

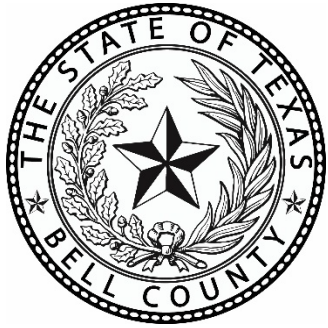
**BELL
COUNTY**
*Proposed
2022-2023
Budget*

August 8, 2022



Bell County Mission Statement

“The government of Bell County, Texas, exists to promote and sustain a superior quality of life in Central Texas. In partnership with our communities and citizens, we pledge to deliver cost-effective services in a personal, responsive, and innovative manner.”



BELL COUNTY

Commissioners Court

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County Auditor



- **David Blackburn, County Judge**
- **Russell Schneider, County Commissioner Pct. 1**
- **Bobby Whitson, County Commissioner Pct. 2**
- **Bill Schumann, County Commissioner Pct. 3**
- **John Driver, County Commissioner Pct. 4**
- **Tina Entrop, County Auditor**



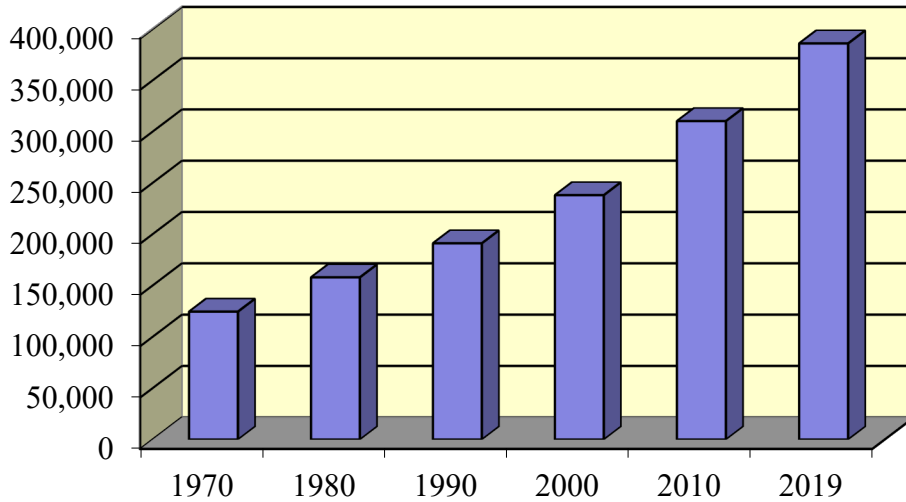
BELL COUNTY

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

- Bond rating is an indicator of the financial health and strength of an entity
- County Bond Rating by Standard & Poor's is currently AA+, 'very strong' and the 2nd highest ranking available under the S&P rankings
- Factors that have elevated County bond rating to AA+:
 - Diversifying & expanding economic base, with a significant military presence
 - Strong financial performance with high general fund reserves, and
 - Moderate debt burden with limited future capital needs.
- Unassigned Fund Balance has over 5 Month Reserve (3 months is minimum)
- Among Lowest Ad Valorem Tax Rate in the Region and the State
- Excellent Financial Condition – “Strong due to conservative budgeting practices.”
- Standard & Poor's states – “We view the county's management as very strong, with strong financial policies and practices.”



Bell County Population

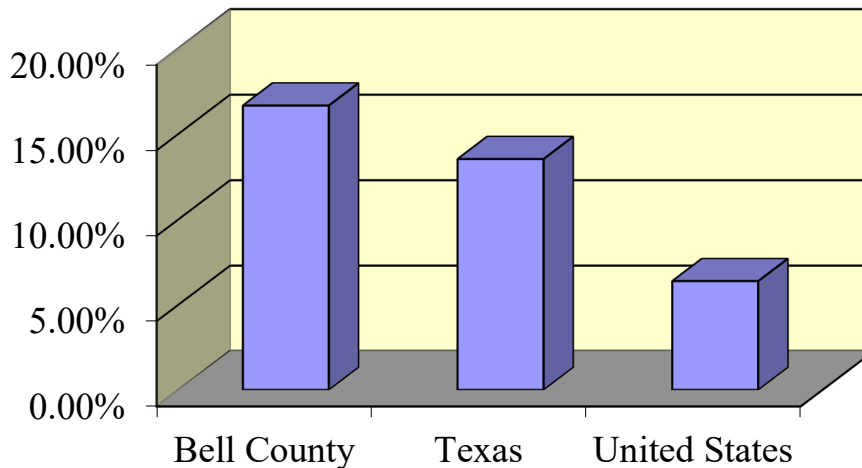


Bell County Actual Population

- 1960 - 94,097
- 1970 - 124,483
- 1980 - 157,889
- 1990 - 191,073
- 2000 - 237,974
- 2010 – 310,235
- 2020 – 370,647
- 2021 – 379,619*

