

CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS

This section includes budget information for five Constitutional Officers: the Clerk of the Circuit Court, the Property Appraiser, the Sheriff, the Supervisor of Elections and the Tax Collector. The Constitutional Officers are elected to administer a specific function of County Government and are directly accountable to the public for its proper operation. The duties, responsibilities and powers of these officials are defined by the State Constitution and laws.

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G-3	CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT	13,754,570	12,629,460	10,338,360
G-5	PROPERTY APPRAISER	10,684,633	10,027,240	9,584,000
G-7	SHERIFF	285,662,040	267,449,520	238,489,100
G-11	SUPERVISOR OF ELECTIONS	6,544,490	5,889,440	5,424,790
G-13	TAX COLLECTOR	20,379,786	20,127,730	17,497,240
Total		337,025,519	316,123,390	281,333,490



CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT

The Clerk of the Circuit Court is the ministerial officer that summons prospective jurors for both circuit and county courts, maintains custody of all court records and evidence presented at trials, and is responsible for collecting fines and court costs imposed. The Clerk's Office handles collection of various traffic and parking fines for the municipalities and county government and serves as Accountant and Clerk to the Board of County Commissioners, Custodian of county funds and Ex-Officio County Auditor. The Clerk serves as Recorder of Deeds and maintains the official records for the county, issues marriage licenses and acts as an agent for the federal government in processing applications for passports.

Department Expenditures By Cost Center	FY08 Actual	FY09 Budget	FY10 Request
1201000 CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT	13,754,570	12,629,460	10,338,360
Total	13,754,570	12,629,460	10,338,360

Department Expenditures By Fund	FY08 Actual	FY09 Budget	FY10 Request
0101 GENERAL FUND	13,754,570	12,629,460	10,338,360
Total	13,754,570	12,629,460	10,338,360

Personnel Summary

Total Permanent Positions	132	109
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CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT (1201000)

GENERAL FUND (0101)

The Clerk of the Circuit Court is Clerk of the County Court, Recorder of Deeds, Clerk and Accountant for the Board of County Commissioners, Custodian of County Funds, and Ex-Officio County Auditor. The Clerk's functions to the Board of County Commissioners are funded by a transfer from the County's General Fund. The Clerk's recording functions and Court functions are fee-based operations. the Clerk's functions to the Board are reflected in the budget, but the Clerk's functions to the Court System are not reflected pursuant to Revision 7 of Article V of the Florida Constitution.

Expenditure Summary	FY08 Actual	FY09 Budget	FY10 Request
0101 5919512 TRANSFER TO CLK BRD-PERSONAL	9,749,120	9,304,300	8,122,580
0101 5919522 TRANSFER TO CLK BRD-OPERATING	3,713,460	3,142,740	2,212,780
0101 5919532 TRANSFER TO CLK BRD-CAPITAL	291,990	182,420	3,000
TRANSFERS	13,754,570	12,629,460	10,338,360
Total	13,754,570	12,629,460	10,338,360

PROPERTY APPRAISER

The Property Appraiser is responsible for placing a fair, equitable, and just value on all property in Pinellas County. While the Property Appraiser determines the value on over 432,000 parcels and 72,500 tangible personal property accounts, for the purpose of levying taxes, the Property Appraiser does not set tax rates. These tax rates are set by the Board of County Commissioners, by municipalities, by the School Board and other tax levying boards. The Property Appraiser also administers any tax exemptions granted by statute such as permanent resident's Homestead Exemption, Portability, Seniors, Widows, and Disabled exemptions, etc. The amount noted reflects an estimate of the Property Appraiser Statutory fees to be paid by the County. The Property Appraiser's total budget is approved by the State Department of Revenue.

Department Expenditures By Cost Center	FY08 Actual	FY09 Budget	FY10 Request
1301000 PROPERTY APPRAISER	10,684,633	10,027,240	9,584,000
Total	10,684,633	10,027,240	9,584,000

Department Expenditures By Fund	FY08 Actual	FY09 Budget	FY10 Request
0101 GENERAL FUND	10,684,633	10,027,240	9,584,000
Total	10,684,633	10,027,240	9,584,000

Personnel Summary

Total Permanent Positions	139	135
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PROPERTY APPRAISER (1301000)

GENERAL FUND (0101)

This cost center accounts for the funds associated with the Property Appraiser fees allocated to the Countywide millage and the Unincorporated area millage (MSTU). In addition, in accordance with Florida Statute 192.091, the fees associated with the Municipalities and School Board are paid for by the County and are included in the appropriations shown below. (Note: The Property Appraiser's total budget request to the Florida Department of Revenue for FY09 is \$11,937,094. The budget reflected in this cost center represents the County's General Fund portion.)

