



To: County Council

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RE: Council Update-May 2026

cc: Chris Ronayne, County Executive; Erik Janas, Chief of Staff; Katherine Gallagher, Chief of Operations; Mike Chambers, Fiscal Officer; Shawntaye McCurdy, OBM Deputy Director; Andria Richardson, Clerk of Council; Trevor McAleer, Legislative Budget Advisor; David Razum, Deputy Chief of Communications & Strategy; Office of Budget and Management Staff

In accordance with **County Code §701.07(C)**, the following is the monthly update for **May 2026**.

Gross Sales Tax receipts (before allocation to General Fund and Debt Service) totaled \$25.9 million in the month of May 2026. Year-to-date Sales tax receipts total \$149.4 million, which represents a year-over-year increase of 7.8% (*this includes \$4.4 million in lost revenue due to the 2025 Sales Tax holiday that was received in January*).

- **General Fund:**

The most significant source of revenue is Sales Taxes. Year-to-date Sales Taxes allocated to the General Fund total \$146.9 million. The following tables summarize General Fund revenues, expenditures and subsidies:

General Fund Revenue	2026 Budget	2026 Actual	% Budget
Property Tax	\$42,019,532	\$22,999,408	54.7%
Sales & Use	\$342,232,926	\$146,881,980	42.9%
Licenses & Permits	\$72,805	\$25,500	35.0%
Fines & Forfeitures	\$16,400,238	\$3,644,146	22.2%
Charges for Services	\$113,106,152	\$31,390,518	27.8%
Intergovernmental	\$75,648,120	\$32,895,713	43.5%
Other Revenue	\$17,507,184	\$8,773,660	50.1%
Interest Earnings	\$32,296,950	\$16,258,737	50.3%
Total Revenue	\$639,283,907	\$262,869,662	41.1%

General Fund Expenditures/Subsidies	2026 Budget	2026 Actual	% Budget
Personnel Services	\$391,337,698	\$170,684,814	43.6%
Other Expenses	\$210,788,846	\$78,953,820	37.5%
Total Expenditures	\$602,126,544	\$249,638,635	41.5%
Total Subsidies to Other Funds	\$61,940,511	\$49,451,162	76.7%

- **Health & Human Services Levy:**

The primary source of revenue is property taxes generated from the County's **two voted levies for Health and Human Services**. The following tables summarize Health and Human Services Levy Fund revenues and subsidies:

HHS Levy Fund Revenue	2026 Budget	2026 Actual	% Budget
Property Tax	\$263,810,425	\$145,103,110	55.0%
Intergovernmental	\$15,483,016	\$0	0.0%
Other Revenue	\$0	\$0	0.0%
Total Revenue	\$279,293,441	\$145,103,110	52.0%

HHS Levy Fund Expenditures/Subsidies	2026 Budget	2026 Actual	% Budget
Total Expenditures	\$3,843,197	\$3,170,288	82.5%
Total Subsidies to Other Funds	\$278,817,335	\$36,707,027	13.2%

- Attached is the INFOR/Lawson report **YEAR-TO-DATE FUND BALANCE by FUND**, which summarizes the following for all county funds:
 - Beginning Cash Balance
 - YTD Receipts
 - YTD Expenditures
 - Ending Cash Balance
- **Significant Changes:**
 - In anticipation of issuing **Capital Facilities Bonds, Series 2026 to finance the Central Services Campus in Garfield Heights**, we held credit rating calls with both Moody's Ratings and S&P Global Ratings. These credit rating calls affirmed ratings of Aa2 (stable) from Moody's Ratings AA from S&P Ratings.
 - We issued **\$927,705,000 in General Obligation–Capital Facilities Bonds, Series 2026** to fund the Central Services Campus in Garfield Heights. The debt service for these bonds will be paid by the 0.25% Sales Tax.
 - Council **adopted the 2027 Alternative Tax Budget** maintaining the current allocation of inside millage; 1.10 mills to the General Fund and 0.35 mills to the General Obligation Bond Retirement Fund.
 - Council approved **cash transfers totaling \$44,576,162 for budgeted General Fund subsidies**. These subsidies include debt service for Brownfields, Community Redevelopment, Med Mart, Progressive Field, Shaker Square, County Hotel and Economic Development.