*United States Census Bureau

2011-2020 Growth Rates



2000-2010 Growth Rates

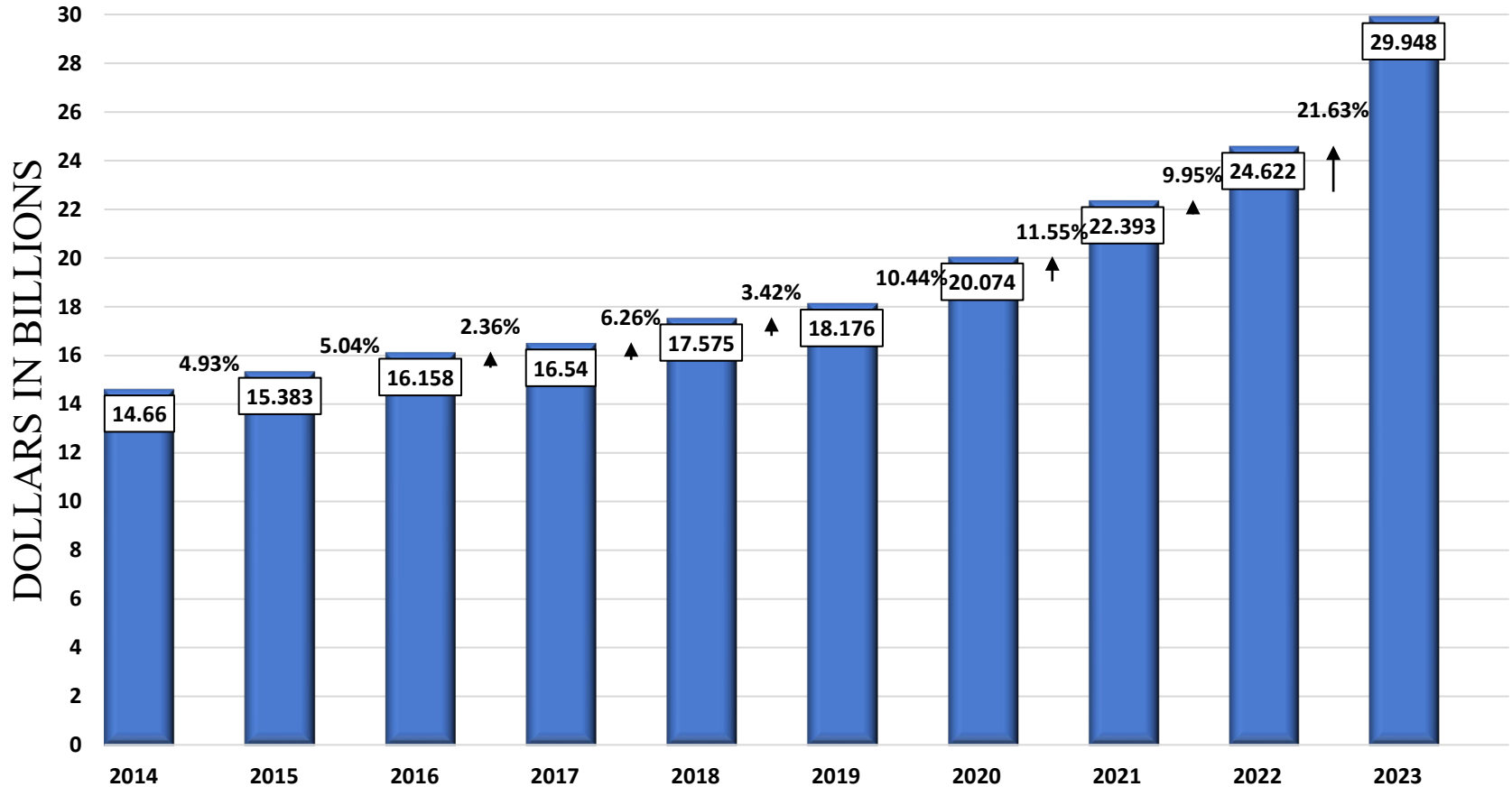
- Bell County – 30.4%
- Texas – 20.6%
- United States – 9.7%

2011-2020 Growth Rates

- Bell County – 16.6%
- Texas – 13.5%
- United States – 6.4%



BELL COUNTY PROPERTY VALUES Taxable Assessed Values 2014 - 2023



Net Increase per certified tax role includes:
17% New Construction
83% Reappraisals

FISCAL YEAR ENDED 9/30



Bell County Over 65/ Disabled Tax Exemption

	<u>2005-2006</u> (initial year)	<u>2021-2022</u>	<u>2022-2023</u>	<u>% Inc (Dec)</u>	<u>Tax Effect</u>
Count	12,483	22,652	23,270	2.73%	
Taxable Value	\$820,400,914	\$3,017,482,310	\$3,475,211,666	15.17%	
Actual Tax	2,776,809	8,744,319	8,631,972	(1.28%)	
<i>Tax w/o freeze</i>	3,084,707	11,897,933	11,791,393	(0.90%)	
Taxes Exempted	\$ 307,898	\$ 3,153,535	\$ 3,159,421	0.18%	1.25 cents



Bell County Disabled Veterans Homestead & Surviving Spouse Tax Exemption

	<u>2009-2010</u>	<u>2021-2022</u>	<u>2022-2023</u>	<u>% Diff.</u>	<u>Tax Effect</u>
	(first full year)				
Count	701	10,845	12,008	10.72%	
Taxable Value	\$ 87,302,647	\$2,417,212,003	\$3,117,962,660	28.99%	
Actual Tax	353,925	9,531,067	10,579,247	11.00%	
Reimbursement	0.00	4,000,000	4,500,000	12.50%	
Taxes Exempted	\$ 353,925	\$ 5,531,067	\$ 6,079,247	9.91%	2.39 cents



Sales Tax Receipts

- 2013 --- \$15,801,778
- 2014 --- \$16,997,993
- 2015 --- \$17,147,499
- 2016 --- \$17,882,330
- 2017 --- \$18,620,045
- 2018 --- \$19,304,894
- 2019 --- \$20,839,897
- 2020 --- \$23,089,465
- 2021 --- \$27,649,376
- 2022 --- \$31,096,900 Projected
 - Projected increase over 2021 is 12.47%



