

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	12,629,460	10,338,360	10,338,710
G-5	PROPERTY APPRAISER	10,027,240	9,584,000	9,379,180
G-7	SHERIFF	272,243,070	246,680,430	220,540,850
G-11	SUPERVISOR OF ELECTIONS	5,889,440	5,424,790	4,766,450
G-13	TAX COLLECTOR	19,863,930	17,497,240	16,444,420
Total		320,653,140	289,524,820	261,469,610



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	FY09 Actual	FY10 Budget	FY11 Request
1201000 CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT	12,629,460	10,338,360	10,338,710
Total	12,629,460	10,338,360	10,338,710

Department Expenditures By Fund	FY09 Actual	FY10 Budget	FY11 Request
0101 GENERAL FUND	12,629,460	10,338,360	10,338,710
Total	12,629,460	10,338,360	10,338,710

Personnel Summary

Total Permanent Positions	109	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		FY09 Actual	FY10 Budget	FY11 Request
0101	5919512 TRANSFER TO CLK BRD-PERSONAL	9,304,300	8,122,580	8,228,660
0101	5919522 TRANSFER TO CLK BRD-OPERATING	3,142,740	2,212,780	2,108,050
0101	5919532 TRANSFER TO CLK BRD-CAPITAL	182,420	3,000	2,000
TRANSFERS		12,629,460	10,338,360	10,338,710
Total		12,629,460	10,338,360	10,338,710

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 434,000 parcels and 66,550 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	FY09 Actual	FY10 Budget	FY11 Request
1301000 PROPERTY APPRAISER	10,027,240	9,584,000	9,379,180
Total	10,027,240	9,584,000	9,379,180

Department Expenditures By Fund	FY09 Actual	FY10 Budget	FY11 Request
0101 GENERAL FUND	10,027,240	9,584,000	9,379,180
Total	10,027,240	9,584,000	9,379,180

Personnel Summary

Total Permanent Positions	135	130
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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 is made to the Florida Department of Revenue and was not final at the time this budget document was prepared. The budget reflected in this cost center represents the estimated County's General Fund portion.)

Expenditure Summary		FY09 Actual	FY10 Budget	FY11 Request
0101	5919300 TRANSFER TO PROP APPRAISER	9,642,927	9,244,290	9,053,200
0101	5919301 TRANSFER TO PROP APPR.-MSTU	384,313	339,710	325,980
TRANSFERS		10,027,240	9,584,000	9,379,180
Total		10,027,240	9,584,000	9,379,180

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.

In addition to law enforcement, the Sheriff's Office supports the judicial system by providing security for the five court facilities within the county. The Sheriff also operates the County Jail with over 50,000 bookings annually and an average daily population of 3,200 inmates. Cooperative efforts between the Sheriff, the Chief Judge, the BCC, the State Attorney, and the Public Defender have successfully implemented innovative jail diversion programs. The Pinellas County Sheriff's Office strives to obtain grant and contract funding when available to reduce the need for general revenue support of operations

Department Expenditures By Cost Center	FY09 Actual	FY10 Budget	FY11 Request
1601000 SHERIFF	272,243,070	246,680,430	220,540,850
Total	272,243,070	246,680,430	220,540,850

Department Expenditures By Fund	FY09 Actual	FY10 Budget	FY11 Request
0101 GENERAL FUND	272,233,070	246,586,730	220,452,200
0216 SCHOOL CROSSING GUARD TRUST FUND	10,000	93,700	88,650
Total	272,243,070	246,680,430	220,540,850

Personnel Summary

Total Permanent Positions	2509	2348
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SHERIFF

Summary	FY09 Actual	FY10 Budget	FY11 Request
TRANSFERS	272,243,070	246,596,730	220,462,200
RESERVES	0	83,700	78,650
Total	272,243,070	246,680,430	220,540,850

Account#	Account Name	FY09 Actual	FY10 Budget	FY11 Request
5919110	TRANSFER TO SHERIFF-PERSONAL	227,923,875	209,495,770	195,172,310
5919120	TRANSFER TO SHERIFF-OPERATING	38,910,175	33,532,890	25,065,350
5919130	TRANSFER TO SHERIFF-CAPITAL	2,409,020	2,722,520	224,540
5919140	TRANSFER TO SHERIFF-DEBT SERVICE	3,000,000	845,550	0
TRANSFERS		272,243,070	246,596,730	220,462,200
7995000	RESERVE-CONTINGENCIES	0	9,170	8,860
7996000	RESERVE-FUND BALANCE	0	18,350	17,720
7997000	RESERVE-FUTURE YEARS	0	56,180	52,070
RESERVES		0	83,700	78,650
Total		272,243,070	246,680,430	220,540,850

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		FY09 Actual	FY10 Budget	FY11 Request
0101	5919110 TRANSFER TO SHERIFF-PERSONAL	227,923,875	209,495,770	195,172,310
0101	5919120 TRANSFER TO SHERIFF-OPERATING	38,900,175	33,522,890	25,055,350
0101	5919130 TRANSFER TO SHERIFF-CAPITAL	2,409,020	2,722,520	224,540
0101	5919140 TRANSFER TO SHERIFF-DEBT SERVICE	3,000,000	845,550	0
TRANSFERS		272,233,070	246,586,730	220,452,200
Total		272,233,070	246,586,730	220,452,200

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	FY09 Actual	FY10 Budget	FY11 Request
0216 5919120 TRANSFER TO SHERIFF-OPERATING	10,000	10,000	10,000
TRANSFERS	10,000	10,000	10,000
0216 7995000 RESERVE-CONTINGENCIES	0	9,170	8,860
0216 7996000 RESERVE-FUND BALANCE	0	18,350	17,720
0216 7997000 RESERVE-FUTURE YEARS	0	56,180	52,070
RESERVES	0	83,700	78,650
Total	10,000	93,700	88,650

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	FY09 Actual	FY10 Budget	FY11 Request
1504000 SUPERVISOR OF ELECTIONS	5,889,440	5,424,790	4,766,450
Total	5,889,440	5,424,790	4,766,450

Department Expenditures By Fund	FY09 Actual	FY10 Budget	FY11 Request
0101 GENERAL FUND	5,889,440	5,424,790	4,766,450
Total	5,889,440	5,424,790	4,766,450

Personnel Summary

Total Permanent Positions	37	35
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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		FY09 Actual	FY10 Budget	FY11 Request
0101	5919410 TRANSFER TO SOE-PERSONAL	3,594,310	3,237,340	3,099,590
0101	5919420 TRANSFER TO SOE-OPERATING	2,291,000	2,152,640	1,666,860
0101	5919430 TRANSFER TO SOE-CAPITAL	4,130	34,810	0
TRANSFERS		5,889,440	5,424,790	4,766,450
Total		5,889,440	5,424,790	4,766,450

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	FY09 Actual	FY10 Budget	FY11 Request
1401000 TAX COLLECTOR	19,863,930	17,497,240	16,444,420
Total	19,863,930	17,497,240	16,444,420

Department Expenditures By Fund	FY09 Actual	FY10 Budget	FY11 Request
0101 GENERAL FUND	19,863,930	17,497,240	16,444,420
Total	19,863,930	17,497,240	16,444,420

Personnel Summary

Total Permanent Positions	266	261
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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	FY09 Actual	FY10 Budget	FY11 Request
0101 5919200 TRANSFER TO TAX COLLECTOR	19,116,782	16,829,860	15,829,170
0101 5919201 TRANSFER TO TAX COLL-MSTU	747,148	667,380	615,250
TRANSFERS	19,863,930	17,497,240	16,444,420
Total	19,863,930	17,497,240	16,444,420