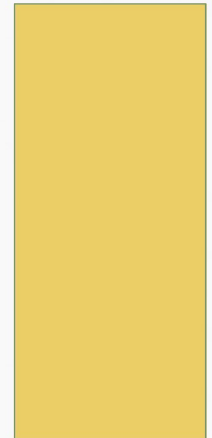




# COUNTY OF SUSSEX BUDGET PRESENTATION

FEBRUARY 28, 2024



# 2024 COUNTY CURRENT FUND BUDGET



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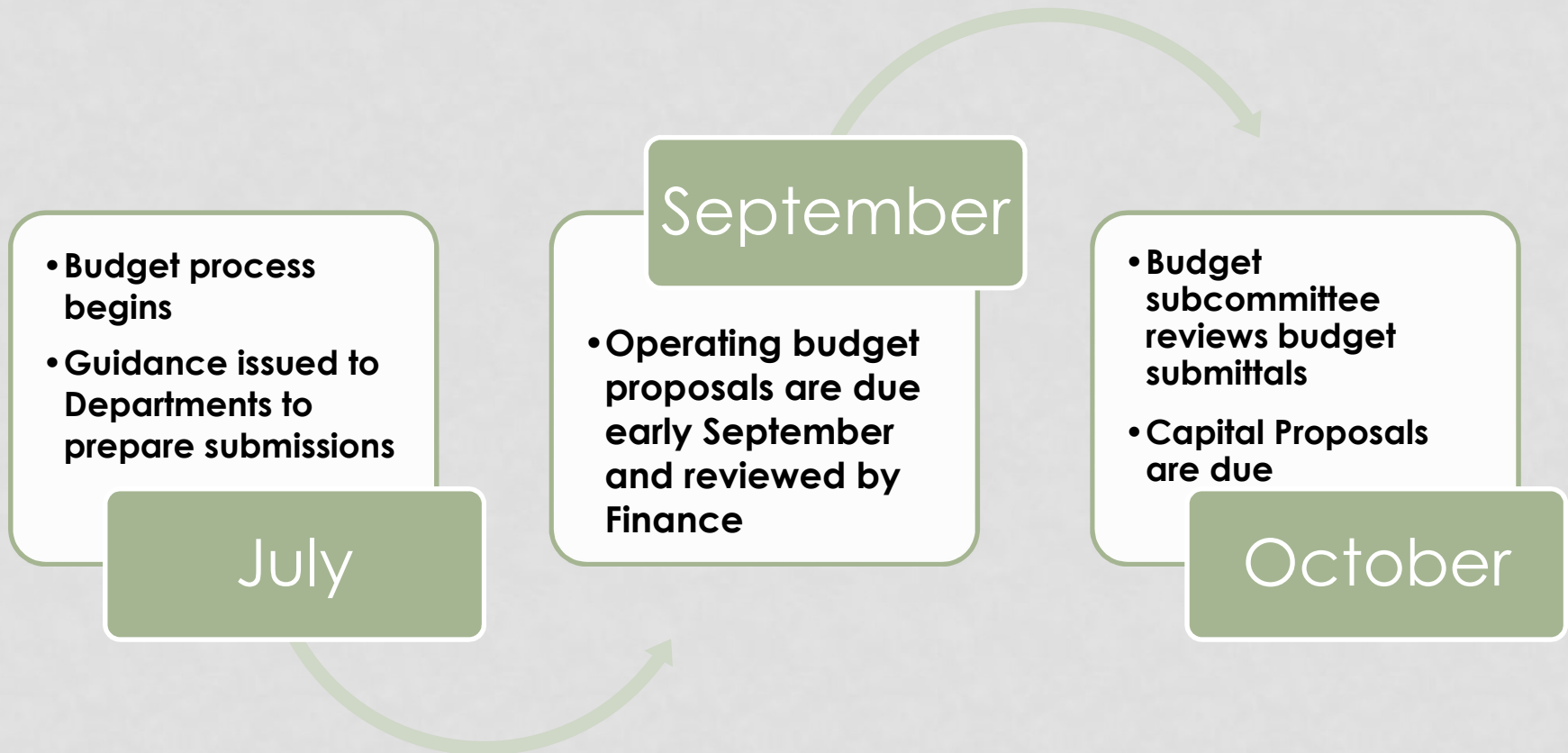
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Director

