benefits of the IL Program Supervisor, 4 Transition Caseworkers, a Social Services Aide, a Mentoring Program Specialist and half the salary & benefits of an Office Assistant.

### **Departmental Goals**

- Assess youth's needs and establish goals to support their plans for adulthood.
- Assist youth with their transition from out of home placement or living with a parent/guardian to begin living independently.
- Offer training and resources to youth on effective life skills, prevention, educational, and employment opportunities, safe and affordable housing, and permanent connections in order to become self-sufficient, contributing members of our community throughout 2025.

### **Position Count**

	2022 Budget	2023 Budget	2024 Budget	2025 Budget
Budgeted Positions	6	6	7	7
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Independent Living (continued)

	2022 Actuals	2023 Actuals	2024 Adopted	2025 Tentative
Account Description	Audited	Audited	Budget	Budget
<u>Revenues:</u>		•	i	
Federal Funding	183,530	62,843	51,711	55,216
State Funding	255,358	533,372	532,949	557,779
Miscellaneous	-	500	-	-
Other Grant	6,500	-	-	-
Contributions and Donations	-	-	-	-
TOTAL REVENUES	\$445,388	\$596,715	\$584,660	\$612,995
<u>Expenses:</u>				
Professional Services	4,743	3,313	20,000	20,000
Advertising	-	190	-	200
Application Filing Fee	-	26	-	
Conferences	360	360	1,000	1,560
Travel - Mileage	1,467	1,311	1,568	1,300
Travel - Meals	-	98	-	75
Travel - Other	-	-	-	50
Travel - Lodging	506	693	750	1,100
Building Repair/Maintenance	242	-	-	-
Vehicle Repair Maintenance	-	1,333	-	2,000
Rental of land and buildings	23,350	23,900	24,600	27,120
Television	3,894	1,613	3,500	-
Internet	-	434	-	3,500
Youth Stipends	96,504	32,248	28,000	28,000
Client Assistance	-	-	-	8,000
Supplies	13,847	11,938	8,000	12,000
Minor Equipment	-	720	-	-
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	\$144,913	\$78,477	\$87,418	\$104,905
Salaries	289,543	276,274	380,187	398,703
FICA ER	21,210	20,271	20,085	30,501
Allocated Benefits	127,332	117,340	148,617	182,113
TOTAL OPERATING BUDGET	\$582,998	\$492,362	\$636,307	\$716,222
<u>Transfers:</u>				
Transfer In	137,611	(104,352)	51,647	103,227
Transfer Out	-	-	-	-
TOTAL TRANSFERS	\$137,611	\$(104,352)	\$51,647	\$103,227

### **HAZARDOUS MATERIALS**



### **Mission Statement**

The Adams County Hazardous Materials Program involves planning, training and response to any incident within Adams County that involve hazardous materials or weapons of mass destruction.

The County's Hazardous Materials ("HAZMAT") program is fully compliant with Commonwealth Law as defined in Act 165 of Title 35. Among the responsibilities outlined in Act 165 is the requirement that all businesses or institutions which utilize hazardous materials must file an emergency plan for dealing with possible hazardous materials spills or leaks which might threaten public safety or public health. It is the job of the County's HAZMAT Coordinator to guarantee that these facilities file an updated plan each year and further requires that the use of potentially hazardous materials be reported to the County and, in turn, to the State. This is one of the planning responsibilities of the HAZMAT Coordinator.

In Adams County this person is also responsible for writing, maintaining and distributing the County's Emergency Operations Plan ("EOP"), the Radiological Emergency Response Plan, municipal emergency planning, special events planning and special needs facility planning. This position and program exist to provide support to all first responders across the County in the event of a hazardous materials incident.

Like all Emergency Services functions at the County level, this program is focused on public safety and compliance with the laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

### **Budget** Narrative

For Fiscal year 2025, continued emphasis will be placed on planning and training and equipping the program for events involving exposure by first responders to hazardous materials.

Hazardous Materials (continued)

The HAZMAT Coordinator/Planner works very closely with all County fire departments to coordinate a spill response program and specialized training, and the County relies on the fire departments to voluntarily assist whenever possible.

In 2025 the HAZMAT program will continue to focus primarily on support of all local fire departments and law enforcement agencies, ongoing training and maintaining necessary supplies to meet the responsibilities defined by Commonwealth law.

