



# FY 2024

## PROPOSED BUDGET

# BUDGET PROPOSAL GUIDELINES

1. Departments should provide a budget with no service increases, if possible.
2. Program expansions were to be fully justified with a funding plan.
3. Line by line department reviews with County Administrator, Finance Director, and Department Head.
4. CIP expenditures were selected by importance or mandate.



# FACTORS IN PREPARING THE FY 2024 BUDGET

## REVENUE CHANGES

### 1. Increase in real estate tax revenue

- Increased estimate by \$221,369 due to new construction
- 169 new residential units were issued in CY 2022

### 2. Current revenue estimates are realistic

- Estimates have become less conservative over the years
- More aggressive estimates could lead to a budget shortfall



# FACTORS IN PREPARING THE FY 2024 BUDGET

## EXPENDITURE CHANGES

### 1. Personnel changes

- Executive assistant (\$20,473 net increase)
  - Offset by \$25,000 reduction in HR budget salary reserve
- Part-time office aide (\$14,533 net increase)
- Planner and shared GIS coordinator (\$58,410 net increase)



# FACTORS IN PREPARING THE FY 2024 BUDGET EXPENDITURE CHANGES (CONTINUED)

## 2. County will begin paying for positions previously funded by grants

- Previously funded by ARPA
  - 3 Stanley EMS positions (\$189,293)
  - 2 drug interdiction team positions (\$161,636)
  - 1 landfill position (\$49,538)
- Previously funded by COPS Hiring Grant
  - 3 deputies (\$156,553) Required by the grant to fund for 12 months.



# FACTORS IN PREPARING THE FY 2024 BUDGET EXPENDITURE CHANGES (CONTINUED)

3. 5% pay raise (\$298,495 County-funded, \$217,467 State-funded)
4. Vehicle fuel budget increase of \$195,000
5. IT, hardware, and COR software budget increase of \$137,695
6. SRO grant match of \$51,807



# \$2 MILLION DOLLAR BUDGET DEFICIT

## STRATEGIES TO BALANCE THE BUDGET

1. Reduced budgets for underspent expenses
2. Using radio project debt proceeds for HRECC fees
  - HRECC fees will become an operating expense in FY 2026
  - Will increase ECC budget by over \$270,000 in future years
3. Using the fund balance for next reassessment
  - Previously paid with operating funds
  - Will reduce the fund balance in FY 2025 by over \$500,000



# \$2 MILLION DOLLAR BUDGET DEFICIT

## STRATEGIES TO BALANCE THE BUDGET

4. Changing to less expensive health insurance plans
  5. Implementing a disposable plastic bag tax
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COUNTY WILL HAVE TO WORK WITH ANOTHER DEFICIT IN FY 2025 WITHOUT ADDITIONAL OPERATING REVENUE

### FUTURE EXPENSES

HRECC fees in FY 2026 (\$270,000)

Additional help needed in COR & CA offices





# COUNTY CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS

1. IT and computer upgrades \$40,000
2. Voting tabulators \$32,080
3. Ambulance \$300,000 (\$157,000 grant-funded, \$143,000 County-funded)
4. 3 vehicles \$85,000
5. Landfill well upgrades and DEQ fees \$250,000
6. Roll-off truck \$235,000
7. Dozer \$289,305
8. County and courthouse parking lot repairs and resealing \$140,000



# COUNTY CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS

9. Sheriff's Office projects \$150,000

10. Landfill projects \$100,000

11. Fire-EMS projects \$50,000

TOTAL COUNTY-FUNDED \$1,514,385

Broadband expansion project will continue in FY 2024 and 2025.  
Over \$4 million of the fund balance will be used.  
An exact amount will be appropriated after the start of FY 2024.



