

# BERKS COUNTY

## Final 2014 Budget

County Commissioners' Meeting  
December 12, 2013

# **Berks County Proposed 2014 Budget Schedule**

- **November 14, 2013**      **Present 2014 Budget**
- **December 12, 2013**      **Adopt 2014 Budget**
  
- **Public Review**
  - **County Commissioners' Office**
  - **Budget Office**
  - **County Website**    **[www.co.berks.pa.us](http://www.co.berks.pa.us)**

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### Notable Revisions to Proposed Budget

- Lower utilities by \$208K – better electric trend
- Lower fringe benefits by \$138K – better renewal rates
- Lower MHDD expenditures by \$245K – lower HS Block Grant
- Increase personnel cost by \$91K – 3 staff for new judge
- Increase CYS cost by \$190K – higher adoption and placements
- Increase Sheriff funding \$69K– vehicle replacement and GPS
- Increase Agland preservation expenditures by \$617K – higher grant
- Increase interfund transfers by \$2.8M - add interest to indirect cost
- Increase bond funded capital by \$20.5M – move from 2013
  - Jail renovation - \$3.4M
  - 911 radio system - \$17.1M

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## 2014 Operating Budget Revenues and Expenditures (in millions)

Funds	Adopted 2014	Proposed 2014	Incr. (Decr.)
<b>General Fund</b>			
Revenues	\$ 217.6	\$ 213.8	\$ 3.8
Expenditures	\$ 207.9	\$ 204.6	\$ 3.3
Less: Adjustments	\$ 8.4	\$ 8.2	
Net Surplus (Deficit)	<u>\$ 1.3</u>	<u>\$ 1.0</u>	
<b>All Funds</b>			
Revenues	\$ 455.8	\$ 451.1	\$ 4.7
Expenditures	\$ 457.7	\$ 453.2	\$ 4.5
Adjustments (less) plus	\$ (2.9)	\$ (2.9)	
Net (Deficit) Surplus	<u>\$ (4.8)</u>	<u>\$ (5.0)</u>	

Note: Excludes capital project funds

Note: Adjustments-capital add back less depreciation for enterprise funds  
and special revenue funds match

# 2014 Berks County Tax Summary

	<u>Adopted 2014</u>	<u>Proposed 2014</u>
<b>Millage Rate</b>	<b>7.372</b>	<b>7.372</b>
<b>Assessed Value</b>	<b>18,572,296,300</b>	<b>18,572,296,300</b>
<b>Percent Change</b>	<b>0.00%</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
<b>Net Tax Billing</b>	<b>\$130,519,443</b>	<b>\$130,519,443</b>
<b>Interims</b>	<b>\$431,064</b>	<b>\$431,064</b>
<b>Net Tax Collections</b>	<b>\$130,950,507</b>	<b>\$130,950,507</b>
<b>Tax Claim Revenue</b>	<b>\$4,600,000</b>	<b>\$4,600,000</b>
<b>Total Tax Revenue</b>	<b>\$135,550,507</b>	<b>\$135,550,507</b>
<b>Less: Tax Refunds</b>	<b>(\$956,000)</b>	<b>(\$956,000)</b>
<b>Net Tax Revenue</b>	<b>\$134,594,507</b>	<b>\$134,594,507</b>

**Note: Tax billing is net of discounts and uncollectibles of 4.6%.**

**Note: 2013 assessed value/Net tax billing is actual.**

**Note: Tax Claim decrease -more payment plans/less defaults**

**Note: Tax refund increase - more commercial property appeals**

# COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS

