

The FY 24 Proposed Budget and

The FY 24-29 Operating and
Community Investment Plans

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What Are We Going To Cover?

- Commissioner actions
- State actions
- Changes from the current budget and plans
- Highlights
 - Governmental partners
 - Commissioner agencies
- CIP

FY 24 Proposed Budget and FY 24-29 Plans

Commissioner Actions

Revenue

- Recordation
 - Rate increases from \$5.00/\$500 to \$6.25/\$500
 - Revenue increases by a projected \$3.9M

Education

- CCPS
 - \$6.24M ongoing
- CCC
 - \$0.1M ongoing to fund an additional 0.5% salary increase

Education

- CCPL
 - \$0.6M ongoing for salary increases
 - \$50,000 increase in ongoing technology funding beginning in FY 29

Public Safety

- Sheriff
 - Includes an ongoing \$1.3M above the recommended \$1.0M for salary increases for the Carroll County Sheriff's Office

Public Safety

- State's Attorney's Office
 - Includes an ongoing \$340,000 for salary increases above the planned 4.55%
 - Added three positions to the Evidence Review Unit (ERU):
 - ERU – Investigator II
 - ERU – Paralegal II/Digital Evidence Specialist
 - ERU – Associate Software Integrator

Public Safety

- Courts
 - Includes an ongoing \$0.2M for salary increases above the 4.55% planned increase
- Fire Administration
 - Addition of a Data Analyst position
 - Addition of a Billing Technician

Public Works

- Addition of a Landfill Equipment Operator

Citizen Services Non-Profits

- Access Carroll
 - one-time funding of \$38,700 for technology upgrades
 - Added an ongoing 3% escalation to funding
- Rape Crisis – one-time funding of \$5,570 for operating support
- HSP – increased ongoing funding by \$47,710, growing 2% per year

Citizen Services - State

- Health Department – Additional funding for a stipend for Environmental Health staff not to exceed \$4,000 per person per year.

General Government

- Comptroller – Additional \$350,000 ongoing for a new financial management system
- County Attorney - \$15,000 ongoing for Police Accountability Board per diem
- Land and Resource Management
 - Addition of a Water Resource Technician position
 - \$60,000 of one-time funding for on-call GIS support

Conservation and Natural Resources

- Soil Conservation - \$44,450 ongoing to support additional salary increase

General Government Other

- Board of Elections
 - \$7,300 ongoing to fund an increase in board member stipend
 - Funding for leased space
 - \$5.5M for the buildout
 - \$0.5M ongoing for lease

Other

- Capital Fund
 - \$2.0M reduction to PFAs capital project, or from \$5.0M to \$3.0M
 - \$1.5M reduction in Piney Run Dam Rehabilitation project, or from \$3.3M to \$1.8M
 - \$1.0M ongoing reduction of real property tax to Agricultural Land Preservation
 - \$1.5M of one-time surplus funding for Agricultural Land Preservation in FY 24

Other

- Capital Fund
 - \$18.0M for a Parking Garage
 - \$9.0M of surplus
 - \$9.0M bonds

Salary

- Reduced planned salary increase for Commissioner employees, Courts, and State's Attorney's Office from 5.55% to 4.55% or **(\$0.6M)**

FY 24 Use of Fund Balance

- Use of surplus in FY 24 - \$38.7M
 - 1% of Budget (Assigned from FY 22) - \$4.5M
 - Use of FY 22 Unassigned Fund Balance - \$34.2M
- FY 23 projected surplus is \$24.1M

State Budget

Governmental Partners

- CCPS – \$179.0M, an increase of \$21.3M
- CCC – \$14.4M, an increase of \$1.5M
- CCPL – \$1.3M, an increase of \$36,000
- Health Department – \$4.6M, an increase of \$0.6M

Carroll Commissioners

- HUR - \$3.2M grant, an increase of \$0.5M
- Police Aid - \$0.9M, flat
- POS - \$1.8M, an increase of \$0.1M