Jack DeGroot, Commissioner

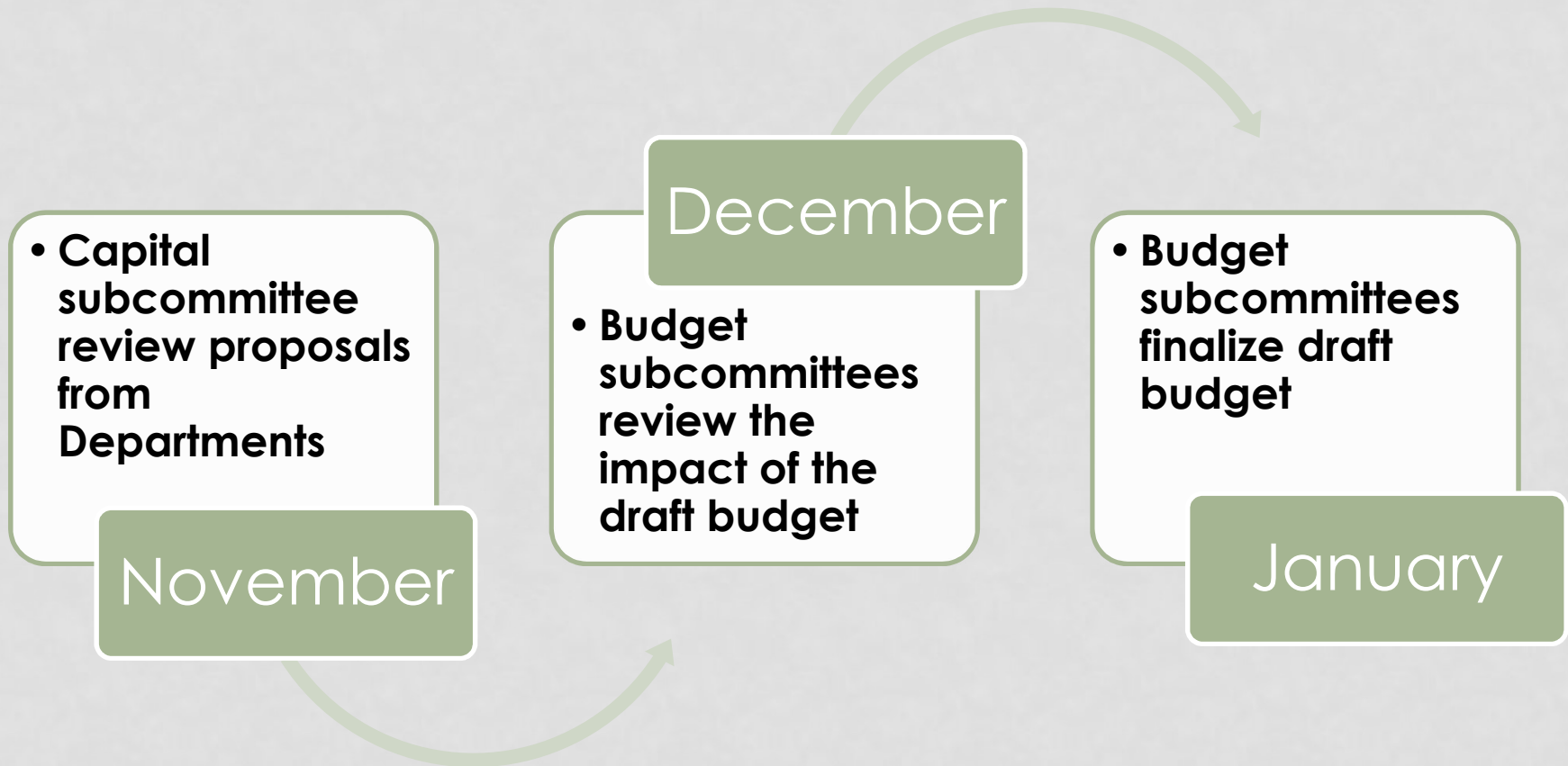
William Hayden, Commissioner

Earl Schick, Commissioner

# 2024 COUNTY CURRENT FUND BUDGET



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- **Subcommittees review proposed budget and make any final changes**