State Imposed Services & Resulting Property Tax Rate Costs

• Indigent Health Care (Medical/Admin) --	3.10¢
– Net Cost of \$7.21M & \$703K	
• 100% DV & Spouse Exemption --	2.39¢
– Revenue loss of \$10.6M net of State reimb. of \$4.5M for a net loss of \$6.1M	
• Indigent Defense (not including CPS) --	1.76¢
– Total cost of \$4.7M less State reimb. of \$220K for a net cost of \$4.5M	
• Over 65 Exemption --	1.25¢
– Revenue loss of \$3.2M	
• CPS Courts --	.49¢
– Net cost of \$1.26M	
• AgriLife Extension Assistance --	.13¢
– Net cost of \$341K	
• Juvenile Justice Alternative Education --	.11¢
– Net cost of \$277K	
• DPS Assistance (Killeen & Temple) --	.10¢
– Assistance & Equipment net cost of \$146K	
– Communication Center usage net cost of \$112K	
• County Court at Law Judges Salary Increase --	<u>.03¢</u>
– Net increase cost from 2019 legislative session of \$70K	
Total on Tax Rate \$23.919M --	9.36¢

BELL COUNTY
2022-2023 PROPOSED BUDGET
GENERAL FUND



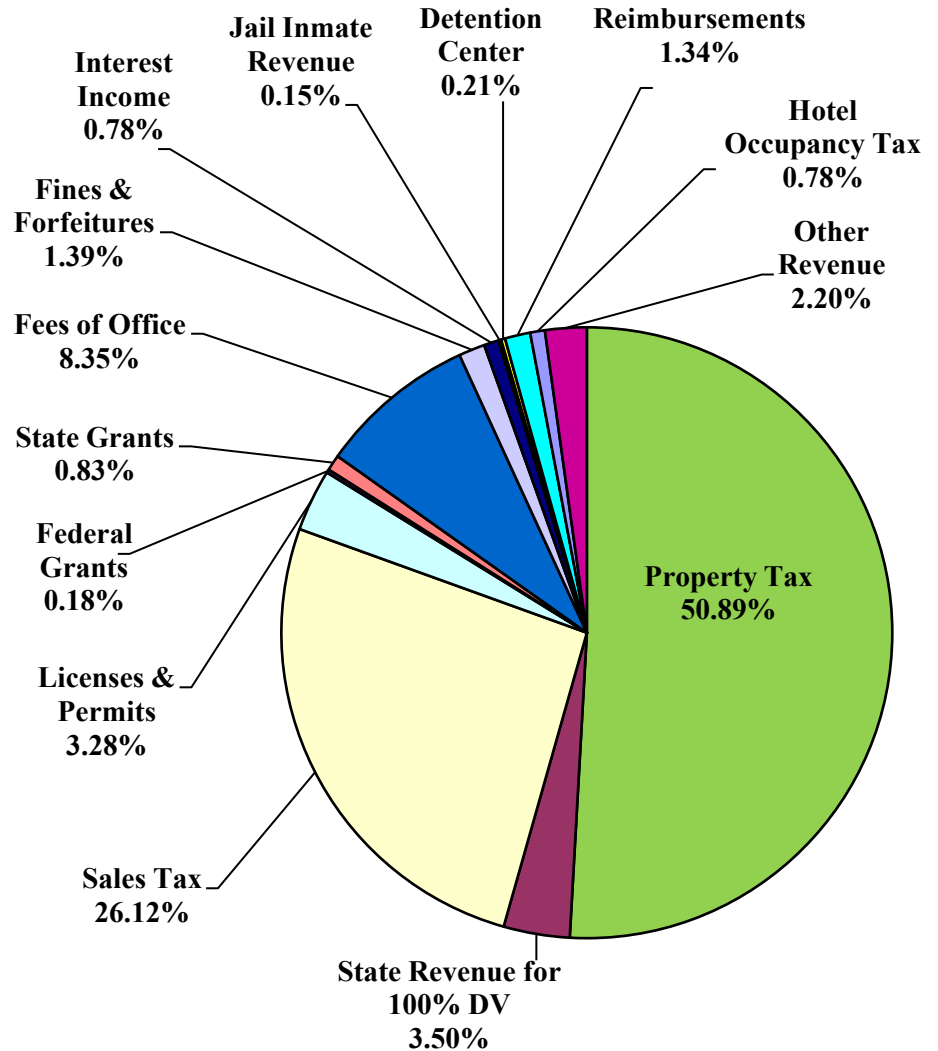
- **REVENUES (& \$1M in Fund Balance) \$129,576,700**
- **EXPENDITURES \$129,576,700**



2022-2023 PROPOSED REVENUES

GENERAL FUND

■ Property Taxes (current & delinquent)	\$ 65,437,000 ▲
■ State Rev. for 100% DV	\$ 4,500,000 ▲
■ Sales Tax	\$ 33,584,000 ▲
■ Licenses & Permits	\$ 4,216,000 ▲
■ Federal Grants	\$ 235,800 ▲
■ State Grants	\$ 1,071,100 ▲
■ Fees of Office	\$ 10,733,850 ▲
■ Fines & Forfeitures	\$ 1,783,000 ▼
■ Interest Income	\$ 1,000,000 ▲
■ Jail Inmate Revenue	\$ 190,000 ▼
■ Detention Center	\$ 275,000 ▲
■ Reimbursements	\$ 1,725,400 ▲
■ Hotel Occupancy Tax	\$ 1,000,000 ▲
■ Other Revenue	\$ 2,825,550 ▲
	\$128,576,700