In 2025, we are continuing upkeep on the Ford F550, the trailers, service on the Altair 5 gas meter and calibration of Ludlums. We will continue to go to conferences for training and for the betterment of our community. All these listed items would be funded partially by grant monies from three sources- Federal Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness Fund and State Hazardous Materials Response Fund.

The HAZMAT Coordinator/Planner will continue working with local manufacturers and businesses to update or complete their emergency action plans. These plans provide the County with an important revenue source that helps fund the hazardous materials response program.

The HAZMAT budget is funded to nearly 80 percent by fees and grants. The County must provide some matching funding for the HMEP grant. The other two grants are fully refundable to the County for purchases listed in each application.

### **Departmental Goals**

- Respond to any incident within Adams County that involves hazardous materials or weapons of mass destruction.
- Comply with the Commonwealth Law as defined in Act 165 of Title 35.
- Have prepared the County's Emergency Operations Plan (EOP) and Radiological Emergency Response Plan.
- Provide support to all first responders in the County in the event of a hazardous materials incident.

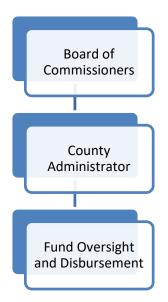
### **Position Count**

	2022 Budget	2023 Budget	2024 Budget	2025 Budget
Budgeted Positions	1	1	1	1

Hazardous Materials (continued)

Kevenue & Expense Deuu	2022	2023	2024	2025
	Actuals	Actuals	Adopted	Tentative
Account Description	Audited	Audited	Budget	Budget
<u>Revenues:</u>				
Federal Funding	9,385	6,064	4,120	1,330
State Funding	21,920	15,913	14,484	14,498
User Fees-Chemical	30,375	31,425	31,200	33,000
User Fees-Planning	3,700	3,500	3,500	3,500
Spill Reimbursement	430	2,561	1,500	1,500
Interest Income	5	3	6	20
TOTAL REVENUES	\$65,815	\$59,466	\$54,810	\$53,848
<u>Expenses:</u>				
Professional Services	9,940	8,000	10,000	8,000
Advertising	-	58	40	40
Dues/Memberships	265	265	275	285
Contracted Services	705	716	716	716
Training	5,900	-	-	-
Conferences	739	400	1,550	450
Travel - Mileage	78	79	360	230
Travel - Meals	72	97	600	150
Travel - Other	54	70	100	100
Travel - Lodging	816	434	1,610	500
Building Repair/Maintenance	-	454	-	-
Vehicle Repair/Maintenance	2,587	954	2,500	1,750
Equipment Repair/Maintenance	283	-	500	2,000
Internet	480	480	480	480
Hazardous Spill Distribution	-	1,450	1,500	1,500
Supplies	4,438	1,196	3,000	3,966
Postage/Shipping	45	87	100	25
Gasoline for County Vehicles	639	857	1,000	500
Minor Equipment	4,414	-	-	-
Equipment	-	-	7,620	-
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	\$31,455	\$15,597	\$31,951	\$20,692
Salaries	56,465	60,459	61,011	68,245
FICA ER	3,927	4,212	4,667	4,853
Allocated Benefits	38,869	34,695	28,262	30,353
TOTAL OPERATING BUDGET	\$130,716	\$114,963	\$125,891	\$124,143
Transfer In	71,851	55,499	71,081	70,295
Transfer Out	/ 1,001		/ 1,001	10,295
TOTAL TRANSFERS	\$71,851	<u>-</u> \$55,499	<u> </u>	\$70,295
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### **ACT 13 BRIDGE IMPROVEMENTS FUND**



Act 13 of 2012 establishes a Marcellus Legacy Fund that allocates a portion of the Marcellus Shale Impact Fee to the Highway Bridge Improvement Restricted Account in the Motor License Fund. These funds are distributed to counties (proportionately based on population) and are to be used to fund the replacement of repair of locally owned (county; municipal), at-risk, deteriorated bridges.

In collaboration with the County Commissioners Association of Pennsylvania (CCAP), the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT) has defined an at-risk deteriorated bridge to be one that is structurally deficient including those that are posted with weight restrictions. Act 13 requires PennDOT to approve a submitted "plan" to repair at-risk deteriorated bridges. The Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) will be the official document for approval of these at-risk bridges. Each County should work with their respective Metropolitan or Rural Planning Organization (MPO/RPO) to program available Marcellus Fund dollars. Municipalities should work with their respective county to identify opportunities to utilize these funds. All projects should utilize the Linking Planning and NEPA process.