January/February

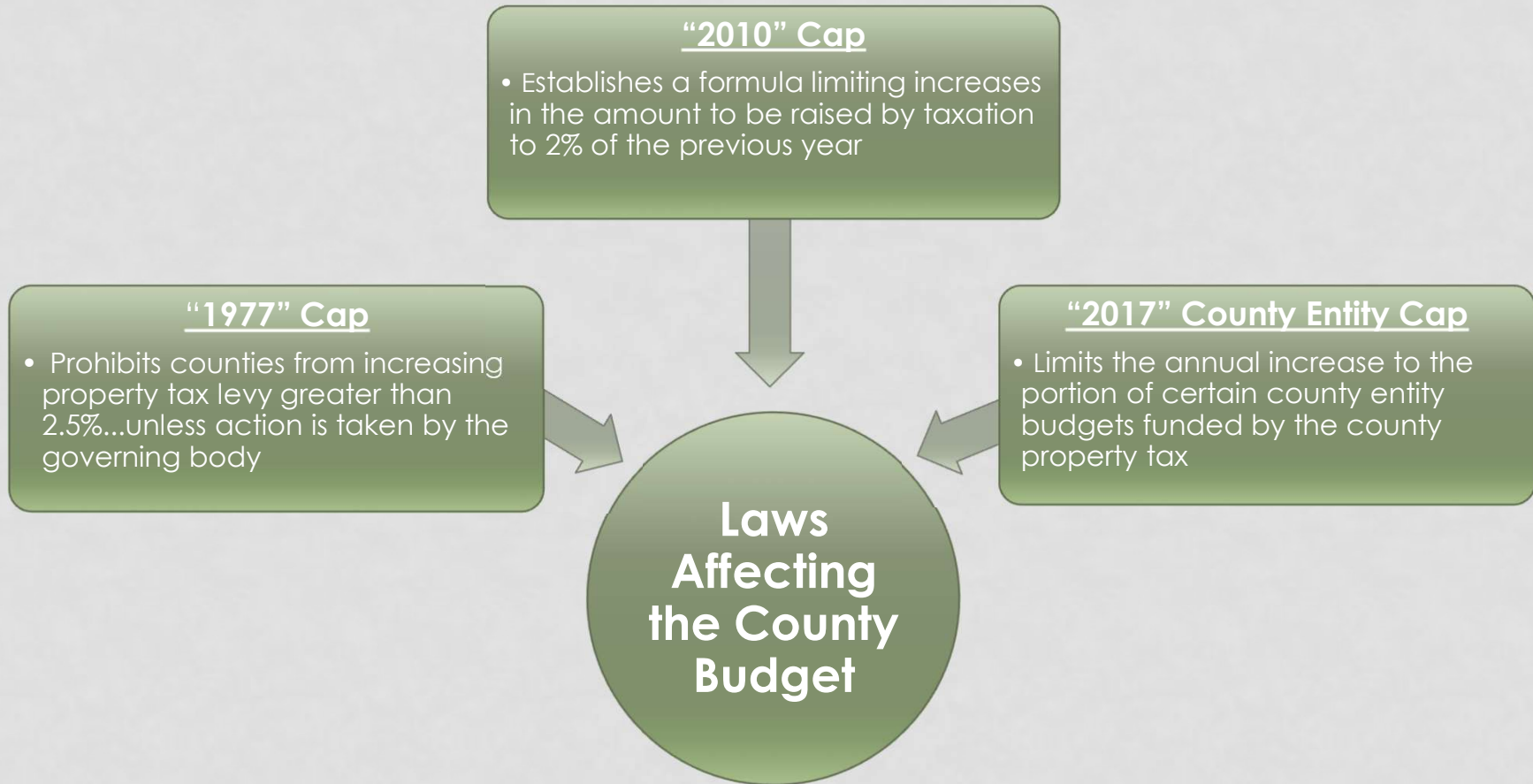
February

- **February 28, 2024: Budget is considered for introduction and approval**

- **March 27, 2024: Board of County Commissioners hold public hearing for adoption of County Budget**