# EXPENDITURES PER FUND

Fund	FY 2023 Adopted	FY 2024 Proposed	Change	%
General	31,068,715	31,191,814	123,099	0%
Virginia Public Assistance (DSS)	3,937,935	4,623,922	685,987	17%
Children's Services Act	2,552,641	2,556,458	3,817	0%
Tourism (Restricted TOT)	960,000	960,000	-	0%
County CIP	500,000	1,514,385	1,014,385	203%
Landfill (Cell 1)	1,630,000	-	(1,630,000)	-100%
School Operating	42,928,559	42,928,559	-	0%
School Cafeteria	2,166,807	2,166,807	-	0%
School CIP	2,736,822	-	(2,736,822)	-100%
Recreation	20,000	20,000	-	0%
VJCCCA	30,076	30,076	-	0%
Victim Witness	90,474	92,019	1,545	2%
Water Quality	6,000	6,000	-	0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>88,628,029</b>	<b>86,090,040</b>	<b>(2,537,989)</b>	<b>-3%</b>

County, \$140,900  
State, \$82,799  
Federal, \$462,288

Carry over in FY 2024, if needed.



# SCHOOL FUNDING

Fiscal Year	Required Local Funding	Budgeted Local Funding	School-Related Debt Service	School-Related CIP	Total	Savings at Year End
Proposed 2024	10,140,766	11,065,692	3,799,059	-	14,864,751	N/A
Adjusted 2023	9,825,812	11,330,802	3,810,278	72,080	15,213,160	N/A
2022	8,041,334	10,989,932	3,808,345	1,000,000	15,798,277	1,156,215
2021	7,842,279	10,349,540	3,902,936	856,009	15,108,485	1,776,677
2020	6,915,053	10,348,580	3,923,965	-	14,272,545	1,526,679
2019	6,846,371	10,019,643	3,944,655	-	13,964,298	563,988



# SCHOOL PRELIMINARY ESTIMATES

	Scenario 1		Scenario 2		Scenario 3	
	More State Funding	Less State Funding	More State Funding	Less State Funding	More State Funding	Less State Funding
Increase in Local Request	2,323,299	3,302,299	1,794,126	2,773,126	2,072,030	3,051,030
RE Tax Rate Increase (cents)	11	15	8	13	10	14

Scenario 1: Raises, classified scale adjustments, early childhood special education teacher, and new staffing positions

Scenario 2: Raises, classified scale adjustments, early childhood special education teacher, and retaining seven positions that are currently grant-funded

Scenario 3: Mix of Scenarios 1 and 2



# TAX RATES

Tax	Current Rate	Proposed Rate	Value per Penny
Real Estate	0.73	0.73	217,807
Personal Property*	4.40	4.40	2,155
Vehicles*	3.85	4.40	23,909
Machinery and Tools*	1.50	1.50	2,457
Motor Carriers*	1.50	1.50	37
Mobile Homes*	0.73	0.73	1,267
Aircraft*	0.50	0.50	562
Disposable Plastic Bag	-	0.05	TBD

\*Value per penny is based on CY2022.

Additional tax revenue is needed for any additional local funds requested by the School Board.

Temporarily allowed from CY 2022 to 2024 to tax vehicles separately from other personal property. Updated revenue will be determined in April when the COR's vehicle values are available.



