

# **Okaloosa County News Release**

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## **Okaloosa County Proposed 2007-08 Budget Accessible Online *Budget Hearings Begin July 17, 2007***

The Okaloosa County proposed 2007-08 budget is accessible from the official website home page at [www.co.okaloosa.fl.us](http://www.co.okaloosa.fl.us). "We encourage residents to view the proposed budget and would like everyone to participate in the process," stated County Administrator Jim Curry. "We have budget hearings scheduled in Crestview and Ft. Walton, during evenings and daytime; we hope citizens will bring their questions and attend the meetings," he added.

Department and agency budget hearings begin on July 17, at 1:00 p.m., with an overview. The first Budget Hearing will include departments with non-discretionary funds or non- ad valorem tax funds:

Tax Collector	1:30 PM
911 Coordinator	1:45 PM
Road/Bridge Construction	2:00 PM
Solid Waste	2:15 PM
Inspections	2:30 PM
Airports	2:45 PM
Tourist Development Council	3:00 PM
Conference Center	3:15 PM
Water & Sewer	3:30 PM

The Board of Commissioners will also hold their next public Board Meeting on Tuesday, July 17, at 8:30 a.m. at the Okaloosa Co. Water & Sewer Building, 1804 Lewis Turner Boulevard, in Ft. Walton Beach.

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## Helpful Hints for Budget Review

- *The following Departments/Agencies are considered proprietary/non-discretionary. These departments generate revenues from charges for services OR other non-ad valorem tax revenue.*

911 Coordinator

Road/Bridge Construction

Solid Waste

Inspections

Water & Sewer

Airports

Tourist Development Council

Conference Center

Tax Collector

- *Most other departments receive some ad valorem; however, may also generate revenue for services, receive state, federal and local grant funds as well as receive donations. Some examples include the Okaloosa County Library Cooperative, Okaloosa County Transit, Museums, Extension office, etc.*
- *State Offices Include: Health Dept., State Attorney, Public Defender, Judicial & Court Services. These receive minimal discretionary or ad valorem funds.*

**Ad Valorem Tax fund Total (proposed): \$60,131,757**

**All other revenues & fees: \$252,840,166**

**TOTAL (proposed): \$312,971,923 (includes cash carry forward of \$118,371,230)**

### Other helpful hints:

- Cash Carried Forward funds are committed funds from previous year in which work is not completed and/or billing is carried into following year.
- Bed taxes (aka resort taxes) are generated from tourists and may only be used by the Tourist Development Council
- Gas Taxes can only be used for transportation improvements

***Do you have questions? Let us know! 850-651-7515 or email your County Commissioner: [damunds@co.okaloosa.fl.us](mailto:damunds@co.okaloosa.fl.us);***

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