Expenditure Summary		FY08 Actual	FY09 Budget	FY10 Request
0101	5919300 TRANSFER TO PROP APPRAISER	10,259,903	9,642,930	9,244,290
0101	5919301 TRANSFER TO PROP APPR.-MSTU	424,730	384,310	339,710
TRANSFERS		10,684,633	10,027,240	9,584,000
Total		10,684,633	10,027,240	9,584,000

SHERIFF

The Sheriff's authority as chief law enforcement officer in Pinellas County is vested in Title V, Chapter 30 of Florida Statutes. It is the Sheriff's obligation to provide an adequate level of law enforcement, court security, and detention services for the benefit of all Pinellas County residents. The Sheriff's duties include providing primary law enforcement services to residents in the unincorporated areas of the County and the 12 municipalities which contract with the Sheriff for these services. Additionally, the Sheriff is the sole provider of specific services such as pre-trial services, flight operations, environmental land patrols, civil process and the monitoring of sexual predators. Some specific examples of services the Sheriff provides include crime scene investigations, narcotics investigations, fugitive extradition, marine patrol, traffic enforcement, canine teams and special weapons and tactics (SWAT) teams. Through mutual aid agreements, the Sheriff's Office also frequently provides such services to municipalities within the County.

The Pinellas County Sheriff's Office (PCSO) strives to obtain grant and contract funding when available. A cooperative effort that began in 2007 between the Sheriff's Office, the Chief Judge, the State Attorney's Office and the Public Defender has reduced the jail inmate population in an unprecedented fashion. Average daily population that peaked at 3,800 inmates in 2007 has now declined to an average daily population of approximately 3,000 in 2009. Several housing units have been closed and positions have been eliminated as restructuring has occurred based on the decrease in jail inmate population.

The Pinellas County Sheriff's Office is making every effort to minimize the impact of mandated budget cuts on the citizens of Pinellas County.

Department Expenditures By Cost Center	FY08 Actual	FY09 Budget	FY10 Request
1601000 SHERIFF	285,662,040	267,449,520	238,489,100
Total	285,662,040	267,449,520	238,489,100

Department Expenditures By Fund	FY08 Actual	FY09 Budget	FY10 Request
0101 GENERAL FUND	285,588,390	267,338,400	238,395,400
0216 SCHOOL CROSSING GUARD TRUST FUND	73,650	111,120	93,700
Total	285,662,040	267,449,520	238,489,100

Personnel Summary

Total Permanent Positions	2764	2509
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SHERIFF

Summary	FY08 Actual	FY09 Budget	FY10 Request
TRANSFERS	285,662,040	267,348,400	238,405,400
RESERVES	0	101,120	83,700
Total	285,662,040	267,449,520	238,489,100

Account# Account Name	FY08 Actual	FY09 Budget	FY10 Request
5919110 TRANSFER TO SHERIFF-PERSONAL	237,200,650	226,906,480	207,296,680
5919120 TRANSFER TO SHERIFF-OPERATING	40,958,580	35,261,560	29,278,630
5919130 TRANSFER TO SHERIFF-CAPITAL	4,238,160	2,180,360	984,540
5919140 TRANSFER TO SHERIFF-DEBT SERVICE	3,264,650	3,000,000	845,550
TRANSFERS	285,662,040	267,348,400	238,405,400
7995000 RESERVE-CONTINGENCIES	0	11,110	9,170
7996000 RESERVE-FUND BALANCE	0	22,220	18,350
7997000 RESERVE-FUTURE YEARS	0	67,790	56,180
RESERVES	0	101,120	83,700
Total	285,662,040	267,449,520	238,489,100

SHERIFF (1601000)**GENERAL FUND (0101)**

The Pinellas County Sheriff's Office provides law enforcement, corrections and judicial services to the residents of Pinellas County. The Sheriff's operation is funded with a transfer from the Board's General Fund and proceeds from the School Crossing Guard Fund.

Expenditure Summary		FY08 Actual	FY09 Budget	FY10 Request
0101	5919110 TRANSFER TO SHERIFF-PERSONAL	237,200,650	226,906,480	207,296,680
0101	5919120 TRANSFER TO SHERIFF-OPERATING	40,884,930	35,251,560	29,268,630
0101	5919130 TRANSFER TO SHERIFF-CAPITAL	4,238,160	2,180,360	984,540
0101	5919140 TRANSFER TO SHERIFF-DEBT SERVICE	3,264,650	3,000,000	845,550
TRANSFERS		285,588,390	267,338,400	238,395,400
Total		285,588,390	267,338,400	238,395,400

SHERIFF (1601000)**SCHOOL CROSSING GUARD TRUST FUND (0216)**

The Pinellas County Sheriff's Office provides law enforcement, corrections and judicial services to the residents of Pinellas County. The Sheriff's operation is funded with a transfer from the Board's General Fund and proceeds from the School Crossing Guard Fund.

Expenditure Summary		FY08 Actual	FY09 Budget	FY10 Request
0216	5919120 TRANSFER TO SHERIFF-OPERATING	73,650	10,000	10,000
TRANSFERS		73,650	10,000	10,000
0216	7995000 RESERVE-CONTINGENCIES	0	11,110	9,170
0216	7996000 RESERVE-FUND BALANCE	0	22,220	18,350
0216	7997000 RESERVE-FUTURE YEARS	0	67,790	56,180
RESERVES		0	101,120	83,700
Total		73,650	111,120	93,700

SUPERVISOR OF ELECTIONS

The Supervisor of Elections is responsible for preparing and conducting all Federal, State, County, and Municipal elections in the County. The office registers, maintains changes and deletes the records for all County voters and qualifies all candidates for County offices. The Supervisor of Elections recruits, trains and assigns all poll workers, locates and contracts with polling locations, surveys polling places and makes improvements to comply with ADA accessibility requirements, and purchases and maintains all voting equipment and supplies. The office conducts voter registration and education for all senior high school classes and citizens countywide. The office conducts voter education for elementary and middle school programs. Sample ballots are published in newspapers. The office maintains the website that provides information regarding voter registration, polling places, election dates, and candidates.

Department Expenditures By Cost Center	FY08 Actual	FY09 Budget	FY10 Request
1504000 SUPERVISOR OF ELECTIONS	6,544,490	5,889,440	5,424,790
Total	6,544,490	5,889,440	5,424,790

Department Expenditures By Fund	FY08 Actual	FY09 Budget	FY10 Request
0101 GENERAL FUND	6,544,490	5,889,440	5,424,790
Total	6,544,490	5,889,440	5,424,790

Personnel Summary

Total Permanent Positions	40	37
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SUPERVISOR OF ELECTIONS (1504000)

GENERAL FUND (0101)

This cost center accounts for funds associated with the Supervisor of Elections Office. The Supervisor of Elections Office provides the residents of Pinellas County election services and comprehensive voter education programs.

Expenditure Summary	FY08 Actual	FY09 Budget	FY10 Request
0101 5919410 TRANSFER TO SOE-PERSONAL	3,867,070	3,594,310	3,237,340
0101 5919420 TRANSFER TO SOE-OPERATING	2,367,730	2,291,000	2,152,640
0101 5919430 TRANSFER TO SOE-CAPITAL	309,690	4,130	34,810
TRANSFERS	6,544,490	5,889,440	5,424,790
Total	6,544,490	5,889,440	5,424,790

TAX COLLECTOR

The Tax Collector bills, collects and distributes all taxes for the County, Municipalities, Tourist Development Council, School Board, and taxing districts - including the sales tax on vehicles, vessels, and mobile homes. This office also collects delinquent taxes and sells certificates for unpaid taxes. As the agent for state government, the Tax Collector issues licenses and titles for cars, trucks, boats and mobile homes, collects fees for fishing and hunting licenses, issues Drivers Licenses, and makes application for voter ID cards.

The amount noted reflects an estimate of the Tax Collector statutory fees to be paid by the County. The Tax Collector's total budget is submitted to and approved by the State Department of Revenue.

Department Expenditures By Cost Center	FY08 Actual	FY09 Budget	FY10 Request
1401000 TAX COLLECTOR	20,379,786	20,127,730	17,497,240
Total	20,379,786	20,127,730	17,497,240

Department Expenditures By Fund	FY08 Actual	FY09 Budget	FY10 Request
0101 GENERAL FUND	20,379,786	20,127,730	17,497,240
Total	20,379,786	20,127,730	17,497,240

Personnel Summary

Total Permanent Positions	285	266
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TAX COLLECTOR (1401000)

GENERAL FUND (0101)

This cost center accounts for the funds associated with the Tax Collector fees related to the collection of the Countywide and Unincorporated area (MSTU) millage. In addition, in accordance with Florida Statute 192.091, the fees associated with the School Board are paid for by the County and are included in the appropriations shown below. (Note: The Tax Collector's total budget request is made to the Florida Department of Revenue and was not final at the time this budget document was prepared.)

Expenditure Summary		FY08 Actual	FY09 Budget	FY10 Request
0101	5919200 TRANSFER TO TAX COLLECTOR	19,545,036	19,340,840	16,829,860
0101	5919201 TRANSFER TO TAX COLL-MSTU	834,750	786,890	667,380
TRANSFERS		20,379,786	20,127,730	17,497,240
Total		20,379,786	20,127,730	17,497,240