# TAX RATE HISTORY

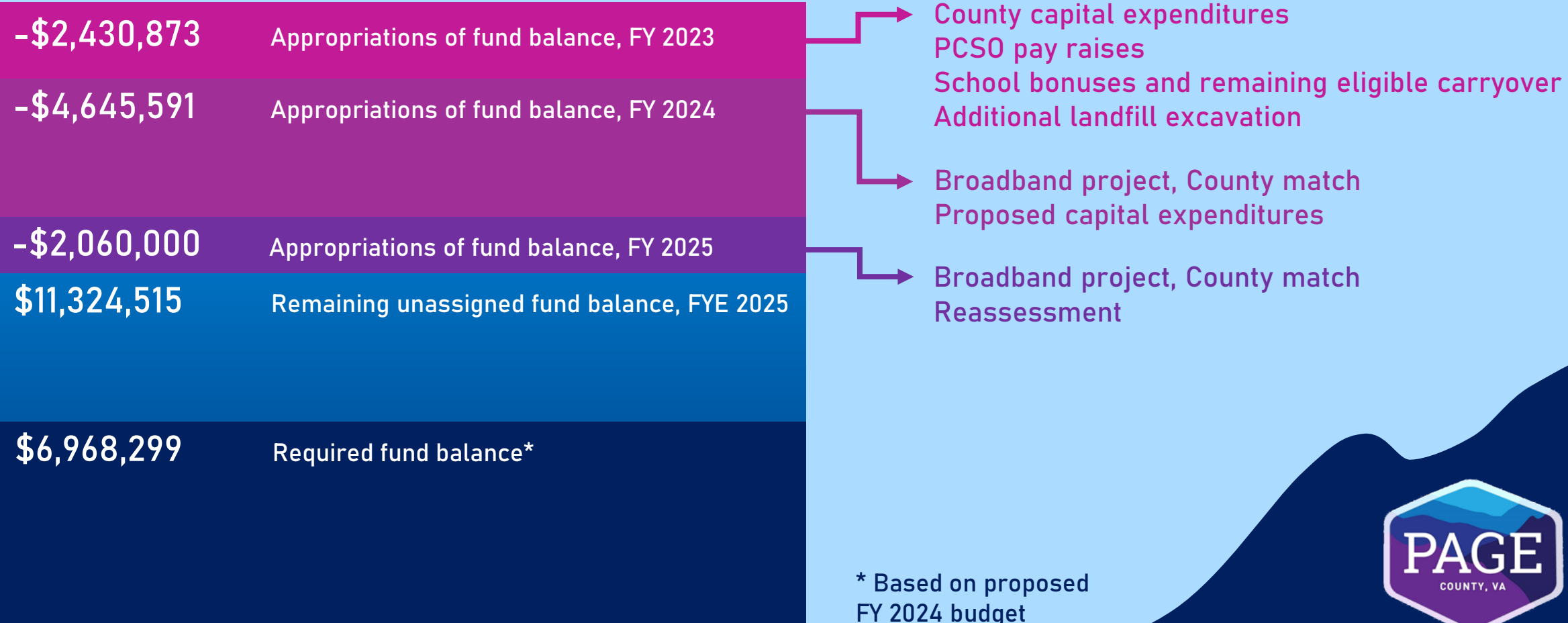
Tax	CY 2017	CY 2018	CY 2019	CY 2020	CY 2021	CY 2022	PROPOSED
Real Estate	0.66	0.70	0.73	0.73	0.73	0.73	0.73
Personal Property	4.64	4.59	4.59	4.40	4.40	4.40	4.40
Vehicles	4.64	4.59	4.59	4.40	4.40	3.85	4.40
Machinery and Tools	2.00	2.00	2.00	1.50	1.50	1.50	1.50
Motor Carriers	2.00	2.00	2.00	1.50	1.50	1.50	1.50
Mobile Homes	0.66	0.70	0.73	0.73	0.73	0.73	0.73
Aircraft	0.50	0.50	0.50	0.50	0.50	0.50	0.50
Disposable Plastic Bag	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.05

Removed fees on residential bagged trash in 2021.