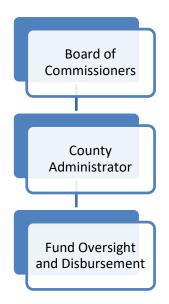
### **Departmental Goals**

- Replace priority County bridges with new structures or rehabilitation
- Implement preventative maintenance programs for County-owned bridges on an as needed basis.
- Maintenance on all 40 County owned bridges performed in a two-year cycle

Act 13 Bridge Improvements (continued)

20	022 Budget	2023 Budget	2024 H	Budget	2025 Budget
Budgeted Positions	0	0	(	)	0
*Employees for this department are ir	ncluded in the Ger	neral Fund			
Revenue & Expense Detail					
A convert Description		2022 Actuals Audited	2023 Actuals Audited	2024 Adopted	2025 Tentative
Account Description		Audited	Audited	Budget	Budget
<u>Revenues:</u>		171 (0)	010.007	1 47 000	200.00
State Funding Interest Income		171,686 1,792	210,887 12,468	147,000 3,000	200,000 22,320
TOTAL REVENUES		\$173,478	\$223,355	\$150,000	\$222,32
Expenses:					
Advertising		-	-	-	50
Property Repair/Maintenance	;	92,078	-	150,000	170,00
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TOTAL OPERATING EXPL	LINSES	\$92,078		\$200,000	\$1,0,00

### LIQUID FUELS FUND



The Liquid Fuels Program funds a range of projects to support construction, reconstruction, maintenance and repair of public roads or streets. The amount of allocation is based on the county's population and miles of road on their approved Liquid Fuels inventory. These allocations must be deposited into a separate fund, from which payments may be made for construction, maintenance, and repair of county roads or bridges. The Act provides that counties may allocate monies from this fund to their political subdivision for these same purposes. It also allows the counties to encumber current funds for future road and bridge construction, reconstruction, and maintenance projects. To continue to receive Liquid Fuels funds, a road must be maintained in such a condition that it can be driven safely at 15mph.

### **Departmental Goals**

- Replace priority County bridges with new structures or rehabilitation
- Implement preventative maintenance programs for County-owned bridges on an as needed basis.

### **Position Count**

	2022 Budget	2023 Budget	2024 Budget	2025 Budget
Budgeted Positions	0	0	0	0
*Employees for this depart	ment are included in the Ger	neral Fund		
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Liquid Fuels (continued)

	2022 Actuals	2023 Actuals	2024 Adopted	2025 Tentative
Account Description	Audited	Audited	Budget	Budget
<u>Revenues:</u>				
Federal Funding	63,277	205,706	-	260,000
State Funding	316,710	321,805	354,000	308,750
Charges for Services	-	-	-	-
Interest Income	3,018	3,641	3,300	3,600
Miscellaneous	-	-	-	-
TOTAL REVENUES	\$383,005	\$531,152	\$357,300	\$572,350
<u>Expenses:</u>				
Advertising	-	476	500	500
Property Repair/Maintenance	128,211	586,179	300,000	1,000,000
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	\$128,211	\$586,655	\$300,500	\$1,000,500
<u>Transfers:</u>				
Transfer In	-	-	-	
Transfer Out	8,000	8,000	8,000	10,868

### HOTEL TAX FUND

The Hotel Tax Fund is a special fund to support tourism in Adam County first authorized by the Pennsylvania legislature in 2000 and thereafter adopted by the Board of Commissioners in 2001. The current law can be found at 16 P.S. §1770.7 and in Adams County Ordinance 1 of 2022.

The tax is paid by guests at local hotels, motels, bed & breakfasts, and similar short-term lodging establishments at the rate of 5% of the room charge. Operators of those establishments are required to collect the tax and pay it into the Adams County Treasurer monthly.

After deducting a 4.5% administrative fee - capped in 2022 at approximately \$107,000 – the Treasurer is required to distribute 75% of the funds to Destination Gettysburg, the official Tourist Promotion Agency for Adams County, for the promotion, advertising and marketing of tourism and special events and for administrative costs. Another 12.5% of the funds is distributed to local municipalities which have both a full-time police department/regional police department and lodging within their jurisdiction. Presently the municipalities receiving disbursements include Borough of Gettysburg, Cumberland Township, Borough of Carroll Valley, Borough of Fairfield, and Borough of New Oxford. The remaining 12.5% remains with Adams County for the restricted purpose of economic development and historic preservation.

