



To: County Council

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RE: Council Update-October 2020

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In accordance with **County Code §701.07(C)**, we are submitting this monthly update through **October 2020**.

- General Fund Revenue:**
Sales Tax receipts totaled \$23.3 million in the month of October 2020. Year-to-date, sales tax receipts totaled \$219 million, which represents a year over year decrease of 1.97%.

Revenue	2020 Budget	2020 Actual	% Budget
Property Tax	27,400,000	\$24,360,134	88.9%
Sales & Use	\$255,362,351	\$205,917,145	80.6%
Licenses & Permits	\$72,050	\$63,201	87.7%
Fines & Forfeitures	\$8,647,581	\$6,263,399	72.4%
Charges for Services	\$89,936,159	\$69,921,041	77.7%
Intergovernmental	\$50,118,093	\$39,008,851	77.8%
Other Revenue	\$27,911,391	\$8,722,362	31.3%
Interest Earnings	\$15,000,000	\$14,200,817	94.7%
Total	\$474,447,625	\$368,456,949	77.7%

Expenditures	2020 Budget	2020 Actual	% Budget
Personnel Services	\$283,089,459	\$227,282,060	80.3%
Other Expenses	\$187,047,974	\$109,978,988	58.8%
Total	\$470,137,433	\$337,261,048	71.7%

- **Health & Human Services Levy** generated from the County’s two **voted levies for health and human services** is budgeted to be \$244,158,184: \$223.1 million in property taxes and \$15.8 million from the State (homestead credit).

Revenue	2020 Budget	2020 Actual	% Budget
Property Tax	\$223,089,933	\$224,383,817	100%
Intergovernmental Rev	\$15,825,119	\$8,975,670	56.7%
Miscellaneous Revenue	\$5,243,132	\$152,523	2.9%
Total	\$244,158,184	\$233,512,010	95.6%

- Attached is the new INFOR/Lawson report **YEAR-TO-DATE FUND BALANCE by FUND**, which summarizes YTD Receipts and YTD Expenditures for all the County’s funds. Please note:
 - This YEAR-TO-DATE FUND BALANCE by FUND has not been audited
 - Several funds have been consolidated (ie: Casino Fund, Auto Title, Coroner’s Lab, County Planning Commission have been consolidated to General Fund)
 - Subfunds have been eliminated
- On October 13th, 2020, we **refunded approximately \$67.985 million in General Obligation (Series 2012A and 2012B) bonds and \$41.005 million in 2014 Sales Tax Revenue bonds**. The refinancing generated net present value savings of \$16.6 million and total cash flow savings of just over \$19 million over the life of the issuance.
- **Council approved the Fiscal Officer’s Estimate of Tax Rates to be Levied**. The approved estimate allocates 1.45 mills of inside millage: General Fund (1.0 mills) and General Fund for Bond Retirement (0.45 mills). The approved estimate also allocates 15.90 mills of outside millage as follows: Health & Human Services (4.8 and 4.70 mills), BODD (3.9 mills) and County Library (2.5 mills).
- As of October 31, 2020, we have approximately **\$90.1 million in Council approved CARES Act programs**. Some of the larger purchases/contracts include: \$3 million for PPE, \$2.2 million for Building Screening, \$30 million for Building Updates, \$14.2 million for Hazard Pay, \$2.3 million for Small Business Fund, \$5 million for COVID testing, \$5 million for Eviction Prevention, \$1.4 million for PPE Storage Facility, \$6.5 million for Hotels for Homeless, \$1.5 million for Digital Inclusion for Students, \$1.3 million for use of the Convention Center by Common Pleas Court, \$.5 million for Architectural/Engineering Services for building improvements, \$6 million for Laptops for remote work, \$2.3 million for Unemployment Insurance, \$4 million for the Arts Organizations, \$2.3 million for Convention Center changes. We also have approximately \$103.5 million in potential payroll charges for items such as Closure Pay, Hazard Pay, County Emergency Leave, Federal COVID leave and salaries and benefits for various county departments.
- **Anticipated Budget Reductions due to COVID-19**. As of 3rd Quarter, we continue to revise our revenue projections to reflect stronger than expected revenue for 2020. Revenues continued to come in stronger than expected. We are currently projecting a 3.8% loss of sales tax revenue, 11% loss in property taxes and 9% loss in other revenue for 2020. These percentages translate to approximately \$30 million in lost revenue (\$9.7 million in sales tax, \$3 million in Property

Taxes, \$17.4 million other taxes). As a result, we have reduced expenditures by implementing a hiring freeze, 10-day furloughs and requested but not imposed budget reductions for County Executive departments. We are also working with the Non-Executive departments on similar measures.