HOUSTON COUNTY

Fiscal Year 2012
Budget In Brief

Houston County Board of Commissioners
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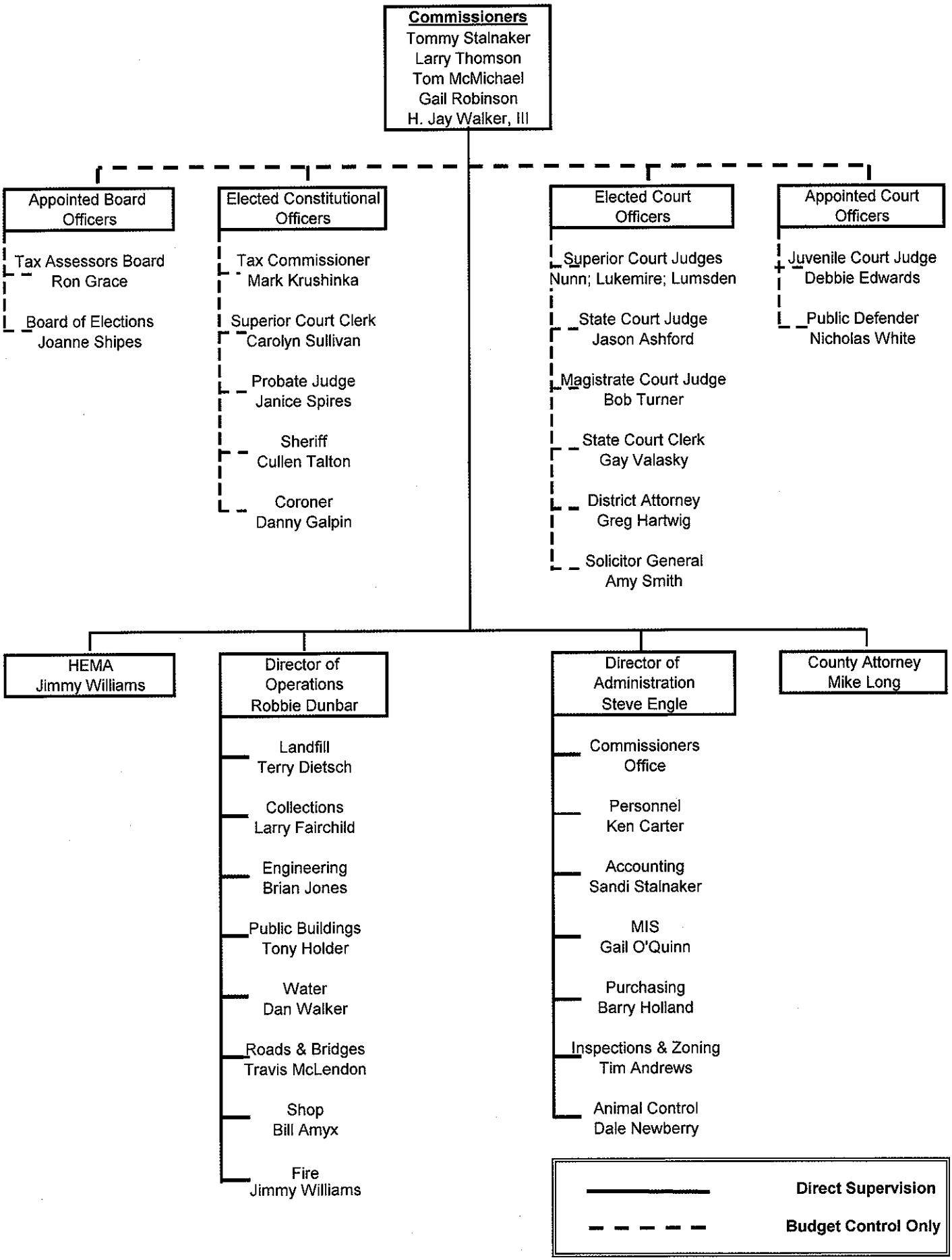
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Fiscal Year 2012
July 1, 2011 - June 30, 2012

Houston County Organizational Chart



A Resolution Adopting
The Fiscal Year 2012 Budget
For Houston County

WHEREAS, the Houston County Board of Commissioners has prepared a line-item budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2011 and ending June 30, 2012; and

WHEREAS, the Houston County Board of Commissioners has adhered to the provisions of O.C.G.A. Section 36-81-3, as amended; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held on June 21, 2011, and it is now in the best interest of the County that the budget be adopted,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Houston County Board of Commissioners that the annual budget for Houston County for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2011 and ending June 30, 2012, attached hereto and made a part hereof, is hereby approved and adopted in the amount of:

General Fund	$51,205,472
E911 Telephone Fund	$ 3,972,388
Fire District Fund	$ 1,754,230
SPLOST Fund	$23,700,000
Water Fund	$ 6,041,000
Solid Waste Fund	$ 7,738,701
Internal Service Fund	$ 9,167,140
Special Revenue Funds	$ 675,000
	$104,253,931

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that during the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2011 and ending June 30, 2012, the General Fund shall designate $71,625 from prior year fund balance for the County's "Code Red" early communications system and outdoor siren maintenance. The E911 Fund shall designate $370,065 in prior year fund balance for equipment, wireless charges and indirect cost allocations. The Solid Waste Fund will designate $237,000 in prior year host fees to be transferred out to the General Fund.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the annual budget beginning July 1, 2011 and ending June 30, 2012 includes a two (2) percent cost-of-living adjustment (effective June 28, 2011 pay period) for all merit system employees, county elected and appointed officials, district attorney, full-time superior court judges and county extension personnel. Merit and longevity pay increases are suspended for all employees. Position reclassifications are also suspended. The FY2012 Position Control listing, attached hereto, is hereby approved and adopted.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that any increase in appropriation for any department or salary line-item in excess of the approved budget shall require approval by the Board of Commissioners authorizing said funds to be expended.

This 28th day of June, 2011.

HOUSTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

BY: Tommy Stalnaker
Tommy Stalnaker, Chairman

ATTEST:
Steve Engle, Director of Administration

FY2012 General Fund
Budget Highlights
$51,205,472

- The FY2012 budget is $51,205,472. This is a 2.4% increase over the FY2011 amended budget of $49,996,575. This year's budget includes $1,181,190 in capital expenditures, compared to $888,118 million last year. Outside agency grants and most county offices have maintained discretionary spending at last year's levels. The County will draw only $71,625 in prior year reserves to balance this year's budget. These funds will be earmarked for expenses associated with the County's "Code Red" emergency communications system and maintenance on outdoor warning sirens.

- We estimate the millage rate for 2011 will remain at 9.95 mills. At 9.95 mills, the estimated millage rate will generate $37 million dollars in taxes, assuming a tax digest of approximately $3.72 billion. We are projecting a 1% increase in the tax digest. The tax cap legislation would allow Commissioners to adopt a millage rate slightly over 11 mills.

- The FY2012 budget includes a two (2) percent cost-of-living adjustment for all merit system employees, county elected and appointed officials, district attorney, full-time superior court judges and county extension personnel. However, merit and longevity pay increases will remain suspended for all county employees in FY2012. Position reclassifications are also suspended.

- The Position Control Listing for FY2012 eliminates temporary salaries in Data Processing, the Tax Commissioners Office and Juvenile Court. A Sergeant's position in the Jail will be transferred to the Sheriff's Investigation Division. Highways and Streets will lose a labor's position in order to provide funding for an additional inmate crew to work road right-of-ways. The District Attorney's Office will transfer $7,800 in temporary salaries to fund supplements for ADAs. The State Court Judge's salary will increase $8,500 to $123,500 to offset his contributions to the Georgia Judicial Retirement System. Lastly, the County Attorney's annual retainer will increase from $58,603 to $60,000.

- The budget includes thirteen new Sheriff's vehicles at a combined cost of $291,500. One of these vehicles will be purchased using inmate funds donated by the Sheriff. In addition, the Sheriff is providing over $105,000 in drug funds to help purchase $119,000 in capital equipment. Public works is purchasing a 2.5 ton crew cab, a one ton flat bed truck, a dump truck and a flail mower using $237,000 in host fees. As you can see, the County continues to utilize sources other than property tax to purchase its vehicles and equipment in FY2012.

- $450,800 in State DOT grants is included for the paving of Short Road and resurfacing of Fox Hall Boulevard, Heather Glen Boulevard, Leverette Road, Peachblossom Road and Saddlecreek Road.

- $100,000 is included to address the encroachment of development around Robins Air Force Base in South Bibb and North Houston counties. This is the second of a five year commitment between Bibb and Houston to pool local dollars with state and federal funds to acquire non-conforming properties surrounding RAFB.