Each lodging operator is audited annually by the Controller's office. In 2020, the Treasurer's Office and the Controller's Office cooperated to produce a Hotel Room Rental Tax Operators Guide to assist lodging operators in meeting their requirements under the ordinance and to navigate the various exemptions provided by the law.

	2022	2023	2024	2025
	Actuals	Actuals	Adopted	Tentative
Account Description	Audited	Audited	Budget	Budget
<u>Revenues:</u>				
Hotel Room Rental Tax	2,940,089	3,220,499	3,000,000	3,000,000
Penalty Late Fee Charges	7,239	2,350	5,000	2,500
Interest Income	8,279	38,822	15,000	50,000
TOTAL REVENUES	\$2,955,607	\$3,261,671	\$3,020,000	\$3,052,500
Expenses:				
Professional Services	-	-	8,500	8,000
Contracted Services	-	-	6,000	5,200
Local County Grant	791,751	697,647	835,651	955,535
Tourist Promotion	2,118,914	2,314,365	1,800,000	1,800,000
PY Tax Refunds	17,292	8,023	-	-
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	\$2,927,957	\$3,020,035	\$2,650,151	\$2,768,735
Transfers:				
Transfer Out	123,270	159,202	142,000	164,765
Total Transfers	\$123,270	\$159,202	\$142,000	\$164,765
Budgeted Surplus	-	-	\$227,849	-

### **CAPITAL BUDGET**

Capital expenditures are defined as goods that costs \$5,000 or more with a life of 12+ months. The yearly capital budget is created in conjunction with the county operating budget with departments completing worksheets with the project/item and cost as well as providing a quote for that project/item. The Building and Maintenance department assists with quotes on building projects and the IT department works with the departments when it comes to computer hardware and software to make sure the quotes are complete and accurate. Each department's requests are reviewed by the Commissioners and the items are approved primarily on the safety and well-being of county employees and visitors, the necessity of the item or project, and the cost. This year, the capital budget is funded by utilizing \$1,200,000 from the 2020 bond issue and a contribution from the General Fund of \$1,727,577 for a total Capital budget of \$2,927,577. A breakdown of the 2025 capital budget follows:

Issuance of Debt		-	-	-
Miscellaneous	26,998	-	-	-
Other Grants	-	10,150	-	-
Contributions & Donations	-	-	-	-
Interest Income	16,697	8,569	-	-
State Funding	-	-	-	-
Federal Funding	-	-	-	-
<u>Revenues:</u>				
Account Description	Audited	Audited	Budget	Budget
	Actuals	Actuals	Adopted	Tentative
	2022	2023	2024	2025

### **Revenue Detail**

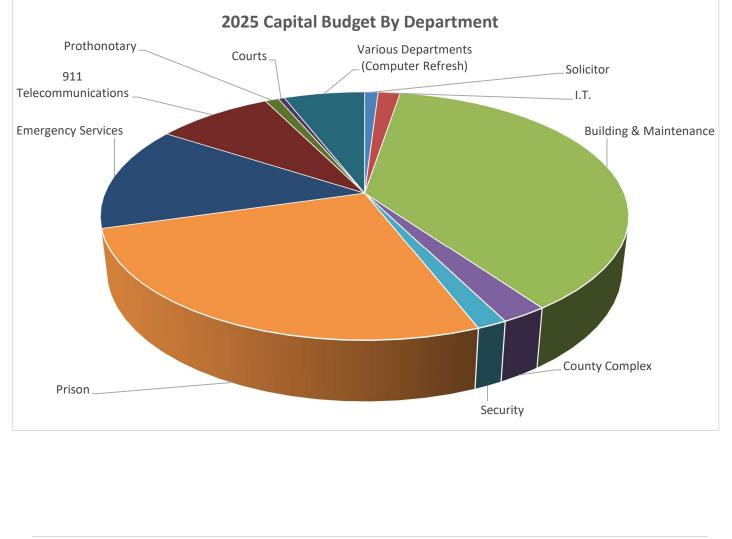
Capital Budget (continued)