March

# 2024 COUNTY CURRENT FUND BUDGET



# GOALS OF 2024 BUDGET

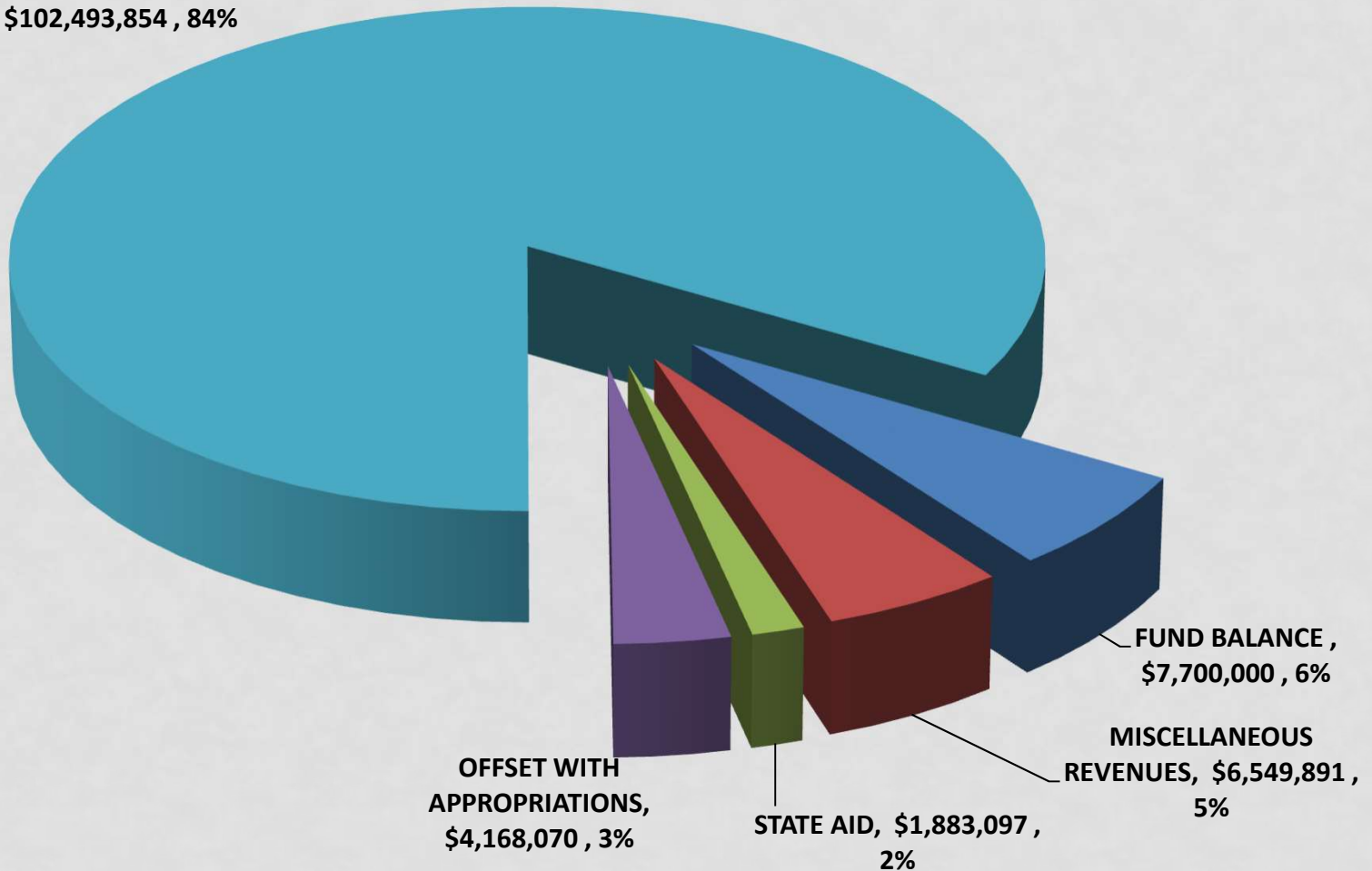
- Being fiscally responsible while keeping Sussex County affordable
- Taking strides towards having competitive wages and benefits packages to retain and recruit employees
- Maintaining and improving levels of service for the benefit of the taxpayer
- Utilizing grants to assist in the funding of core county functions.



# 2024 COUNTY CURRENT FUND BUDGET

**TOTAL REVENUES- \$122,794,912**

**COUNTY PURPOSE TAX,  
\$102,493,854 , 84%**





# 2024 COUNTY CURRENT FUND BUDGET

## Generation of Fund Balance

Lapsing of appropriation reserves



Revenue in excess of budgeted amounts



Miscellaneous revenue not anticipated



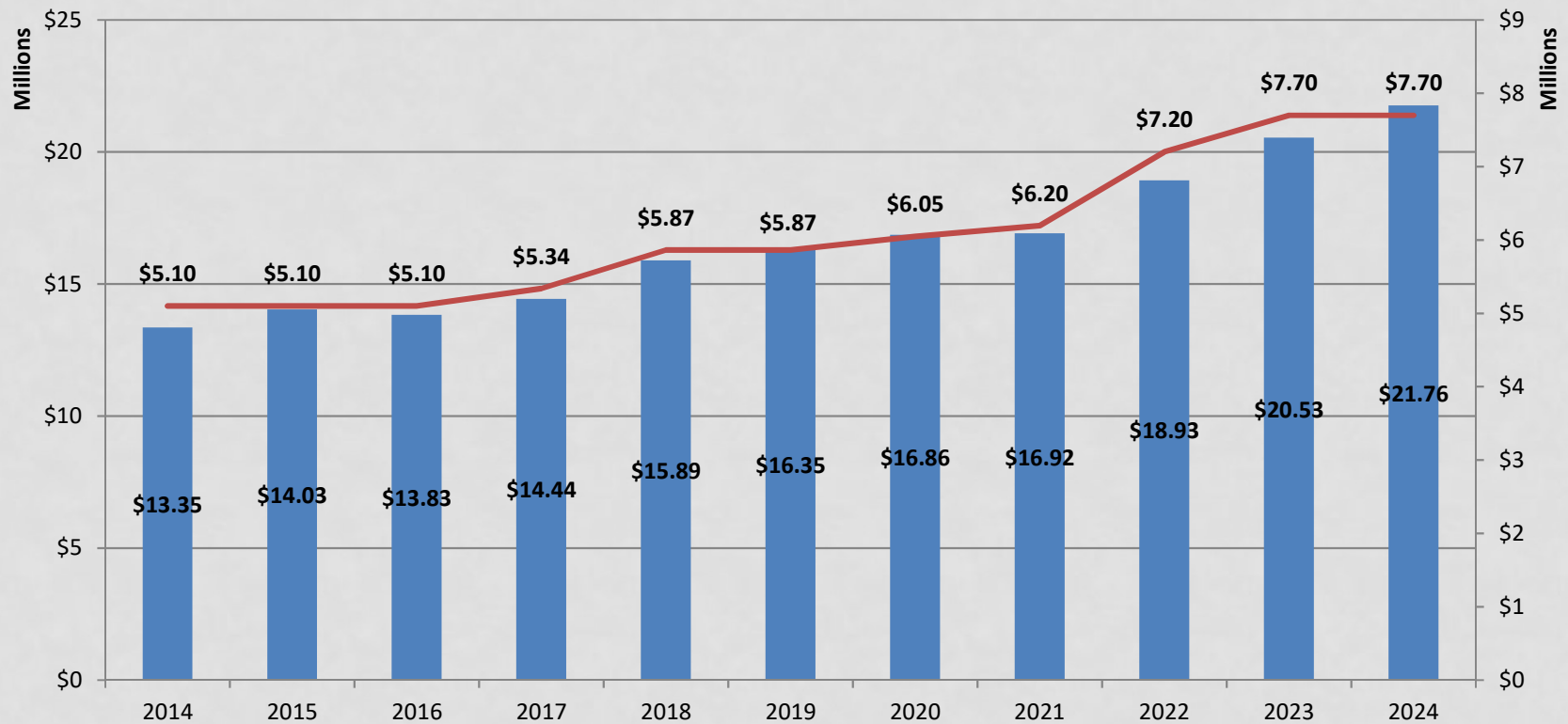
Fund Balance  
12/31/23:  
\$21.76M or  
17.01%