FY 24 Budget and FY 25-29 Plans

Changes from the current budget
and plans

Proposed Op Plan

| In Millions | FY 24 | FY 25 | FY 26 | FY 27 | FY 28 | FY 29 |
|--------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|----------|----------|
| Revenues | \$546.7 | \$532.5 | \$548.4 | \$568.6 | \$583.4 | \$601.7 |
| Expenditures | 546.7 | 534.5 | 548.1 | 573.4 | 593.7 | 616.4 |
| Balance | \$0.0 | (\$2.0) | \$0.3 | (\$4.8) | (\$10.3) | (\$14.7) |
| % of Budget | 0.0% | (0.4%) | 0.1% | (0.9%) | (1.8%) | (2.4%) |

Changes From Existing Op Plan

Decreases from Prior Op Plan

- OPEB
 - Eliminated employer contribution in FY 24 and FY 25 and reduced in FY 26 through FY 29
- Debt Service
 - Swapped one-time cash for bonds reducing ongoing debt service
- Transfer to Workers Comp ISF
 - Reduced based on experience

Increases from Prior Op Plan

- Additional funding for salaries:
 - CCPS
 - Sheriff's Office
 - State's Attorney's Office
 - Courts
 - CCPL
 - CCC
 - Soil Conservation
 - Minimum wage legislation

Increases from Prior Op Plan

- Additional funding for stipends:
 - Election Board and judges
 - Police Accountability Board
 - Health Department Environmental Health staff

Increases from Prior Op Plan

- CCPS
- Fire/EMS transition
- Facilities
 - Utilities – Electricity and natural Gas
 - Supplies, materials, and contracted work
- Fleet
 - Vehicles, equipment, and parts
- Roads
 - Tree trimming contract

Increases from Prior Op Plan

- IT
 - Body-worn cameras service
 - Subscriptions
- Transfer to the Solid Waste Enterprise Fund
 - Fuel surcharge
 - Recycling processing
- Town/County Agreements – inflation

Increases from Prior Op Plan

- Pension
 - Salary changes
- Transfer to Capital
 - CCSO Headquarters \$14.5M
 - \$0.3M annually for Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus Replacement for Fire/EMS

Increases From Prior Op Plan

- Transfer to Capital
 - Use of one-time in FY 24:
 - Parking Garage \$18.0M
 - Board of Elections buildout of leased space \$5.5M
 - Piney Run Dam \$1.8M
 - CCSO Headquarters \$3.5M
 - General Government Unallocated \$8.0M
 - PFAs Remediation \$3.0M
 - Courtroom 6 Expansion \$2.3M
 - Klees Mill Road Slope Repair \$0.85M
 - CCC Bi-Directional Antennae \$0.5M
 - Historic Courthouse Holding Cell Renovation \$0.1M

Increases From Prior Op Plan

- Positions
 - Fire/EMS
 - 4 positions for third chase vehicle
 - Quartermaster
 - Billing Technician
 - Data Analyst
 - SAO – Evidence Review Unit
 - Investigator II
 - Paralegal II
 - Associate Software Integrator
 - Land and Resource Management – Water Resource Technician
 - Building Construction Project Manager II
 - Solid Waste - Landfill Equipment Operator

Operating Highlights

FY 24 All Funds

- FY 24 – \$771.9M
- FY 23 – \$700.7M
- Change – \$71.1M or 10.2%

FY 24 Operating Budget

- FY 24 – \$546.7M
- FY 23 – \$501.3M
- Change – \$45.4M or 9.1%

Governmental Partners

Education

- CCPS
 - Ongoing funding of \$225.9M, an increase of \$10.9M or 5.1%
 - \$2M of one-time funding in FY 23
 - Increase to base funding of \$12.9M or 6.1%
 - Debt Service funding of \$12.7M, an increase of \$2.1M

Education

- College – \$12.0M, an increase of \$0.5M, or 4.1%
- College – Adult Basic Education \$0.3M, flat
- College – Carroll Entrepreneurship Program \$0.1M, an increase of \$3,500

Education

- Library – \$11.3M, an increase of \$0.9M or 9.0%
- Cable Regulatory Commission – \$190,540, an increase of \$9,070
- Community Media Center – \$720,000, an increase of \$60,000
 - Base increases by \$20K
 - True-up of \$40K

Public Safety

- Courts – \$3.2M, an increase of \$0.3M or 12.2%
 - \$0.2M for additional salary increases
- Sheriff Services – \$27.6M, an increase of \$2.2M or 8.8%
 - 4% planned salary increase for FY 24
 - \$1.3M for an additional increase in salaries in FY 24

