

Bamberg County Council



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COUNTY COUNCIL VISION

Bamberg County will be a community where citizens can feel safe, raise their families, obtain a quality education and employment, and thrive in a community with an exceptional quality of life.



COUNTY COUNCIL MISSION

Bamberg County's mission is to be a financially-stable and fiscally responsible government that will utilize technology, communication and ingenuity to provide the opportunity for a high quality of life by ensuring that excellent infrastructure is available to its citizens; where Citizens and Public Safety Agencies have the resources to work together to provide a safe community to live and do business in; where quality housing and the best available healthcare options are found; where first-class recreation facilities provide a physical outlet for individuals and families; and where there is a favorable business climate that provides job opportunities to present and future generations.



Budgetary Funds

- General Fund – Main operating fund of the County
- Special Revenue Funds – Funds that are legally or contractually restricted according to their use
- Enterprise Fund – A fund whereby the intent is to generate sufficient revenues to be self-sustaining
- Debt Service Fund – Used to accumulate moneys that are set aside to make principal and interest payments on debt
- Capital Projects Fund – Used for projects of a long-term and ongoing nature



General Fund

General Fund

- General Fund increasing by \$287,645 over the previous year mainly due to:
 - 1) Retirement and health insurance increases- \$76,000
 - 2) Moving Emergency Services into the General Fund - \$119,000
 - 3) Contractual services in certain areas such as the Detention Center
 - 4) Minor increases to operating expenses such as fuel, employee benefits
 - 5) Certain investments in software and/or equipment, especially where there is a payback

General Fund

- Recall that at First Reading we noted that the County budget will continue to focus on replacing worn out equipment.
- Following are a few examples of what we feel are good use of taxpayer funds with regard to equipment.

General Fund Initiatives

- In the Auditor's Office we are proposing funds to purchase what is called "First-Time Issue" software for vehicles. This software helps ensure we are getting all the information on new vehicles purchased from dealers who get new tags in the County. Currently information is coming to us from affidavits turned in to the DMV from the car dealerships and also affidavits mailed to us from other counties. Recently we have not been getting all of this information and we are experiencing a high # of taxpayers who come in to inquire about a tax bill for their newly purchased vehicle. Other counties report that the software is working very well for them. We feel that this will be a good investment of our limited funds as it will help to providing more timely revenue to the county. The cost of the software is \$6,480 plus tax, and then \$2,070 for annual maintenance. Total proposed in the budget is \$8,550.

General Fund Initiatives

- In the Assessor's Office we are proposing to replace an aged plotter. The existing plotter is at least 15 years old, maybe older. It is used to print aerial photo copies, which the County charges a fee to do. The photo copies are not good quality and it is impossible to find parts to repair the old machine. We have a quote for the new machine which is \$5,400. Each year the Assessor's Office, using the machine, produces around \$2,000 in revenue for the County. We feel that given the quick payback on the machine, and combined with the age/quality issues of the existing machine, this will be a good investment of County funds. We are proposing to replace the machine.

General Fund Initiatives

- In Voter's Registration we are proposing to replace the ballot printer. The existing machine was supplied to the County along with voting machines 13 years ago. The printer has not been working for a short time now. This printer allows us to print ballots on demand. This is necessary at times due to human error and natural disasters. The State Election Commission had the SC Military Dept. Defensive Cyber Operations Element to come in and conduct a rapid vulnerability assessment on our election processes, procedures and equipment. This machine was noted as not being in working order. The County must be able to conduct an election, to provide voters with what they need to cast their ballots should voting machines not be available. The cost of a new machine will be in the range of \$5,100.

General Fund Initiatives

- Mosquito Control Grant-S.C. DHEC in amount of \$14,644. To be used for controlling mosquitoes and mosquito-borne diseases. Grant is in form of a check which will be delivered shortly after beginning of new fiscal year. To be used as follows: 1) Equipment \$9,094, 2) Insecticides \$5,420, and 3) Training \$130.



Detention Center Initiatives

- Ensure all equipment is fully operational and is kept in good working order – ex.: identify and budget for all Jail Service contracts such as locks/doors, fire sprinklers, generator, radios, etc
- Will apply for JAG grant to purchase new finger-print machine-estimated cost \$16,000
- Continue to work towards addressing the State required Minimum Standards
- Continue with contracted services for Inmate Medical needs, this will be the first full year of the contract which began in March.
- All this being done to reduce County's liability with potential lawsuits

Special Revenue Funds



Special Revenue Funds

Highlights Include:

- Two new grants:
 - 1) S.C. Department of Commerce Grant – for the CrossRhodes Spec Building. Awarded in January of 2017 but will be spent during FY18. The Southern Carolina Regional Alliance advises us that they are working on the bid package and plan to put the bid out shortly, but as of now, none of the funds have been expended. The project entails: Paving the parking area, landscaping, irrigation and parking lot lighting, 10 acre parcel will also be cleared within the Park and a marketing sign installed. Total Amount: \$215,000

Special Revenue Funds

Highlights Include:

- Two new grants:
 - 2) S.C. Department of Natural Resources: Water Recreational grant. To upgrade and improve Bobcat Landing; Amount \$87,758.