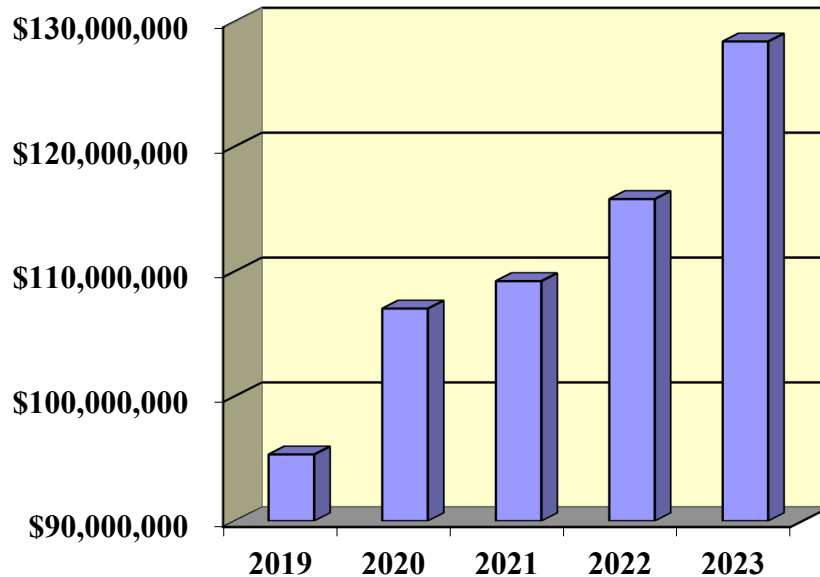


▲ Increasing ▼ Decreasing



REVENUE HISTORY

GENERAL FUND



- **2019** **\$ 95,338,534**
- Tax rate remained at \$.4212
- **2020** **\$107,020,040**
- Tax rate decreased to \$.4208
- **2021** **\$109,219,660**
- Tax rate decreased to \$.3968
- **2022** **\$115,792,240**
- Tax rate decreased to \$.3680
- **2023** **\$128,576,700**
- Tax rate to decrease to \$.3393



BUDGET COMPARISON

GENERAL FUND

2022 & 2023

<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	Adopted <u>2022</u>	Amended <u>2022</u>	Proposed <u>2023</u>	Increase (Decrease) <u>Proposed 2023 less Amended 2022</u>
Personnel				
• Officials	\$ 2,565,220	\$ 2,565,220	\$ 2,710,966	\$ 145,746
• Department Heads	\$ 1,134,483	\$ 1,215,129	\$ 1,158,031	\$ (57,098)
• Employees (incl. Longevity and Misc. Pay Types)	\$ 47,612,107	\$ 47,627,313	\$ 53,526,826	\$ 5,899,513
• Benefits (Retirement, Social Security, Health Ins., etc.)	<u>\$ 18,944,142</u>	<u>\$ 19,009,780</u>	<u>\$ 20,418,487</u>	<u>\$ 1,408,707</u>
Total Personnel	\$ 70,255,952	\$ 70,417,442	\$ 77,814,310	\$ 7,396,868
Operating	<u>\$ 48,536,288</u>	<u>\$ 50,365,771</u>	<u>\$ 51,762,390</u>	<u>\$ 1,396,619</u>
TOTALS	\$118,792,240	\$120,783,213	\$129,576,700	\$ 8,793,487



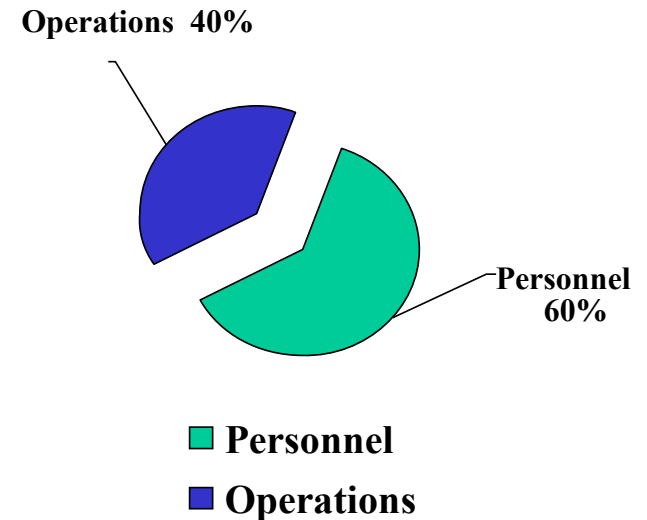
2023 PROPOSED GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES - \$129,826,700

Personnel **\$77,814,310**

- Officials \$ 2,710,966
- Dept Heads \$ 1,158,031
- Employees \$ 53,526,826
- Benefits \$ 20,418,487