# GENERAL FUND BALANCE

**\$21,010,863** Unassigned fund balance, FYE 2022

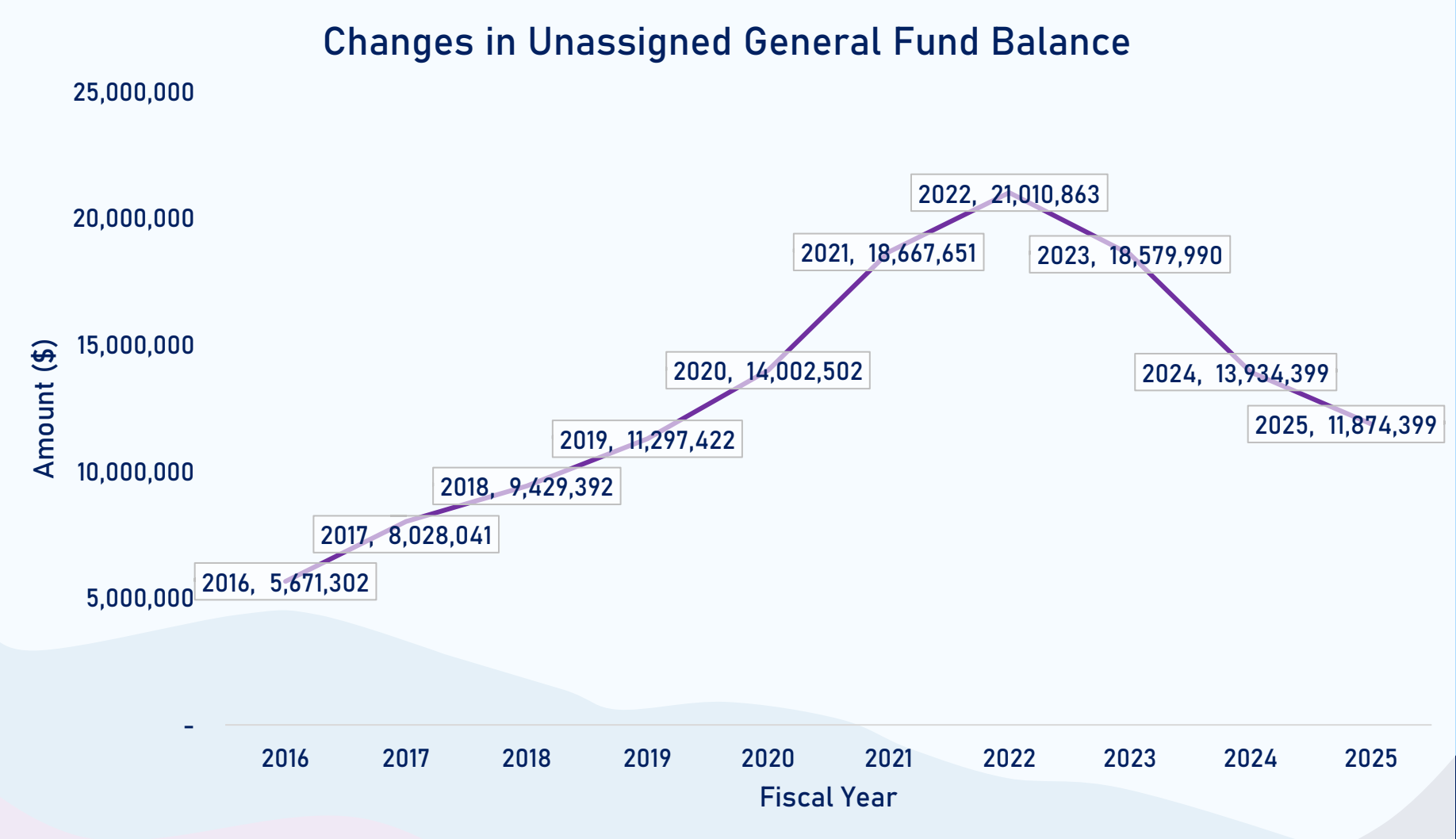


\* Based on proposed FY 2024 budget





# GENERAL FUND BALANCE (CONTINUED)



# BUDGET CALENDAR

Thursday, March 23, 2023	5:30 PM	Budget Work Session
Monday, March 27, 2023	5:30 PM	Budget Work Session
Thursday, March 30, 2023	5:30 PM	Budget Work Session
Monday, April 17, 2023	7:00 PM	Tax Rate Hearing and Adoption County and School Budget Hearing
Monday, May 1, 2023	7:00 PM	County and School Budget Adoption