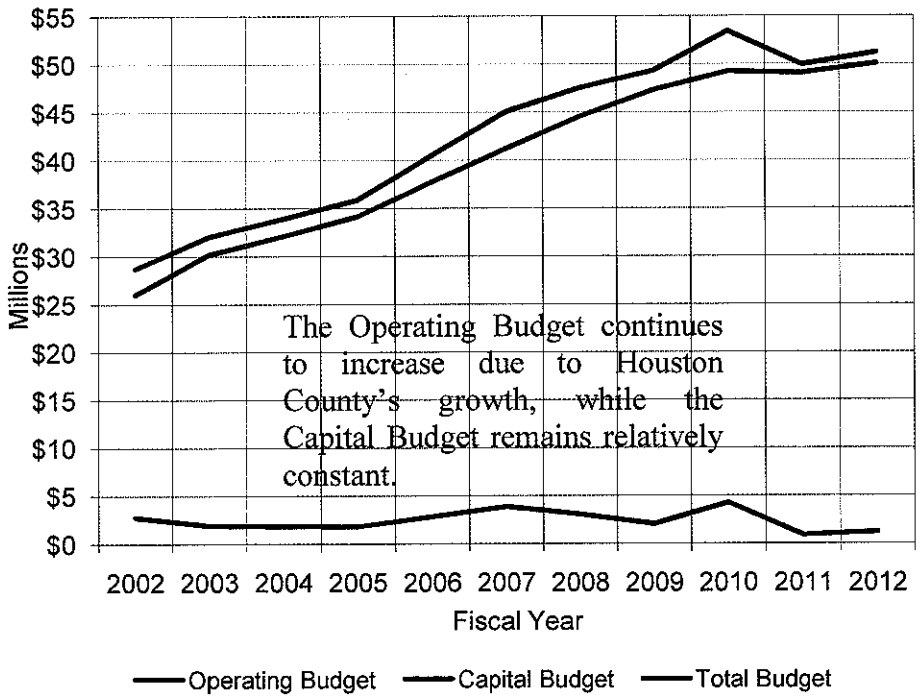
Houston County
2012 General Fund Budget
July 1, 2011 - June 30, 2012

Total Budget
$51,205,472

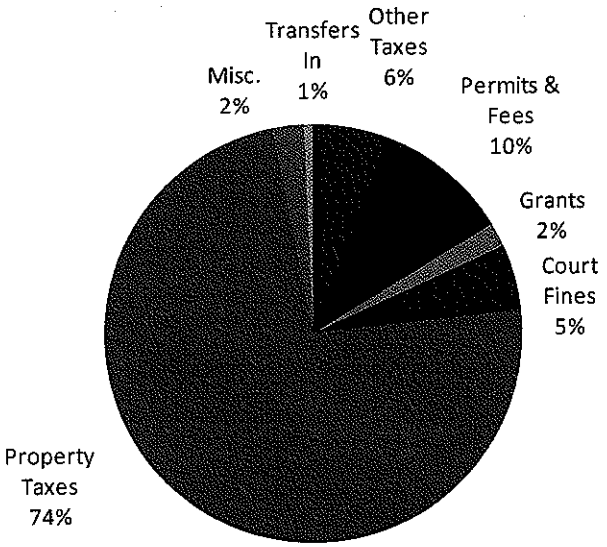
Operating Budget
$50,024,282

Capital Budget
$1,181,190

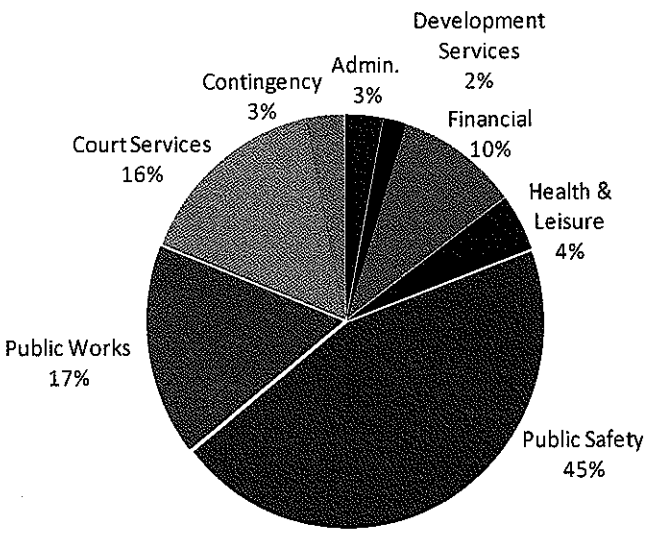
Original Adopted Budget History
Operating and Capital



Houston County
FY 2012 General Fund Budget
$51,205,472

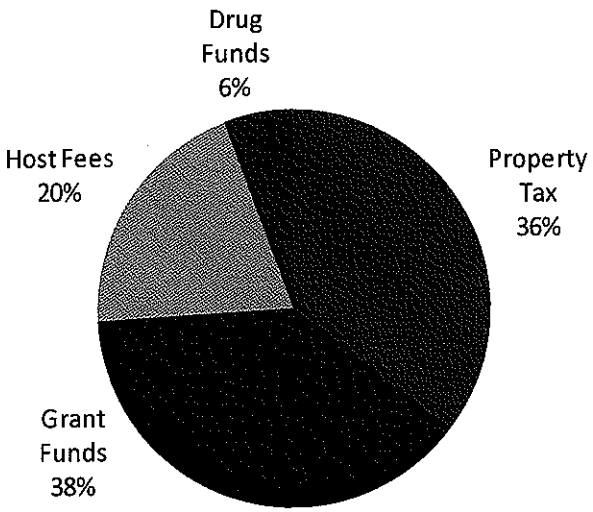


Revenues

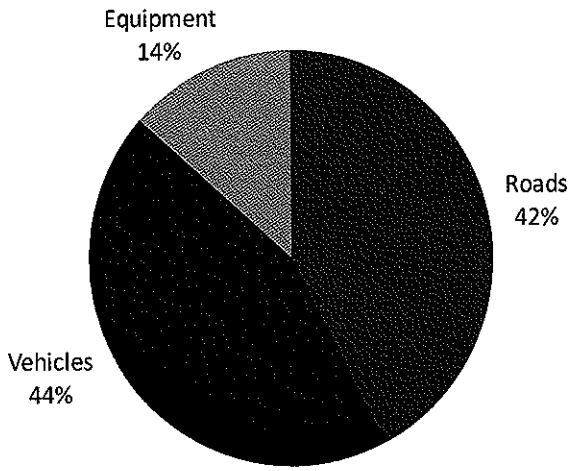


Expenditures

Houston County
2012 Capital Budget
$1,181,190



Revenues



Expenditures

Houston County Board of Commissioners
FY2012 GENERAL FUND REVENUES

Revenues:	2012 Budget	2011 Budget	% Change
Taxes			
General Property Taxes	$37,881,000	$37,800,000	0%
Intangible Taxes	$510,000	$550,000	-7%
Railroad Taxes	$18,000	$16,000	13%
Penalties & Interest	$800,000	$750,000	7%
Alcoholic Beverage Excise Tax	$218,000	$220,000	-1%
Bank Tax	$180,000	$110,000	64%
Real Estate Transfer Tax	$125,000	$125,000	0%
Insurance Premium Tax	$704,542	$535,653	32%
Cable Franchise Tax	$475,000	$475,000	0%
	$40,911,542	**$40,581,653**	**1%**
Permits and Fees			
Alcoholic Beverage Sales	$47,000	$45,000	4%
Building Permits (Unincorporated)	$175,000	$200,000	-13%
Business License Fee	$100,000	$110,000	-9%
Indirect Cost Allocation	$800,500	$625,000	28%
Court Fees	$1,827,000	$1,447,000	26%
Tag Fees	$195,000	$192,000	2%
Public Works Materials Fees	$10,000	$20,000	-50%
Prisoner Housing Fees	$560,000	$250,000	124%
Tax Commissioner Fees	$1,355,000	$1,325,000	2%
Sheriff's Fees	$250,000	$550,000	-55%
Miscellaneous Fees	$36,700	$25,700	43%
	$5,356,200	**$4,789,700**	**12%**
Intergovernmental Revenue			
State & Federal Grants	**$983,519**	**$828,641**	**19%**
Court Fines			
State Court Fines	$1,700,000	$1,270,000	34%
Superior Court Fines	$275,000	$250,000	10%
Fine Add-Ons	$622,150	$662,150	-6%
	$2,597,150	**$2,182,150**	**19%**
Other Revenue			
Interest Earnings	$50,000	$100,000	-50%
Rental Payments	$841,469	$838,857	0%
Sale of Surplus Property	$30,000	$30,000	0%
Transfers In	$363,967	$195,006	100%
	$1,285,436	**$1,163,863**	**10%**
General Fund Revenues	**$51,133,847**	**$49,546,007**	**3%**
Reserve Fund Balance	**$71,625**	**$450,568**	**-84%**
Grand Total General Fund	**$51,205,472**	**$49,996,575**	**2%**

HOUSTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

FY2012 General Fund Expenditures

Division/Department	2012 Budget	2011 Budget	% Change
Administrative Services Division			
Governing Body	$146,618	$145,917	0%
Executive	$576,973	$638,944	-10%
Board of Elections	$420,031	$503,188	-17%
Legal Services	$83,063	$83,063	0%
Personnel	$319,603	$333,068	-4%
Audit	$39,000	$34,000	15%
	$1,585,288	**$1,738,180**	**-9%**
Developmental Services Division			
Middle Georgia RDC	$52,325	$48,101	9%
Building Inspections	$366,921	$365,873	0%
Planning and Zoning	$8,700	$10,700	-19%
Development Authority	$409,880	$274,880	49%
21st Century Partnership	$50,000	$50,696	-1%
Perry-Houston Co Airport	$44,600	$88,771	-50%
	$932,426	**$839,021**	**11%**
Financial Services Division			
Accounting	$300,570	$299,464	0%
Purchasing	$353,615	$347,456	2%
MIS	$900,392	$867,612	4%
Tax Commissioner	$1,397,631	$1,398,049	0%
Tax Assessors	$1,648,342	$1,621,938	2%
Board of Equalization	$15,059	$11,995	26%
Risk Management	$486,000	$419,520	16%
Contingency	$1,562,978	$696,034	125%
	$6,664,587	**$5,662,068**	**18%**
Health & Leisure Services Division			
Physical Health	$319,175	$319,175	0%
Mental Health	$188,565	$213,728	-12%
Vital Statistics	$6,000	$6,000	0%
Mosquito Control	$4,000	$4,000	0%
Victim Assistance Programs	$202,550	$202,550	0%
Welfare Administration (DFCS)	$675,354	$649,379	4%
Paupers' Burial	$2,400	$2,400	0%
Recreation	$11,750	$13,000	-10%
Library	$770,000	$772,350	0%

Division/Department	2012 Budget	2011 Budget	% Change
Health and Leisure Services (cont.)			
Agricultural Resources	$89,672	$92,290	-3%
Forest Resources	$12,042	$12,042	0%
	$2,281,508	**$2,286,914**	**0%**
Public Safety Division			
Sheriff's Department	$8,899,631	$8,543,037	4%
Juvenile Investigations	$998,703	$1,028,125	-3%
Detention Center	$12,124,195	$12,261,823	-1%
Coroner	$95,519	$97,446	-2%
E911	$400,151	$425,015	-6%
Animal Control	$231,894	$253,405	-8%
HEMA	$286,073	$213,993	34%
	$23,036,166	**$22,822,844**	**1%**
Public Works Administration			
Public Buildings	$2,896,093	$2,795,893	4%
Public Works Administration	$712,656	$812,499	-12%
Highways and Streets-Local	$4,182,228	$4,155,955	1%
Highways and Streets-State	$450,800	$280,000	100%
Storm Drainage	$261,027	$315,888	-17%
Traffic Engineering	$48,000	$46,500	3%
	$8,550,804	**$8,406,735**	**2%**
Court Services Division			
Judge of Superior Court	$816,760	$840,605	-3%
Clerk of Superior Court	$1,041,833	$1,022,698	2%
District Attorney	$1,041,279	$999,970	4%
Judge of State Court	$421,627	$452,275	-7%
Clerk of State Court	$371,432	$371,485	0%
Solicitor of State Court	$538,909	$566,478	-5%
Magistrate Court	$954,053	$980,579	-3%
Probate Judge	$548,364	$545,796	0%
Juvenile Court	$558,574	$597,509	-7%
Court Services	$7,500	$5,000	50%
Public Defender	$1,854,362	$1,858,418	0%
	$8,154,693	**$8,240,813**	**-1%**
Grand Total	**$51,205,472**	**$49,996,575**	**2%**

Tax Millage Rate Comparisons

Excludes Special Tax Districts

County	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
Bibb	29.36	30.23	30.23	32.72	31.72	32.72	28.20
Bleckley	**22.31**	24.04	24.04	26.55	22.90	**22.90**	25.80
Dooly	31.66	31.66	31.66	31.66	33.08	33.08	35.08
Houston	23.16	**23.55**	**22.07**	**22.17**	**22.17**	24.04	**23.54**
Macon	30.40	30.60	29.78	29.01	29.06	28.90	29.68
Peach	33.50	30.09	30.09	30.09	30.09	30.81	30.81
Pulaski	24.32	24.26	23.81	25.32	25.30	26.31	27.31
Twiggs	34.88	36.43	36.43	36.43	38.75	30.45	32.45

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Peach	33.50	30.09	30.09	30.09	30.09	30.81
Pulaski	24.32	24.26	23.81	25.32	25.30	26.31
Twiggs	34.88	36.43	36.43	36.43	38.75	30.45