Operating Expenses **\$ 51,762,390**
\$129,576,700

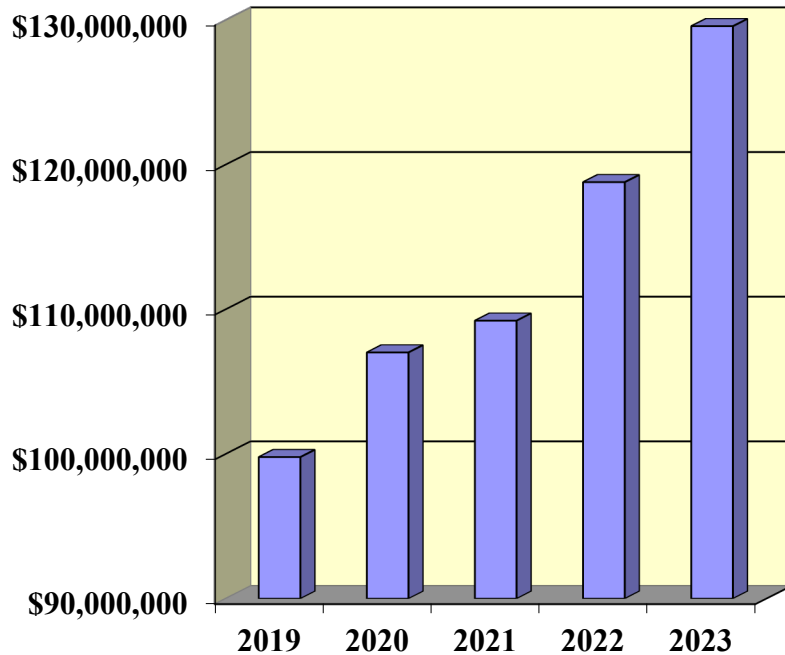
**Percent of Total
Expenditures**





EXPENDITURE HISTORY

GENERAL FUND – ADOPTED & PROPOSED



•2019 \$ 99,788,534

•2020 \$107,020,040

•2021 \$109,219,660

•2022 \$118,792,240

•2023 \$129,576,700



2023 GENERAL FUND HIGHLIGHTS

<u>Personnel Expenditures:</u>	<u>Change</u>
County-wide pay increase 8% Public Safety & Elected/Appointed Officials/6% Unified	\$3,915,000
Increase for New Positions Positions approved during FY22 20 Correctional Officers (10 as overhires) Positions starting 10/1/2022 28 Positions – 24 Public Safety, 2 Judicial & 2 Other	2,279,981
Step Increases/Reclassifications 22 step increases – 6 Public Safety, 9 Judicial & 7 Other 10 reclassifications – 7 Public Safety, 1 Judicial & 2 Other	136,485
Transfer from Special Revenue 7 mental health deputies	397,610
Payout of Holiday Pay	361,630
Overtime, Part-time, and Other Pay Types	624,524
Deletion of 3 vacant Positions	(200,594)
Changes in Benefit Rates	(81,349)
All Above Totals Include Benefits (social security, workers comp, unemployment, retirement, health and dental insurance, etc.)	Total 7,433,287



2023 GENERAL FUND HIGHLIGHTS

Non-Personnel Expenditures:

Change

Public Safety

Jail Contracting Inmate Services at other Facilities	(2,000,000)
Medical Service	1,951,435
Food & Food Services	947,275
Communication Center	615,109

Other Operating Costs

Automobile Maintenance	176,260
Utilities	332,985
Building Maintenance	133,300
Appointed Attorney	600,450
Autopsies	233,200
Software Subscriptions/Maintenance	319,100
Other Increases/Decreases	391,839

Equipment and Capital

Vehicles - <i>total for 2023 is 22 vehicles at a total cost of \$964,000</i> <i>Public Safety – 16, Judicial – 1, Other 5</i>	230,220
Transfer to Pay as You Go Capital Projects	(580,000)

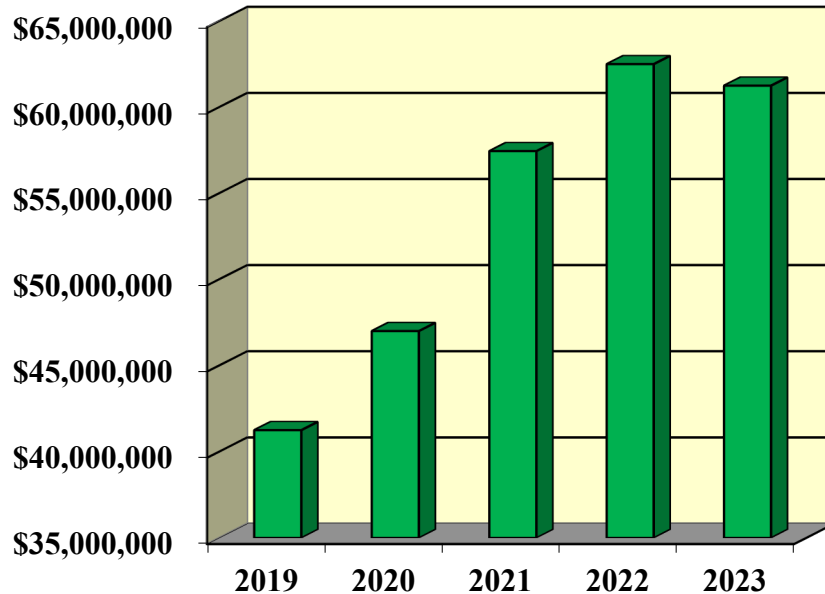
Total \$10,784,460



FUND BALANCE HISTORY

GENERAL FUND

Fund Balance History



- **2019** **\$ 41,251,600**
- 4.3 Months Reserve unassigned FB
- **2020** **\$ 46,999,380**
- 4.9 Months Reserve unassigned FB
- **2021** **\$ 57,447,651**
- 5.8 Months Reserve unassigned FB
- **2022** **\$ 62,500,000**
- Projected Fund Balance
- 5.9 Months Reserve unassigned FB
- **2023** **\$ 61,250,000**
- Projected Fund Balance
- 5.7 Months Reserve unassigned FB