### Expense Detail

	2022	2023	2024	2025
	Actuals	Actuals	Adopted	Tentative
Account Description	Audited	Audited	Budget	Budget
Expenses:				
Building and Maintenance	2,098,211	654,886	1,366,449	1,100,000
County Complex	-	-	5,500	70,000
Controller	-	-	25,039	
Coroner	-	-	-	
Courts Consolidated	32,739	74,841	69,352	13,250
Elections/Voter Registration	52,944	-	-	
Emergency Services	3,749	111,639	430,020	400,000
HAZMAT	-	-	7,620	
Information Technology	79,754	167,347	30,000	47,000
Prison	140,571	192,212	225,000	772,173
Prothonotary	36,151	8,051	29,000	29,000
Security	-	-	23,700	45,500
Sheriff	20,840	-	-	
Solicitor	-	-	28,851	28,851
911 Telecommunications	109,361	63,381	244,477	248,883
Various (Computer Refresh)	-	-	-	172,920
TOTAL CAPITAL PURCHASES	2,574,320	\$1,272,357	\$2,485,008	\$2,927,577
Transfer In	143,196	\$95,823	69,352	1,727,577
TOTAL TRANSFERS	143,196	\$95,823 \$95,823	\$69,352	\$1,727,577

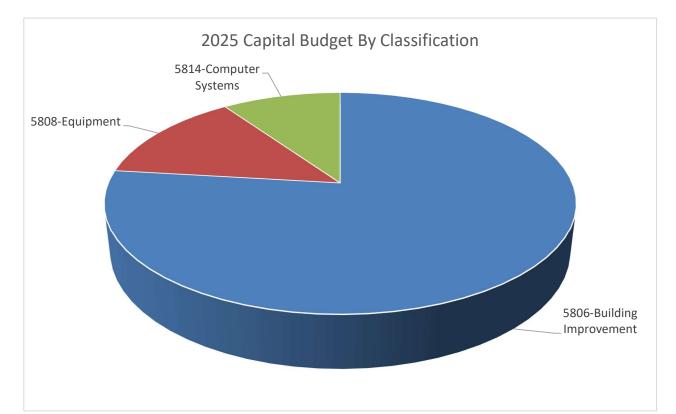
Capital Budget (continued)

Capital Budget by Department		
Solicitor	28,851	
Information Technology	47,000	
Building and Maintenance	1,100,000	
County Complex	70,000	
Security	45,500	
Prison	772,173	
Emergency Services	400,000	
911 Telecommunications	248,883	
Prothonotary	29,000	
Courts Consolidated	13,250	
Various Departments(Computer Refresh)	172,920	
	\$2,927,577	



Capital Budget (continued)

Capital Budget by Classification			
5806 – Building Improvement	\$2,250,465		
5808 – Equipment	\$393,041		
5814 – Computer Systems	\$284,071		
	\$2,927,577		