Special Revenue Funds

- Focus continues to be on replacing equipment
- Road Maintenance – Requesting two work trucks \$43,000
- Rural Fire – Will begin process of applying for USDA/Loan & Grant to purchase three pumper trucks. Cost estimated at \$840,000. Will request grant of \$150,000 and then apply for low interest loan for remaining \$690,000. Payments will not begin until existing loan for truck is paid which will be March 2018.
- Emergency Services/E911 Building: Will review and consider carpet replacement, potentially go with carpet squares. Estimated cost \$6,000.

Trucks to be replaced: 1994 GMC, Mileage 92,231



Interior:



Truck to be replaced: 1996 Dodge, Mileage 196,429



Interior:



Special Revenue Funds

- Total of All Special Revenue Funds is \$2,976,905
- This includes \$500,000 in “C” Funds,
- Other grants such as Local Emergency Planning Grants in the amount of \$47,475
- Airport Operations of \$35,000



Enterprise Fund

Includes: Landfill/Solid Waste, Litter Control and
Keep Bamberg County Beautiful

Enterprise Fund-Highlights

- **Big News in Grants:**

1) Waste Tire Grant	\$ 254,250
2) Used Oil Grant	\$ 16,150
3) Solid Waste Grant	\$ 60,000
4) Community Pride	\$ 8,000
5) Litter Enforcement	\$ 5,000
6) KAB Grants	\$ 20,000
Total Grant for FY18	\$ 371,400

Enterprise Funds-Highlights

- Proposing to replace one work truck at a cost of \$20,000
- Also proposing to purchase CAT Backhoe Loader: Cost of \$131,277, will trade in existing backhoe for cash of \$15,000.
- Proposing to purchase utility truck and trailer for Community Group clean-ups
Est. cost of \$27,000.

Truck to be replaced: 1995 Chevy 1500, Mileage 179,140



Interior of truck to be replaced:



Backhoe to be replaced:



2007 John Deere, 63,195 hours

Backhoe to be replaced:



Debt Service Fund

- Hospital General Obligation Bond: Payments of \$97,105
- USDA Rural Development Community Facilities Loan – this is the loan/grant we received to purchase Sheriff's vehicles; payments for FY18 of \$41,715
- General Obligation Bonds – issued in support of the Installment Purchase Revenue Bonds; payments of \$195,860 in FY18
- Total Debt Service Fund is \$334,680

Capital Projects Funds

- Includes our Capital Reserve Fund which is the fund we use to pay for most capital purchases such as heavy equipment and vehicles. Used to pay back lease/purchase loans to USDA and to the local banks.
- The “old” Hospital Capital Projects fund – once used to provide funds to the Hospital, this fund had a deficit balance and is now paying back the General Fund over the course of 3 years
- Capital Project Sales Tax Fund – used to account for the projects approved under the referendum, and also to account for the debt payments on the installment purchase revenue bond
- Total of Capital Projects Funds are \$2,201,445



SUMMARY

Summary Totals – All Funds

	FY17	FY18	NET CHANGE
General Fund	\$6,912,450	\$7,200,095	\$287,645
Special Revenue Funds	\$4,272,410	\$2,976,905	\$(1,295,505)
Enterprise Fund	\$1,128,935	\$1,538,860	\$409,925
Debt Service Fund	\$268,390	\$334,680	\$66,290
Capital Projects Fund	\$1,924,805	\$2,201,445	\$276,640
Grand Total	\$14,506,990	\$14,251,985	\$(255,005)

Budget Challenge:

New Positions-Requested by Departments

BAMBER NEW POSITION REQUEST			
DEPARTMENT	# OF POSITIONS	JOB TITLE	REQUESTED SALARY
AUDITOR	1	TAX CLERK I	\$ 25,000
PROBATE JUDGE	1	CLERK I-PART TIME	\$ 14,000
VOTER REGISTRATION	1	CLERK I	\$ 25,000
E911	1	ADDRESSING TECHNICIAN-PART TIME	\$ 10,000
CODES/PLANNING	1	PERMIT CLERK	\$ 25,000
SHERIFF	4	SEE LIST	\$ 200,000
DISPATCHING	1	ONE PART-TIME DISPATCHER	\$ 9,000
IT	1	PC & NETWORK TECHNICIAN	\$ 31,200
PUBLIC WORKS	1	LABORER	\$ 15,787
LANDFILL/SOLID WASTE	1	PART TIME LADS SITE FLOATER	\$ 8,294
	12		\$ 354,987