Fund Balance  
Anticipated  
in Budget  
\$7.7M

# 2024 COUNTY CURRENT FUND BUDGET

## FUND BALANCE HISTORY AND USE AS ANTICIPATED REVENUE



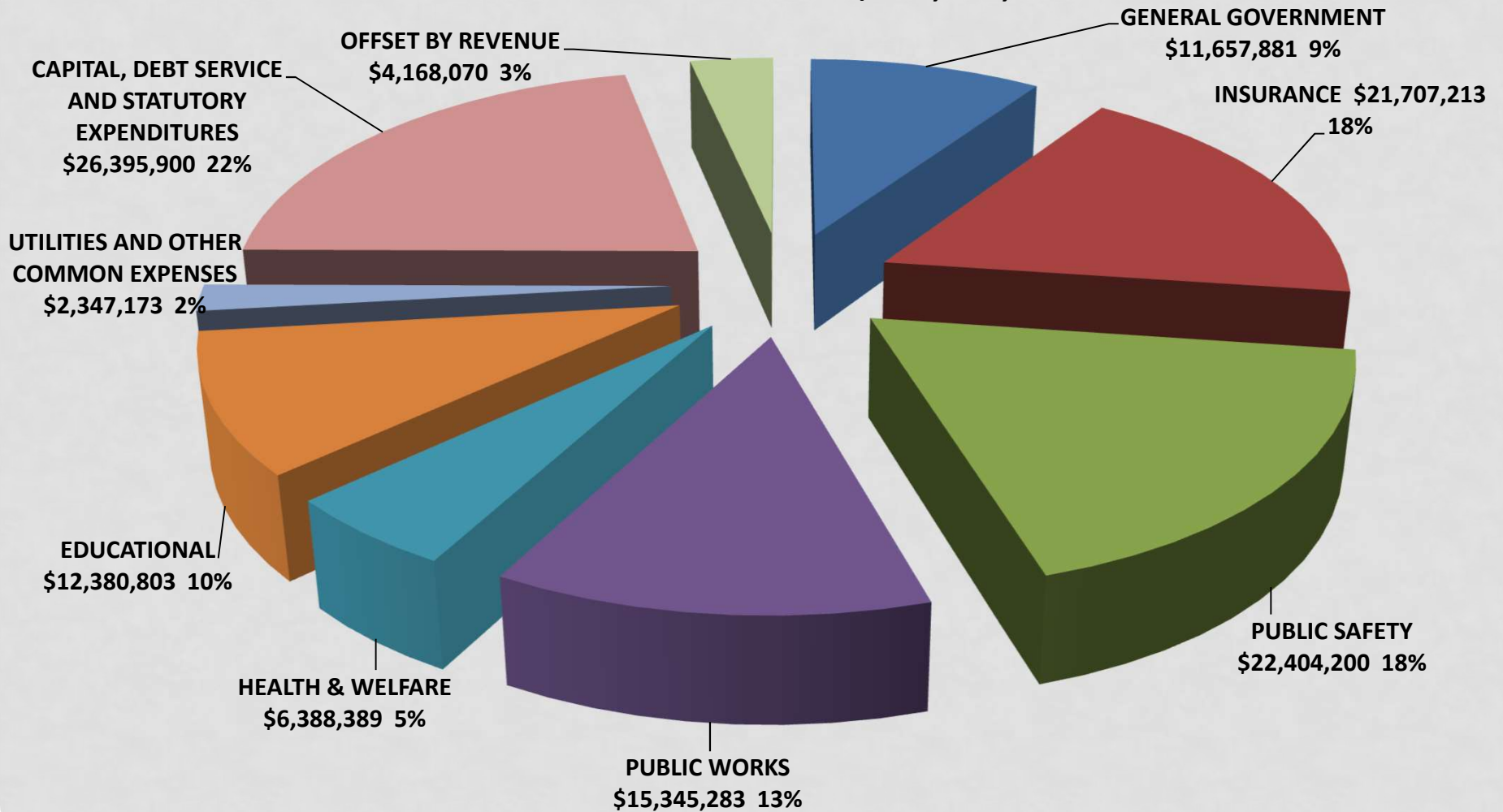
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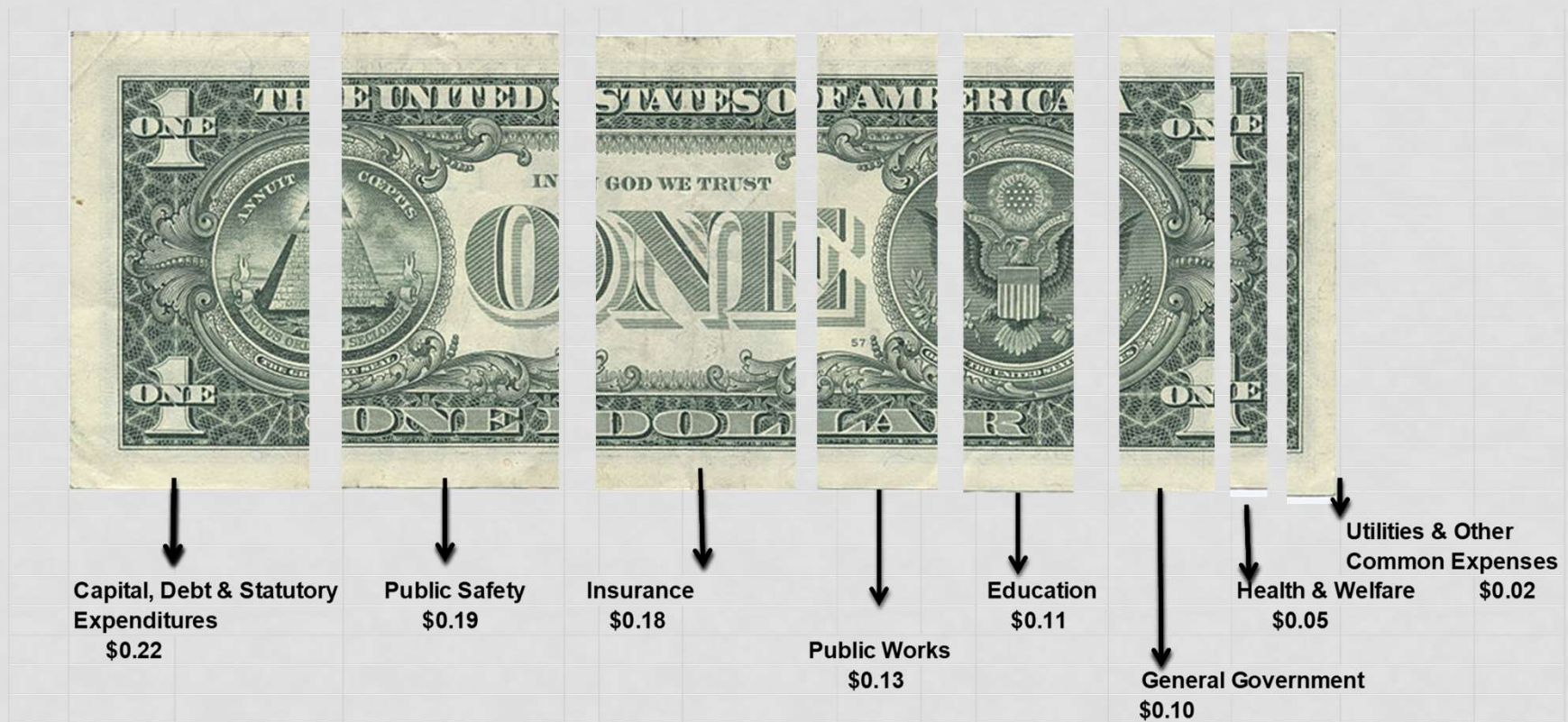
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# 2024 COUNTY CURRENT FUND BUDGET

## ALLOCATION OF A COUNTY TAX DOLLAR





# 2024 COUNTY CURRENT FUND BUDGET



Division of  
Pensions & Benefits



# 2024 COUNTY CURRENT FUND BUDGET



**Capital, Debt & Statutory  
Expenditures  
\$0.22**

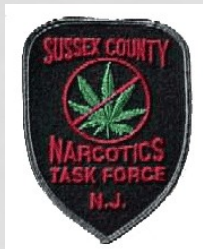
**\$0.22 per dollar  
Capital, Debt & Statutory  
Expenditures**