### Major Non-Recurring Capital projects for 2025

### 5806 - Building Improvement

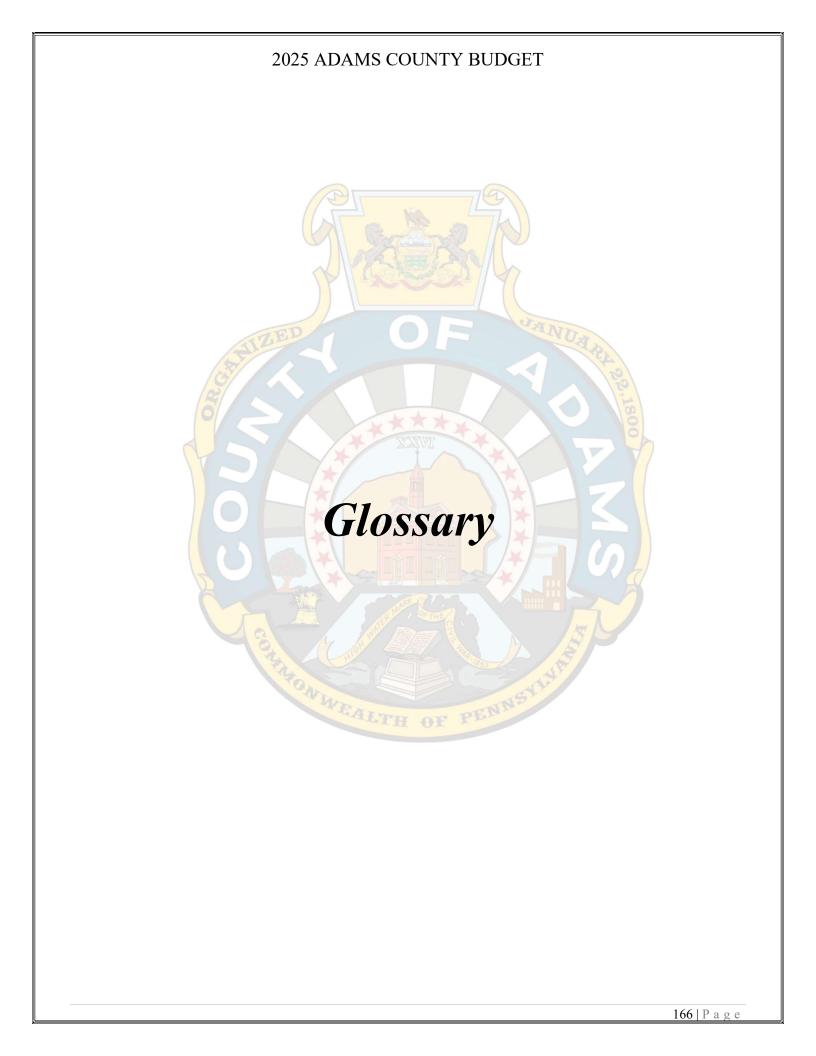
- Solar panels will be installed on the Human Services building roof.
- The Prison budgeted several projects including replacing the electronics board for the main slider doors, and the CCTV System in the building.
- HVAC system units will be replaced at the Emergency Services building and the Prison.

### <u> 5808 – Equipment</u>

- A new Scada systems will be installed at the Complex water treatment facility which will monitor water quality and help make adjustments to the chemical treatment when necessary.
- The Courthouse will have a new X-Ray machine installed in the lobby.
- Equipment for the Prison includes a new stove and a large tilt skillet for the kitchen.

### 5814 - Computer Systems

- The I.T. department will continue replacing laptop and desktop computers in county departments.
- The Solicitor's office is looking to implement a case management software.
- The Prothonotary will be adding a module to their civil case management software for Sheriff integration and e-filing services.



# GLOSSARY

- Accrual An adjustment for revenues that have been earned and/or expenses that have been incurred but are not yet recorded.
- Advisory Board- include the following: Children and Youth Advisory Board, Criminal Justice Advisory Board, Water Resources Advisory, Ag Land Preservation, Economic Development Committee
- Appropriation An authorization granted by the Board of County Commissioners to expend certain funds and incur obligations for specific purposes. There is a time limit on when funds may be expended.
- American Rescue Plan Act-Federal funds distributed to counties as a result of the Pandemic.
- ★ <u>Asset</u> Property owned by the County which has monetary value.
- ✤ <u>Balanced Budget</u> Revenues + Fund Balance + Transfers >= Expenditures
- Board of Commissioners (BOC) The governing body of public officials elected to represent Adams County.
- ◆ <u>Bond</u> A means for long-term borrowing of funds to finance capital projects.
- Budget An annual financial plan that identifies revenues; specifies the type and level of services to be provided; and establishes the amount of money which may be spent within a certain time period upon Commissioners' approval.
- Budget Document The instrument used by the budget-making authority to present a comprehensive financial program to the appropriate governing body.
- Capital Assets Capital assets have significant value and a useful life of several years. Capital assets are referred to commonly as fixed assets.
- ★ <u>Capital Expenditures</u>- are defined as goods that costs \$5,000 or more with a life of 12+ months.
- Capital Projects Capital projects involve the purchase or construction of capital assets. Often a capital project encompasses the purchase of land, major facility renovations, and the construction of a building or facility. Design, engineering, or architectural fees are often part of a capital project.
- <u>Component Board</u> include the following: Conservation Board, General Financing Authority, Housing Authority, Industrial Development Authority, Planning Commission
- Consumer Price Index (CPI) A statistical description of price levels provided by the U.S. Department of Labor. The index is used as a measure of the increase in the cost of living (i.e., economic inflation).
- <u>Contingency</u> An appropriation of funds to cover unanticipated events that may occur during the fiscal year. Transfers from this account must be approved by the Board of Commissioners. Funds held in the contingency may be restricted to a specific use.
- <u>Credit Rating</u> The credit worthiness, determined through a statistical analysis of available credit data. Adams County's current credit rating from Moody's is Aa2.
- <u>Debt Service</u> Debt service is the payment of interest and principal on an obligation resulting from the issuance of bonds.
- ◆ <u>Depreciation</u> A reduction in the value of an asset with the passage of time.
- Encumbrance An encumbrance is a financial transition of appropriated funds related to unperformed contracts for goods and services.