Bell County Operating Funds

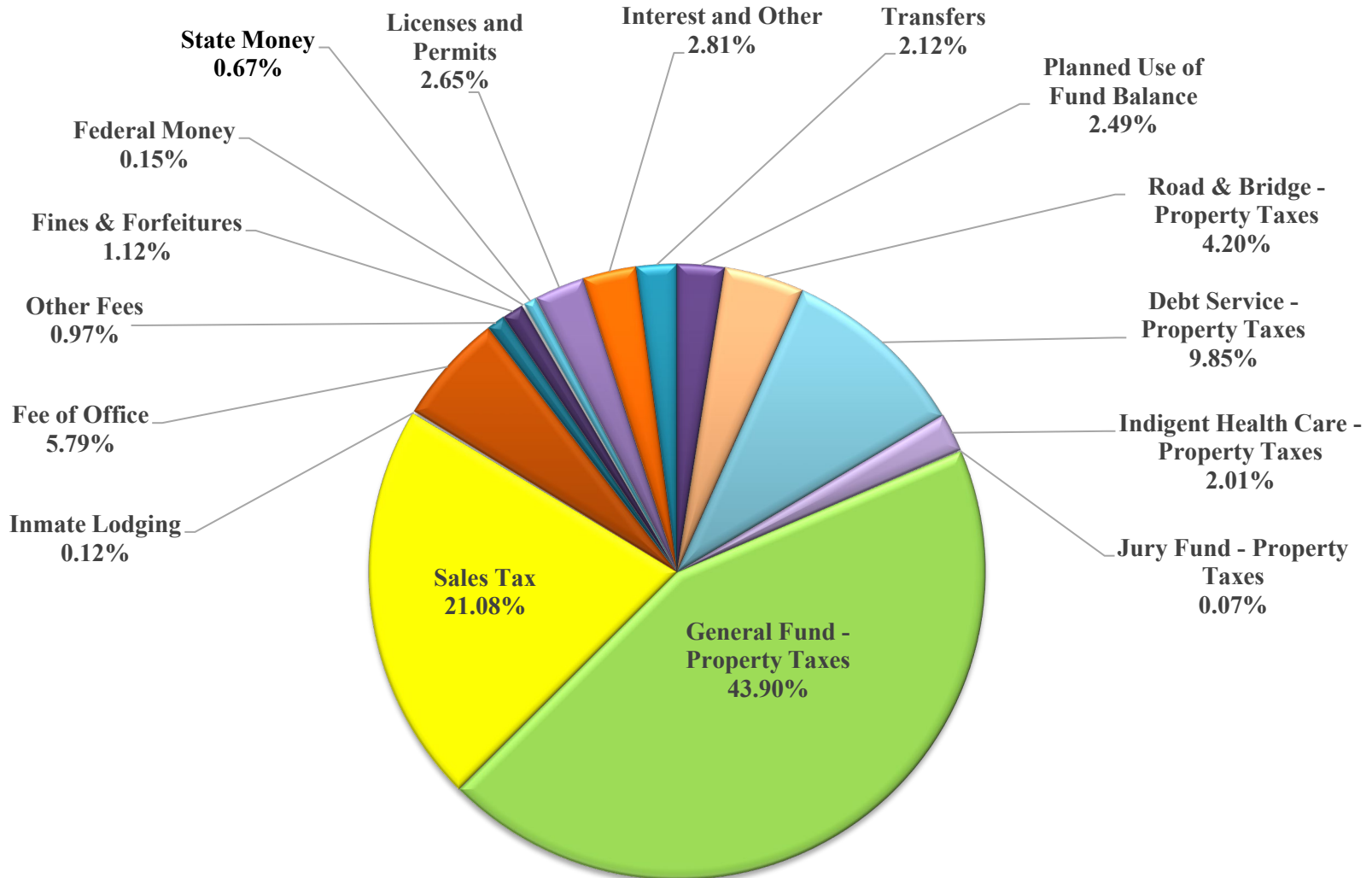
GENERAL FUND	0.2279	\$ 129,576,700
JURY FUND	0.0004	\$ 163,000
INDIGENT HEALTH FUND (additional \$3.6M of indigent in General Fund)	0.0249	\$ 3,206,400
Total for Maintenance & Operations	0.2532	\$ 132,946,100
DEBT SERVICE FUNDS	<u>0.0628</u>	\$ 17,507,012
BELL COUNTY TAX RATE	0.3160	
ROAD DISTRICT TAX RATE	<u>0.0233</u>	\$ 8,846,462
TOTAL OPERATING FUNDS	<u>0.3393</u>	<u>\$ 159,299,574</u>



BELL COUNTY PROPOSED REVENUES

OPERATING FUNDS - \$159,299,574

2022-2023



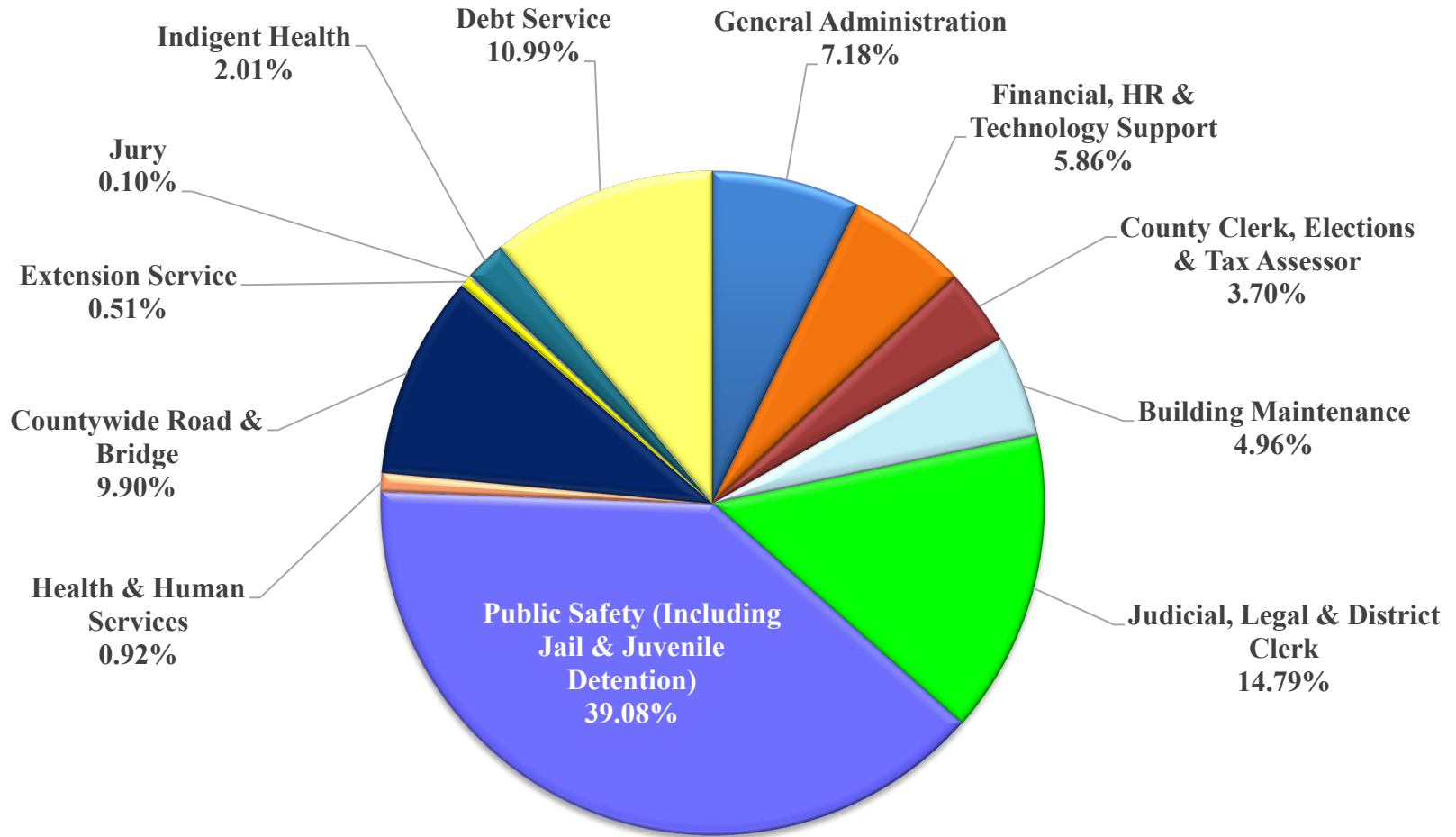
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BELL COUNTY PROPOSED EXPENDITURES