## Includes:

- Capital Improvement Fund
- Debt Service Payments
- Pension Payments- PERS, PFRS, DCRP
- Social Security Payments
- Deferred Charges



# 2024 COUNTY CURRENT FUND BUDGET



Shared  
Services

# 2024 COUNTY CURRENT FUND BUDGET

## **\$0.19 per dollar Public Safety**

### **Includes:**

- Prosecutor's Office
- Sheriff's Department
- InMate Housing Contract (Morris County)
- Office of Emergency Management
- 911 Emergency Communication Center-  
For Sheriff and Shared Services
- County Medical Examiner
- Aid to Volunteer Fire and EMS
- Fire Marshal
- Fire Academy
- Juvenile & Youth Services



# 2024 COUNTY CURRENT FUND BUDGET

**\$0.18 per dollar  
Insurance**



**Insurance  
\$0.18**

## Includes:

- Group Health Insurance for Active and Retired Employees
- Worker's Compensation Insurance
- General Liability/ Other Insurance
- Unemployment Compensation



# 2024 COUNTY CURRENT FUND BUDGET



# 2024 COUNTY CURRENT FUND BUDGET

**\$0.13 per dollar  
Public Works**



**Public Works  
\$0.13**

## **Includes:**

- Roads & Culverts- 310 Road Miles
- Bridge & Traffic Safety- 448 Bridges
- Parks & Forestry
- Traffic Lights
- Solid Waste Disposal
- Facilities Management- 60 Buildings
- Fleet Management
- Mosquito Control



# 2024 COUNTY CURRENT FUND BUDGET



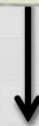
**SUSSEX COUNTY**  
TECHNICAL SCHOOL

# 2024 COUNTY CURRENT FUND BUDGET

**\$0.11 per dollar  
Educational**

**Includes:**

- Sussex County Community College
- Reimbursement for Residents Attending Out-of-County College
- Sussex County Technical School
- Rutgers Co-operative Extension
- Office of County Superintendent of Schools



**Education  
\$0.11**

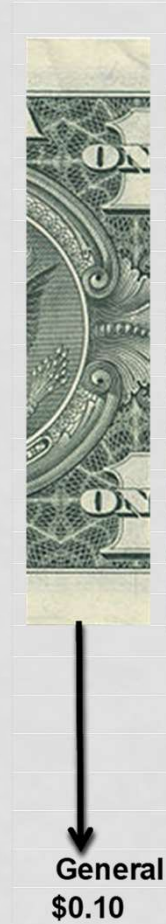


# 2024 COUNTY CURRENT FUND BUDGET

## \$0.10 per dollar General Government

### Includes:

- County Administrator's Office
- Purchasing
- Employee & Central Services
- Board of County Commissioners
- Clerk of the Board
- County Clerk-Registry
- County Clerk-Elections
- Board of Elections
- Department of Finance
- Technology & Information Management
- Office of GIS
- Records Management
- Board of Taxation
- County Counsel
- County Adjuster
- County Surrogate
- Department of Engineering
- Division of Planning
- UCC Appeal Board
- Weights & Measures



# 2024 COUNTY CURRENT FUND BUDGET



# 2024 COUNTY CURRENT FUND BUDGET



## **\$0.05 per dollar Health & Human Services**

### **Includes:**

- Public Health Nursing
- Patient Maintenance in State Psychiatric Hospitals
- Environmental Health
- Home Health Care Agency
- Community Services
- Office of Senior Services
- County Nutrition Program
- Social Services Agency
- Mental Health Administration
- Human Services Administration
- Aid to New Bridge, Skylands Ride, Family Intervention Services