8 Full-Time, 4 Part-Time



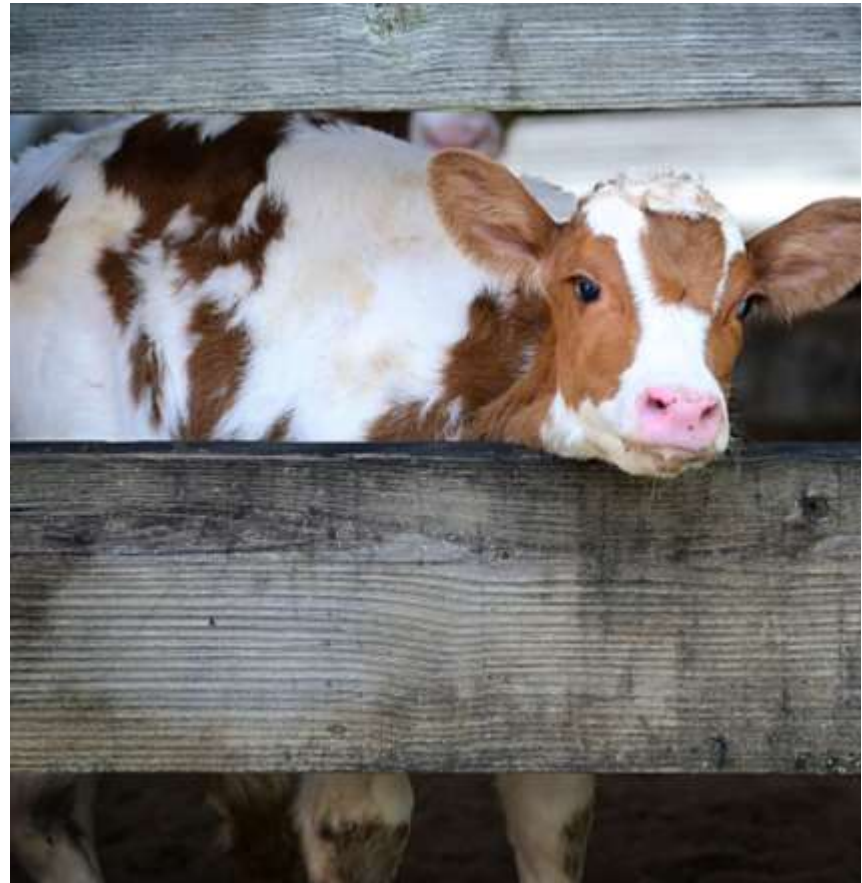
CAPITAL REQUESTED \$890,667

BAM EQUIPMENT, MACHINERY, AND OTHER

DEPARTMENT	DESCRIPTION	PROJECTED COST
1 VETERAN'S AFFAIRS	NEW OFFICE FURNITURE AND NEW COMPUTER SYSTEM	\$ 4,500
2 ASSESSOR	2016 4-Door Ford Explorer, 4WD	\$ 30,000
	or Ford F150 Truck w/4WD	
	HP T930 36" ePrinter Plotter	\$ 5,400
	Workstation	\$ 900
	Subtotal Assessor	\$ 36,300
3 VOTER REGISTRATION	BALLOT PRINTER	\$ 5,100
4 CLERK OF COURT	DESKTOP COLOR LASER PRINTER	\$ 500
	DOUBLE MONITORS FOR FAMILY COURT	\$ 400
	DOUBLE MONITORS FOR CIRCUIT COURT	\$ 400
	LAPTOP FOR CLERK OF COURT	\$ 800
	Subtotal Clerk of Court	\$ 2,100
5 PROBATE JUDGE	COMPUTER & MONITOR, DESKTOP SCANNER, TELEPHONE	\$ 1,000
6 PUBLIC WORKS	SEE JOHN'S DETAIL SPREADSHEET	\$ 43,000
7 LANDFILL/SOLID WASTE	SEE JOHN'S DETAIL SPREADSHEET	\$ 172,267
8 KEEP BAMBERG COUNTY BEAUTIFUL	F150 Super Cab, 2x2, Covered trailer, bed-mounted sprayer	\$ 27,500
9 INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY	VARIOUS EQUIPMENT, P.C.'S, CABLE, PRINTERS	\$ 46,400
	FIBER DROPS AT SHERIFF'S OFFICE, HOOTEN AND KAB	\$ 16,500
	SECURITY CAMERA AT KBCB	\$ 3,000
	Subtotal Information Technology	\$ 65,900
10 DETENTION CENTER	GENERATOR	\$ 2,500
	FINGER PRINT MACHINE	\$ 16,000
	Subtotal Detention Center	\$ 18,500
11 RURAL FIRE	3 PUMPER TRUCKS	\$ 500,000
12 E911/EMERGENCY SERVICES	CARPET REPLACEMENT	\$ 4,000
	NEW DISPATCH CONSOLES	\$ 15,000
		\$ 19,000
	GRAND TOTAL	\$ 890,667

BUDGET CHALLENGES...

