

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.

Page #	Department Name	FY10 Actual	FY11 Budget	FY12 Request
E-3	CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT	10,338,360	10,338,710	9,901,260
E-5	PROPERTY APPRAISER	9,536,436	9,379,180	8,715,800
E-7	SHERIFF	247,411,962	229,833,620	206,348,080
E-11	SUPERVISOR OF ELECTIONS	5,424,790	4,766,450	6,170,470
E-13	TAX COLLECTOR	18,043,986	16,444,420	16,121,780
Total		290,755,534	270,762,380	247,257,390



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	FY10 Actual	FY11 Budget	FY12 Request
1201000 CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT	10,338,360	10,338,710	9,901,260
Total	10,338,360	10,338,710	9,901,260

Department Expenditures By Fund	FY10 Actual	FY11 Budget	FY12 Request
0101 GENERAL FUND	10,338,360	10,338,710	9,901,260
Total	10,338,360	10,338,710	9,901,260

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	FY10 Actual	FY11 Budget	FY12 Request
5919512 TRANSFER TO CLK BRD-PERSONAL	8,122,580	8,228,660	7,939,280
5919522 TRANSFER TO CLK BRD-OPERATING	2,212,780	2,108,050	1,959,980
5919532 TRANSFER TO CLK BRD-CAPITAL	3,000	2,000	2,000
TRANSFERS	10,338,360	10,338,710	9,901,260
Total	10,338,360	10,338,710	9,901,260

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	FY10 Actual	FY11 Budget	FY12 Request
1301000 PROPERTY APPRAISER	9,536,436	9,379,180	8,715,800
Total	9,536,436	9,379,180	8,715,800

Department Expenditures By Fund	FY10 Actual	FY11 Budget	FY12 Request
0101 GENERAL FUND	9,536,436	9,379,180	8,715,800
Total	9,536,436	9,379,180	8,715,800

Personnel Summary

Total Permanent Positions	130	123
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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	FY10 Actual	FY11 Budget	FY12 Request
5919300 TRANSFER TO PROP APPRAISER	9,198,415	9,053,200	8,410,860
5919301 TRANSFER TO PROP APPR.-MSTU	338,021	325,980	304,940
TRANSFERS	9,536,436	9,379,180	8,715,800
Total	9,536,436	9,379,180	8,715,800

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	FY10 Actual	FY11 Budget	FY12 Request
1601000 SHERIFF	247,411,962	229,833,620	206,348,080
Total	247,411,962	229,833,620	206,348,080

Department Expenditures By Fund	FY10 Actual	FY11 Budget	FY12 Request
0101 GENERAL FUND	247,401,962	229,744,970	206,259,820
0216 SCHOOL CROSSING GUARD TRUST FUND	10,000	88,650	88,260
Total	247,411,962	229,833,620	206,348,080

Personnel Summary

Total Permanent Positions	2348	2263
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SHERIFF

Summary	FY10 Actual	FY11 Budget	FY12 Request
TRANSFERS	247,411,962	229,754,970	206,269,820
RESERVES	0	78,650	78,260
Total	247,411,962	229,833,620	206,348,080

Account#	Account Name	FY10 Actual	FY11 Budget	FY12 Request
5919110	TRANSFER TO SHERIFF-PERSONAL	209,865,064	197,976,660	181,552,080
5919120	TRANSFER TO SHERIFF-OPERATING	33,976,768	30,028,010	24,482,710
5919130	TRANSFER TO SHERIFF-CAPITAL	2,724,580	1,750,300	235,030
5919140	TRANSFER TO SHERIFF-DEBT SERVICE	845,550	0	0
	TRANSFERS	247,411,962	229,754,970	206,269,820
7995000	RESERVE-CONTINGENCIES	0	8,860	8,800
7996000	RESERVE-FUND BALANCE	0	17,720	17,600
7997000	RESERVE-FUTURE YEARS	0	52,070	51,860
	RESERVES	0	78,650	78,260
Total		247,411,962	229,833,620	206,348,080

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		FY10 Actual	FY11 Budget	FY12 Request
0101	5919110 TRANSFER TO SHERIFF-PERSONAL	209,865,064	197,976,660	181,552,080
0101	5919120 TRANSFER TO SHERIFF-OPERATING	33,966,768	30,018,010	24,472,710
0101	5919130 TRANSFER TO SHERIFF-CAPITAL	2,724,580	1,750,300	235,030
0101	5919140 TRANSFER TO SHERIFF-DEBT SERVICE	845,550	0	0
TRANSFERS		247,401,962	229,744,970	206,259,820
Total		247,401,962	229,744,970	206,259,820

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		FY10 Actual	FY11 Budget	FY12 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	8,860	8,800
0216	7996000 RESERVE-FUND BALANCE	0	17,720	17,600
0216	7997000 RESERVE-FUTURE YEARS	0	52,070	51,860
RESERVES		0	78,650	78,260
Total		10,000	88,650	88,260

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	FY10 Actual	FY11 Budget	FY12 Request
1504000 SUPERVISOR OF ELECTIONS	5,424,790	4,766,450	6,170,470
Total	5,424,790	4,766,450	6,170,470

Department Expenditures By Fund	FY10 Actual	FY11 Budget	FY12 Request
0101 GENERAL FUND	5,424,790	4,766,450	6,170,470
Total	5,424,790	4,766,450	6,170,470

Personnel Summary

Total Permanent Positions	35	34
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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	FY10 Actual	FY11 Budget	FY12 Request
5919410 TRANSFER TO SOE-PERSONAL	3,237,340	3,099,590	3,736,220
5919420 TRANSFER TO SOE-OPERATING	2,152,640	1,666,860	2,434,250
5919430 TRANSFER TO SOE-CAPITAL	34,810	0	0
TRANSFERS	5,424,790	4,766,450	6,170,470
Total	5,424,790	4,766,450	6,170,470

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	FY10 Actual	FY11 Budget	FY12 Request
1401000 TAX COLLECTOR	18,043,986	16,444,420	16,121,780
Total	18,043,986	16,444,420	16,121,780

Department Expenditures By Fund	FY10 Actual	FY11 Budget	FY12 Request
0101 GENERAL FUND	18,043,986	16,444,420	16,121,780
Total	18,043,986	16,444,420	16,121,780

Personnel Summary

Total Permanent Positions	261	258
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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	FY10 Actual	FY11 Budget	FY12 Request
5919200 TRANSFER TO TAX COLLECTOR	17,375,516	15,829,170	15,514,370
5919201 TRANSFER TO TAX COLL-MSTU	668,470	615,250	607,410
TRANSFERS	18,043,986	16,444,420	16,121,780
Total	18,043,986	16,444,420	16,121,780