OPERATING FUNDS - \$159,299,574

2022-2023



Note: Operating budget includes General Fund, Road & Bridge Precinct Funds, Debt Service Funds, Indigent Health Fund and the Jury Fund



Bell County All Funds

OPERATING FUNDS

General Fund	129,576,700
Debt Service	17,507,012
Road District, Indigent & Other	12,215,862
TOTAL OPERATING FUNDS	159,299,574

OTHER FUNDS

American Rescue Plan Funding (non-capital)	4,100,000
Rental Assistance Program *	2,402,500
Grant Funding	6,838,472
Designated Funds	15,113,100
Other	1,506,557
TOTAL OTHER FUNDS	29,960,629

TOTAL FUNDS OF BELL COUNTY 189,260,203

* funded by both the Consolidated Appropriations Act and the American Rescue Plan Act

In addition, there are \$122M in Capital Projects to be funded by American Rescue Plan and Debt Funding



2023 BUDGET

PROPOSED TAX RATE

Bell County and Road District

	<u>Bell County *</u>	<u>Road District**</u>	<u>Total</u>
Current Rate	36.80¢	2.63¢	39.43¢
No New Revenue Tax Rate	31.60¢	2.33¢	33.93¢
Voter Approved Rate	34.44¢	2.43¢	36.87¢
Voter Approved Rate (including increment rate)			42.08¢
Current Rate	36.80¢	2.63¢	39.43¢
Proposed Change	(<u>5.20¢</u>)	(<u>.30¢</u>)	(<u>5.50¢</u>)
Proposed Rate	31.60¢	2.33¢	33.93¢

*Bell County Tax Rate = Tax Rate for Maintenance/Operations and Debt Service
 **Road District Tax Rate = Tax Rate for the Road and Bridge Maintenance Funds



2023 BUDGET
PROPOSED TAX RATE
Bell County and Road District

» Maint. & Oper.	25.32¢
» Debt Service	<u>6.28¢</u>
» Total Bell County Rate	31.60¢
» Road District Rate	<u>2.33¢</u>
» Proposed Rate	33.93¢



BELL COUNTY

2014 - 2023 Property Tax Rates

Note: Taxes for Over 65/Disabled are Frozen

<u>Year</u>	<u>Bell County</u>	<u>Road District</u>	<u>Total</u>
2013-2014	42.12¢	2.99¢	45.11¢
2014-2015	42.12¢	2.99¢	45.11¢
2015-2016	42.12¢	2.99¢	45.11¢
2016-2017	42.12¢	2.99¢	45.11¢
2017-2018	42.12¢	2.99¢	45.11¢
2018-2019	42.12¢	2.99¢	45.11¢
2019-2020	42.08¢	2.92¢	45.00¢
2020-2021	39.68¢	2.85¢	42.53¢
2021-2022	36.80¢	2.63¢	39.43¢
2022-2023	31.60¢	2.33¢	33.93¢



Tax Rate Impact

on

Average Home Value

County's FY2023 budget proposal:

2022 tax rate:	39.43 cents per \$100 of valuation
2023 proposed tax rate:	33.93 cents per \$100 of valuation

Assumptions:

- *average taxable home value of \$219,528*
- *appraised value from 2022 is unchanged*

2022 average county tax bill: \$865.60

2023 average county tax bill: \$744.86

Annual Decrease: \$(120.74)



2022 - 2023 BUDGET

PROPOSED TAX RATE COMPARISONS

	Bell County	City of Temple**	City of Killeen**	City of Belton**	City of Harker Heights *
Current Rate	0.3943	0.6400	0.7004	0.6300	0.6519
No New Tax Rate	0.3393	0.5227	0.6059	0.5594	0.6305
Voter Approved Rate (Includes unused Increment Rate)	0.4208	0.6287	0.7559	0.6196	0.6727
Current Rate	0.3943	0.6400	0.7004	0.6300	0.6519
Proposed Change	(0.0550)	(0.0165)	(0.0771)	(0.0450)	0.0000
Proposed Rate	0.3393	0.6235	0.6233	0.5850	0.6519

SCHOOL DISTRICTS

	Temple ISD**	Belton ISD **	Killeen ISD *
Current Rate	1.2353	1.3571	1.0432
Proposed Rate	1.2400	1.3397	1.0432

% of Tax Bill for Bell County	
Temple/TISD	14%
Killeen/KISD	16%
Belton/BISD	15%
Harker Heights/KISD	16%
County/BISD	20%