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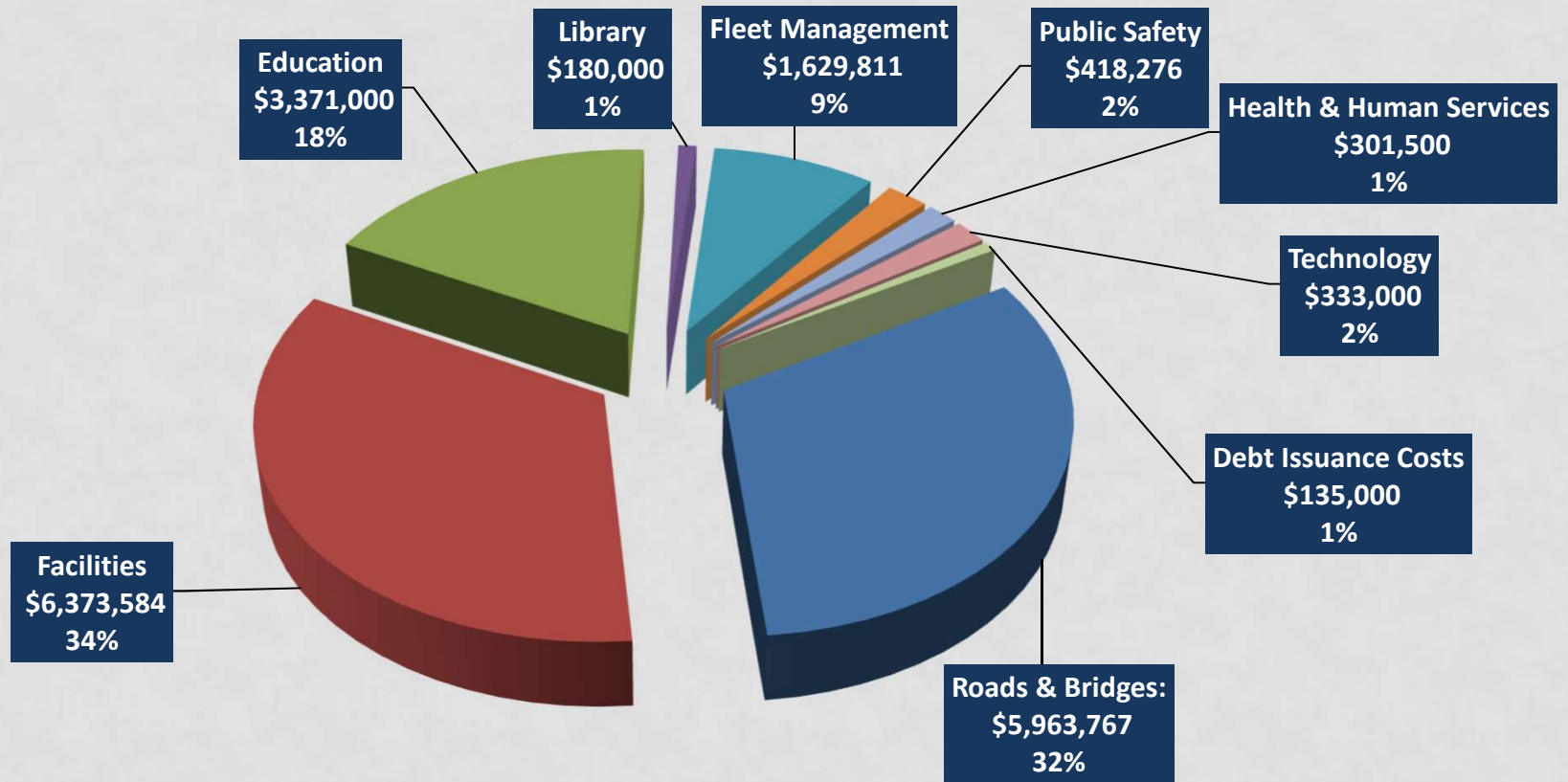
## \$0.02 per dollar Utilities & Other Common Expenses



### Includes:

- Transit
- Provision for Salary Adjustments
- Accumulated Leave Compensation
- Fixed Asset Reporting
- Single Audit for Grants
- Indirect Cost Rate Study
- Memorial Day Observance
- Veteran Grave Registration
- County Matching Funds for Grants
- Utilities
- Bulk Gasoline
- Bulk Diesel Fuel

# 2024 COUNTY CAPITAL FUND BUDGET



2024

## CAPITAL PROGRAM BY \$18.7 M

- Roads & Bridges:
- Facilities
- Education
- Library
- Fleet Management
- Public Safety
- Health & Human Services
- Technology
- Debt Issuance Costs

# 2024 COUNTY CAPITAL BUDGET

Capital Project	Recommended Funding
1. Facility Improvements	\$6,706,584
2. Road Resurfacing & Improvements	\$4,608,767
3. SCCC Improvements	\$2,825,000
4. Fleet Management	\$1,629,811
5. Bridge Replacements & Improvements	\$1,355,000
6. Sussex Tech Sewer Project	\$571,000
7. Public Safety	\$418,276
8. Health & Human Services	\$301,500
9. Library Facility Improvements	\$180,000

# 2024 COUNTY CURRENT FUND BUDGET

- **Advancing County priorities**

- Continues to provides resources for County services during inflationary times while keeping the amount to be raised lower than the current inflation rate.
- Identifies other revenue sources to limit the increase to the tax levy while not utilizing additional fund balance.
- Proper utilization of American Rescue Plan funding to offset the annual County capital budget and allow for pay-as you go funding to decrease future debt.



# 2024 COUNTY CURRENT FUND BUDGET

- **Advancing County priorities**

- Maintain the level of funding for debt service and capital improvements consistent with the debt policy.
- The budget is a balancing act. Strong credit rating assists with our borrowing costs. Strong fund balance is a key measurement for the rating agencies.

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