Public Safety

- States Attorney – \$4.6M, an increase of \$0.7M or 17.7%
 - \$340,000 additional for salary increases
 - \$0.4M for the addition of 3 positions for the Evidence Review Unit

Public Safety

- Animal Control – \$1.0M, a decrease of \$0.1M or 9.3%
 - Base increase of 3% in FY 24
 - One-time funding in FY 23 for equipment
- LOSAP – \$0.7M – flat from FY 23

Public Safety

- EMS – \$2.7M, a decrease of \$2.7M or 50.2%
 - County staffing of 6 stations
 - 7 companies for future transition

Public Safety

- VESA – \$5.0M, a decrease of \$1.8M or 26.7%
 - Transfer \$2.0M of expenses to County Fire/EMS
 - Base increase of \$0.2M or 4.3%
 - 3% base growth as planned
 - Additional \$64K for ongoing cost increases

Public Safety

- Fire Services Administration – \$7.2M, an increase of \$3.3M or 84.4%
 - Currently includes 22 positions
 - 4 shift commanders
 - 12 Station Lieutenants
 - 6 support staff

Public Safety

- Net new funding (Fire/EMS Services) – \$13.5M, an increase of \$7.0M or 108.4%
 - Onboarding and funding for 135 positions, including the addition of:
 - 4 Chase Vehicle positions
 - 1 Billing Specialist
 - 1 Data Analyst

Public Safety

- Included in the Proposed:
 - Salary and fringes
 - Onboarding expenses
 - Operating expenses
 - Ambulance replacements

Citizen Services

- Non-Profit Service Providers – \$4.3M, an increase of \$0.1M or 2.5%
 - One-time funding -
 - Access Carroll – Technology replacement
 - Rape Crisis – Operating support
 - HSP– Additional funding to support shelter staff increases
- Health Department – \$4.0M, an increase of \$0.2M
 - Additional ongoing \$40k for Environmental Health Stipend

Others

- Board of Elections – \$2.3M, an increase of \$0.1M
 - One election in FY 24, two elections in FY 23
 - Increase in Election Judge stipend and bonus
 - Increase in Board member stipend
- Conservation and Natural Resources – \$1.0M, an increase of \$83,400
 - Additional \$44,450 for salary increases for Soil Conservation

Commissioner Agencies

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- Department of Public Safety – \$6.7M, an increase of \$0.2M
- Department of Public Works – \$41.9M, an increase of \$4.3M
- Citizen Services – \$1.9M, a decrease of \$0.3M
 - RSS grant-funded in FY 24

Commissioner Agencies

- Recreation and Parks – \$3.3M, an increase of \$0.4M
- Culture - \$0.1M, flat
- Comprehensive Planning – \$1.1M, a decrease of \$0.1M
- Comptroller – \$3.7M, an increase of \$0.2M

Commissioner Agencies

- Economic Development – \$2.9M, a decrease of \$19,240
- Land and Resource Management – \$2.9M, an increase of \$0.1M
- Management and Budget – \$3.6M, a decrease of \$44,410
 - Workers Comp decrease

Commissioner Agencies

- Technology Services – \$7.3M, an increase of \$1.3M
 - Collections and financial system subscription
 - Laserfiche storage to the cloud
- Administrative Hearings – \$0.1M, an increase of \$3,000
- Audio/Video Production – \$0.2M, an increase of \$29,990

Commissioner Agencies

- Human Resources – \$18.8M, a decrease of \$11.7M
 - Health and Fringe Benefits decrease \$12.0M due to:
 - Other Post Employment Benefits (OPEB) decreases by \$11.1M
 - Medical claims increase by 10% or \$2.0M
 - ISF reduction of \$1.0M
 - Prescription rebates increase by \$0.7M

Commissioner Agencies

- Not in Carroll – \$0.3M, an increase of \$9,270
- County Commissioners – \$1.3M, an increase of \$0.1M
- County Attorney – \$0.7M, an increase of \$38,270

Community Investment Plan (CIP) Highlights

FY 24 Capital Fund

| Fund | FY 23 Budget | FY 24 Proposed | Change |
|---------|-----------------|-------------------|---------|
| Local | \$78.1M | \$134.5M | \$56.4M |
| State | 31.7M | 19.4M | (12.3M) |
| Federal | 2.7M | 1.4M | (1.3M) |
| Other | 0.5M | 0.5M | 0.0M |
| Total | \$113.0M | \$155.8M | \$42.8M |