### Glossary (continued)

- ◆ Estimate An estimate is an annualized projection of current year revenues or expenditures.
- Expenditures The cost of goods and services received by the County regardless of when payment is made. Expenditures decrease a fund's assets.
- ◆ <u>Fiscal Year</u> The fiscal year for Adams County is January 1 through December 31.
- ◆ <u>Fringe Benefits</u> Employee benefits paid by the employer.
- Fund Balance The calculation is the difference between fund assets and fund liabilities. A negative fund balance is called a deficit.
- Governmental Fund A group of funds that account for activities associated with the County's basic operations and use a modified accrual basis of accounting.
- Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) The GFOA is a professional association of state/provincial and local finance officers dedicated to the sound management of public funds.
- Infrastructure Tangible assets such as facilities, buildings, roads, bridges, streets, and sidewalks.
- Intergovernmental Revenues Revenues received from other government entities for a specified purpose.
- Long-term Debt A long-term debt is debt with a maturity date of more than one year after the date of issuance.
- $\bigstar \underline{Mill} One one-thousandth of a dollar of assessed value.$
- Millage Rate used in calculating taxes based upon the value of property, expressed in mills per dollar of property value.
- Mission Statement Provides a clear presentation of a department's function or mandate. A good mission statement answers why the program is needed and what services are provided.
- <u>Pass-through</u> Money given to a government or organization with a condition that it be given (passed through) to another government or organization.
- Per Capita A unit of measurement that indicates an amount of some quantity per person in the County.
- Performance Measures Performance measures are indicators of performance. These include outcome, efficiency, output, customer service, and impact measures.
- ◆ <u>Principal</u> The original amount of a debt on which interest is calculated.
- Revenues Financial resources received from tax payments, fees for service, licenses and permits, fines, cost and forfeitures, grants, rents, and interest. Revenues increase a fund's assets.
- Special Revenue Fund An account established by a government to collect money that must be used for a specific project. Special revenue funds provide an extra level of accountability and transparency to taxpayers that their tax dollars will go toward intended purposes.
- Tax Levy The total amount to be raised by general property taxes for purposes specified in the Budget Ordinance.
- ✤ <u>Tax Rate</u> The amount of tax levied for each \$100 of assessed valuations. The tax rate if applied to the assessed valuation to derive the tax levy.