- So right off the bat we had over \$1.2 million requested increases just between personnel and capital, not counting requests for additional operational funds
- Value of mil estimated at \$26,520 for FY18, compared to \$26,003 in FY17. Equates to approx. \$93,000 in additional revenue



FY18 Budget Initiatives



FY18

Budget Initiatives

- Equipment-continue to follow capital replacement plan
- Personnel-covering increase to health insurance, increase in retirement contributions
- Addressing deferred maintenance needs of buildings & grounds- ex. HVAC
- Planning for the future



Personnel Initiatives

- Adding Employee Assistance Contract with Tri-County Commission on Alcohol and Drug Abuse – confidential counseling paid for by County for : Addiction, Anger/Defiance issues, Depression, Financial, Marital/Relationship/Family, Grief/Loss, Stress/Anxiety/PTSD, Trauma, Workplace issues
- County will cover the increased health insurance premiums for all employees, a value of \$1,500 for family coverage
- Offering training in computer skills, retirement seminars, employee orientation
- Retirement contributions increasing for both the County and the employee. County cost will be \$63,262 in FY18.

Health Insurance History of Increases

YEAR	PERCENT INCREASE	LOAD FACTOR
2014	9.0%	1.00
2015	9.0%	1.063
2016	4.5%	1.029
2017	0.6%	1.00
2018	3.75%	1.50

Health Insurance

- County chose to absorb 100% of the increases in prior years, and proposing to do that again in FY18
- If County had not done this it would mean that an employee with family coverage would be paying \$1,300 more per year for their health insurance.
- Total county-wide (all funds) insurance cost is \$661,000.

Retirement Contribution Rates

84 EMPLOYEES ON REGULAR RETIREMENT, COUNTY COST OF \$270,000.

REGULAR RETIREMENT SYSTEM		
	EMPLOYEE	EMPLOYER
FY12	7.0%	10.6%
FY13	7.0%	10.6%
FY14	7.5%	10.6%
FY15	8.0%	10.9%
FY16	8.16%	11.06%
FY17	8.66%	11.56%
FY18	9.00%	13.56%

Retirement Contribution Rates

35 EMPLOYEES ON POLICE RETIREMENT, COUNTY COST OF \$186,500.

POLICE OFFICERS RETIREMENT SYSTEM		
	EMPLOYEE	EMPLOYER
FY12	7.0%	12.3%
FY13	7.5%	12.5%
FY14	7.84%	12.84%
FY15	8.41%	13.41%
FY16	8.74%	13.74%
FY17	8.91%	14.24%
FY18	9.75%	16.24%

Local Government Fund

BAMBERG COUNTY			
LOCAL GOVERNMENT FUND HISTORY			
	FORMULA	ACTUAL	SHORTFALL
FY08	960,547	960,547	-
FY09	1,027,847	960,498	67,349
FY10	986,436	787,785	198,651
FY11	854,439	692,302	162,137
FY12	638,723	517,625	121,098
FY13	721,668	603,962	117,706
FY14	750,704	603,962	146,742
FY15	819,636	603,997	215,639
FY16	840,725	603,997	236,728
FY17	893,572	634,522	259,050
FY18	933,810	604,010	329,800
CUMULATIVE	9,428,107	7,573,207	1,854,900
VALUE OF MIL TODAY			26,520
# OF MILS FOR FY18			12.44
EQUALS TAX ON AVERAGE HOME			\$ 31.35

House version.

Unfunded Mandates

	Description	Annual Cost	Millage Required
1	Local Govt Fund shortfall	\$329,800	12.4
2	2% Retirement Increases	\$ 63,262	2.4
3	Medically Indigent Assistance Act	\$ 42,170	1.6
4	Increases to health insurance premiums	\$ 12,163	0.5
5	Mandated increase to elected officials salary	\$ 2,003	0.08
	Totals	\$449,398	16.98

Budget Proposal:

What is in it?

- Continue to replace aging fleet of vehicles and heavy equipment
- Continue to address deferred building/grounds needs
- Covering health insurance increases to the employees
- Paying for the additional retirement contributions for employees

What is not in it?

- No employee raises
- No fluff
- Simply trying to pay for what we have and make improvements as necessary



Questions/Comments

