

Berks County

Adopted 2016 Budget



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**County Commissioners' Meeting
December 17, 2015**

Berks County

2016 Budget Summary

Notable Revisions to Proposed Budget

Revenue Increase (Decrease):

- **GF Taxes \$0.1M**
- **GF Grants \$1.1M** - RACP/GG/CYS IT/DA
- **CYS revenue \$0.6M** - increase in reimbursable costs
- **Liquid Fuels \$0.5M** - utility companies reimbursement, bridge work
- **CDBG/Affordable Housing \$0.8M** - project carryover from 2015 to 2016
- **BCRC (\$0.6M)** - right size the budget, removed 4th floor expansion

Expenditure Increase (Decrease):

- **Wages/FICA \$0.8M** - new positions: Director Human Services, CYS-3, IS-4
- **Unemployment benefit (\$0.4M)** - lower rate/better experience
- **CYS contracted services \$1.4M** - provider rate & service increases
- **Liquid Fuels \$0.5M** - bridge work for utility companies
- **CDBG/Affordable Housing \$0.8M** - project carryover from 2015 to 2016
- **911 system \$0.2M** - GIS images/building footprint
- **Capital \$0.5M** - 911 tower site video security/eCad system
- **Contingency (\$0.8M)** - reclassified CYS match - wages/provider incr.

Unassigned General Fund Balance – remains unchanged at \$104.8M

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2016 Operating Budget Revenues and Expenditures

(in millions)

FUNDS	Adopted	Proposed	Incr. (Decr.)	% Incr.(Decr.)
GENERAL FUND:				
Revenues	\$ 215.0	\$ 213.8	\$ 1.2	0.6%
Expenditures	\$ 219.5	\$ 219.6	\$ (0.1)	(0.0%)
Adjustments: Plus/(Less)	\$ (11.7)	\$ (11.3)	\$ (0.4)	3.5%
Net Surplus/(Deficit)	\$ (16.2)	\$ (17.1)	\$ 0.9	(5.3%)
ALL FUNDS:				
Revenues	\$ 475.9	\$ 473.2	\$ 2.7	0.6%
Expenditures	\$ 491.3	\$ 488.6	\$ 2.7	0.6%
Adjustments: Plus/(Less)	\$ (1.2)	\$ (1.2)	\$ -	0.0%
Net Surplus/(Deficit)	\$ (16.6)	\$ (16.6)	\$ -	0.0%

2016 Berks County Tax Summary

	Adopted	Proposed
Millage Rate	7.372	7.372
Assessed Value	\$18,656,990,251	\$18,650,801,751
Percent Change	0.19%	0.16%
Net Tax Billing	\$131.3M	\$131.2M
Interims	\$0.4M	\$0.4M
Net Tax Collections	\$131.7M	\$131.6M
Tax Claim Revenue	\$4.5M	\$4.5M
Total Tax Revenue	\$136.2M	\$136.1M
Less: Tax Refunds	(\$0.6M)	(\$0.6M)
Net Tax Revenue	\$135.6M	\$135.5M

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

Berks County 2016 Budget Schedule

- **November 19, 2015** **Presented 2016 Budget**
- **December 17, 2015** **Adopt 2016 Budget**

Public Review

- **County Commissioners' Office**
- **Budget Office**
- **County Website www.countyofberks.com**

Comments and Questions