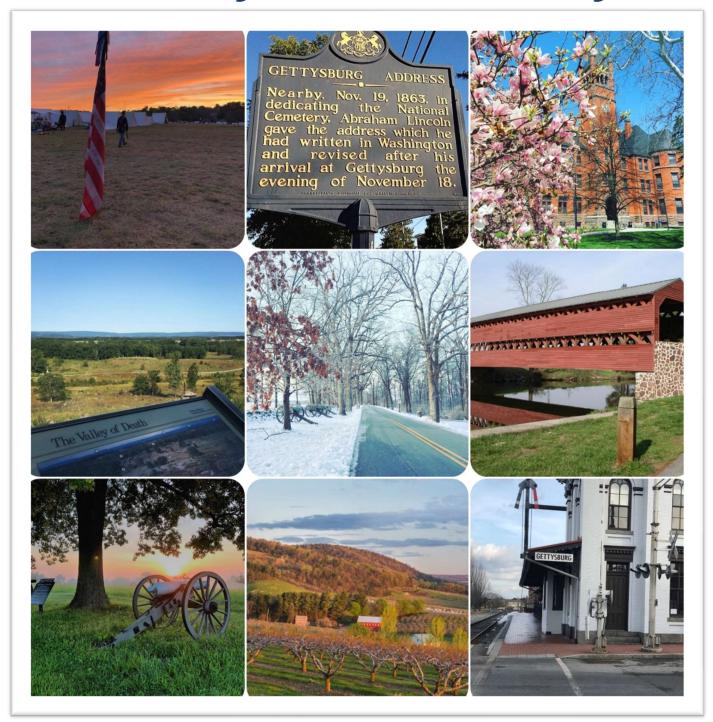
## COUNTY ACRONYMS

- ACACC Adams County Adult Correctional Complex
- ✤ ACCYS Adams County Children and Youth Services
- ✤ ACFR Annual Comprehensive Financial Report
- ✤ ACOPD Adams County Office of Planning and Development
- ✤ ACSO Adams County Sheriff's Office
- ✤ ADA Americans with Disabilities Act
- ✤ ADP (Prison) Average Daily Population
- ✤ AOPC Administrative Office of Pennsylvania Courts
- ✤ AP Accounts Payable
- ✤ AR Accounts Receivable
- ✤ ARD Accelerated Rehabilitative Disposition
- ✤ ARPA-American Rescue Plan Act
- ✤ ARRF Adams Response and Recovery Fund
- BAS Building Automated System
- BLS Bureau of Labor Statistics
- ✤ BoA Board of Assessment Appeals
- CAD Computer Aided Dispatch System
- CCAP County Commissioners Association of Pennsylvania
- CDBG Community Development Block Grant
- CIP Capital Improvement Plan
- ✤ CIT Crisis Intervention Team
- CPE Certified Pennsylvania Evaluators
- CPI Consumer Price Index
- CPSL Child Protective Service Law
- ✤ CY Current Year
- CYS Children and Youth Services
- DCED Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development
- DEP Department of Environmental Protection
- ✤ DOC Days of Care
- DRS Domestic Relations Section
- DSR Dynamic System Resilience
- ✤ EFT Electronic Funds Transfer
- EMS Emergency Medical Services
- EOC Emergency Operations Center
- ✤ EOP Emergency Operations Plan
- EPA Environmental Protection Agency
- ERMS Electronic Records Management System
- ERP Enterprise Resource Planning
- ✤ FGDM Family Group Decision Making
- ✤ FICA Federal Insurance Contributions Act tax
- GAAP Generally Accepted Accounting Principles
- ✤ GASB Governmental Accounting Standards Board
- ✤ GFOA Government Finance Officers Association
- ✤ GIS Geographic Information System
- ✤ GWI General Wage Increase
- ✤ HAC Healthy Adams County
- HAZMAT Hazardous Materials

Acronyms (continued)

- ✤ HSB Human Services Building
- ✤ HVAC Heating, ventilation, and air conditioning
- ✤ ICAC Internet Crimes Against Children
- IDA Industrial Development Authority
- ✤ IL- Independent Living
- IOCs Inorganic chemicals
- ✤ ISF Internal Service Fund
- IT Information Technology
- JCJC Juvenile Court Judges' Commission
- ✤ JPO Juvenile Probation Office
- MAGLOCLEN Middle Atlantic-Great Lakes Organized Crime Law Enforcement Network
- MDJ Magisterial District Judge
- MDJ Magisterial District Judge
- MH-IDD Mental Health/Intellectual & Developmental Disabilities
- MPO/RPO Metropolitan or Rural Planning Organization
- NCOA National Change of Address
- NMS National Medical Services
- NPDES National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System
- NVRA National Voter Registration Act
- PEIRS Pennsylvania Emergency Incident Reporting System
- PennDOT Pennsylvania Department of Transportation
- PFA Protection from Abuse
- PILT Payment in Lieu of Taxes
- PSACC Pennsylvania State Association County Controllers
- PVRA Pennsylvania Voter Registration Act
- PY Prior Year
- RASA Rights and Services Act
- RFP Request for Proposal
- ✤ RTF Residential Treatment Facility
- RTKL Right to Know Law
- SCI State Correctional Institution
- SCR Shared Care Responsibility
- SPCA Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals
- STOP (Grant) Services Training Officers Prosecutors
- ✤ THP Transitional Housing Program
- TIP Transportation Improvement Program
- TIR Traumatic Incident Reduction
- TSD Transport Service Division
- TTHM Trihalomethane
- ✤ HAA5 Haloacetic Acids
- UPI Universal Parcel Identification
- USDA United State Department of Agriculture
- ✤ VA Veterans' Affairs
- ✤ VOCA Victims of Crime Act
- ✤ VOCs Volatile organic compounds
- VOIP Voice over Internet Protocol
- ✤ VOJO Victims of Juvenile Offenders
- VPN Virtual Private Network
- ✤ WNV West Nile Virus

# Thank you Adams County!



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