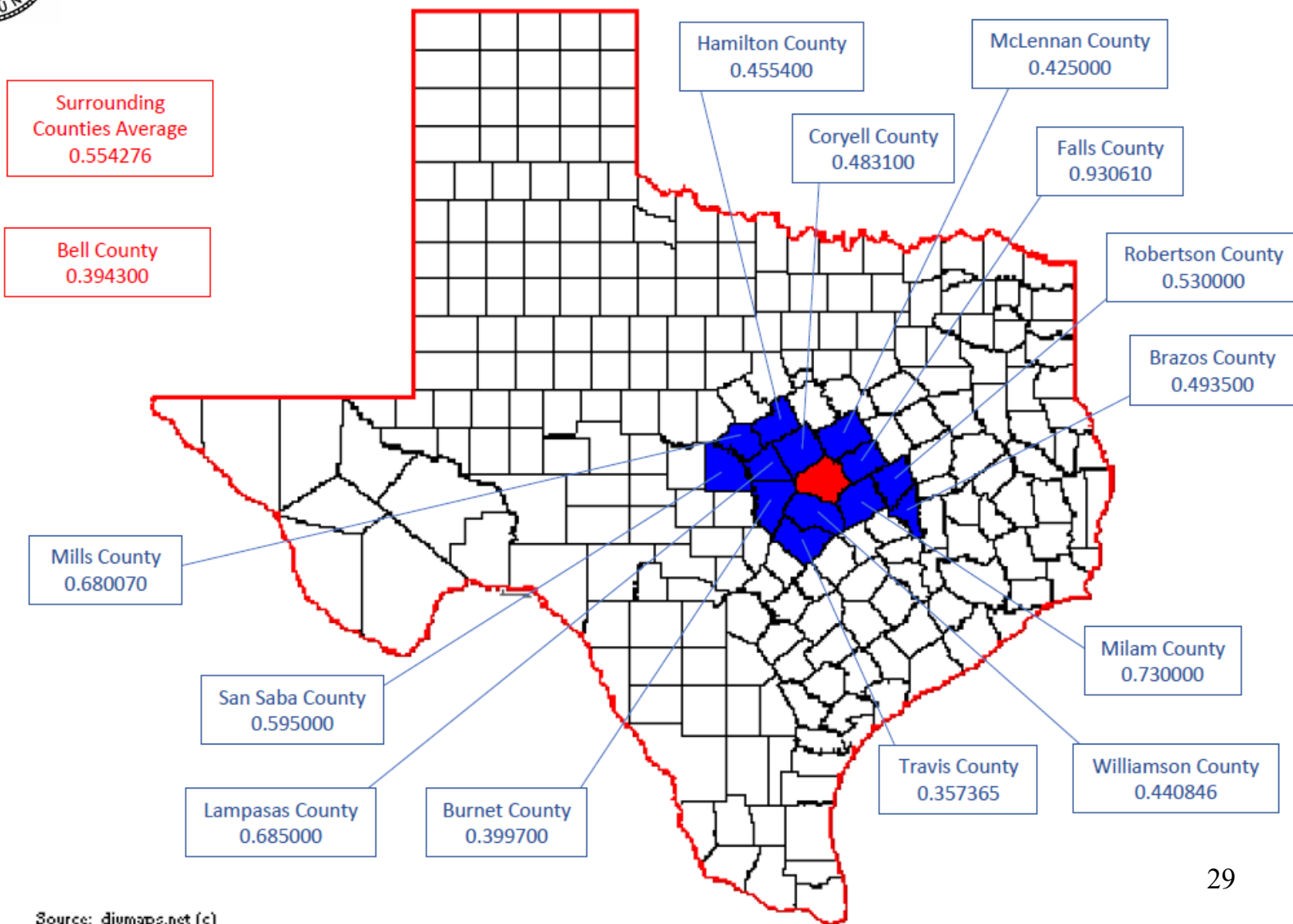
* Current rate

** Proposed rate (not yet adopted)



2022 BUDGET

SURROUNDING COUNTIES TAX RATES





FY2023 Projects

Current and/or Recently Completed Projects

- Public Safety \$ 113M
 - Expansion of General Population and addition of Mental Health Wing
 - Minimum Security
- Judicial \$ 755K
 - Odyssey Court System, Attorney Module
- Facilities \$ 5.47M
 - Salado Annex
 - BAS Upgrades to Various Buildings
 - North Annex Renovations
 - Sheriff's Office Façade Replacement
 - Various Other Projects
- Technology \$ 578K
 - Countywide Phone System Replacement
 - Digital Storage

Upcoming Scheduled Projects

- Public Safety \$ 4.22M
 - Diversion Program Facility
- Facilities \$14.31M
 - Killeen Annex
 - Museum Storage
 - BAS Upgrades to Various Buildings
 - Boiler Replacements
 - Various Other Projects
- Technology \$ 3.38M
 - Financial Software
 - Switch Replacements



Next to Last Slide

- The FY2023 Proposed Budget will be posted on our website
 - 1st page of Proposed Budget is confusing (but mandated by state law)
 - The 1st page says, in part, :
 - *“This budget will raise more revenue from property taxes than last year’s budget by an amount of \$3,188,051, which is a 3.37% increase from last year’s budget. The property tax revenue to be raised from new property added to the roll this year is \$3,029,166.”*
 - The Proposed Tax Rates are the ‘No New Revenue’ Tax Rates for both Bell County and for Bell County Road District. The ‘No New Revenue’ tax rates are meant to raise the same amount of taxes on the same properties in both FY2022 and FY2023. The No New Revenue Tax Rates for FY2023 are **\$0.055** lower than the FY2022 Rates.
 - Any new tax revenue is derived from new property added to the rolls this year.

Budget and Tax Rate Adoption Calendar

- We will have 3 public hearings to follow:
 - Wednesday, August 17 at 6 pm ... Tax Rate Public Hearing
 - Monday, August 22 at 9 am ... Budget Public Hearing
 - Monday, August 22 at 9 am ... Tax Rate Public Hearing