Schools

FY 24 Schools

- Schools - \$50.1M
 - Career and Technology Replacement – \$9.7M
 - East Middle Replacement – \$3.0M
 - HVAC Replacements – \$19.8M
 - K and Pre-K Additions Design and Study – \$1.3M
 - Paving – \$0.9M
 - Technology – \$1.0M
 - Relocatable Classrooms – \$0.2M
 - Roof Replacement – \$1.5M

FY 25 - 29 CIP

- Schools
 - HVAC Improvements and Replacements
 - Paving
 - Technology
 - Relocatable Classrooms
 - Roof Repairs
 - Roof Replacements

Not In

- William Winchester Elementary Modernization
- Other modernizations

FY 24 Conservation

- Conservation and Open Space – \$14.7M
 - Agricultural Land Preservation – \$5.7M
 - Local Program – \$4.7M
 - State Program – \$1.0M
 - Water Quality – \$5.8M
 - NPDES – \$5.5M
 - Stormwater Facility Maintenance – \$0.3M
 - PFAs Remediation – \$3.0M
 - Environmental Compliance – \$0.15M

FY 25 – 29 CIP

- Conservation and Open Space
 - Agricultural Land Preservation
 - NPDES
 - Stormwater Facility Maintenance

FY 24 Public Works

- Roads – \$20.5M
 - Pavement Management – \$16.5M
 - Pavement Preservation – \$1.2M
 - Georgetown Boulevard Extension – \$0.6M
 - Klees Mill Road Slope Repair – \$0.85M
 - Monroe Avenue Extension – \$0.4M
 - Slacks Road study – \$0.1M
 - Storm Drain Inspection and Rehabilitation – \$0.5M

FY 25 – 29 CIP

- Roads
 - Georgetown Boulevard Extension
 - Highway Safety Improvements
 - Monroe Avenue Extension
 - Pavement Management
 - Pavement Preservation
 - Ramp and Sidewalk Upgrades
 - Small Drainage Structures
 - Storm Drain Inspection and Rehabilitation

Not In

- Roads
 - Arrington/Raincliffe Road Connection and Realignment
 - Johnsville Road and Caren Drive Sidewalk
 - Salt Barn Facilities – New and Replacement
 - Slacks Road Improvements
 - Storage Shed Replacements

FY 24 Public Works

- Bridges – \$2.3M
 - Maintenance Projects – \$0.4M
 - Brown Road over Roaring Run – \$0.5M
 - Stem Road over Wolf Pit Branch – \$0.3M
 - Upper Beckleysville Road over Murphy Run – \$1.1M

FY 25 - 29 CIP

- Bridges
 - Gaither Road over South Branch Patapsco
 - Hawks Hill Road over Little Pipe Creek Tributary
 - Hughes Shop Road over Bear Branch Road
 - McKinstry's Mill Road over Little Pipe Creek
 - McKinstry's Mil Road over Sams Creek
 - McKinstry's Mill Road over Tributary to Little Pipe Creek
 - Old Kay's Mill Road over Beaver Run
 - Patapsco Road over E. Branch Patapsco
 - Stone Chapel road over Little Pipe Creek

Not In

- Bridges
 - Babylon Road over Silver Run
 - Woodbine Road over South Branch Patapsco

FY 24 Recreation and Culture

- Recreation – \$1.5M
 - Cape Horn Park Field Lighting Phase II – \$0.3M
 - Piney Run Paving – \$0.4M
 - Tot Lot Replacement – \$0.1M
 - Park Restoration – \$0.2M
 - Land Acquisition – \$0.3M
 - Community Self-Help and Town Fund – \$0.1M

FY 25 – 29 CIP

- Recreation and Culture
 - Hashawha Waterless Restroom
 - Northwest Regional Park
 - Northwest Trail
 - Outdoor Basketball Court Additions
 - Pavilion Replacements
 - Sports Complex Dugout Improvements
 - Union Mills Recreation Area

Not In

- Recreation and Culture
 - Cape Horn Waterless Restrooms
 - Freedom Park Field Light Replacements
 - Sandymount Waterless Restrooms
 - Union Mills Homestead Workshop
 - Union Mills Bollman Bridge

FY 24 General Government

- Carroll Community College Distributed Antenna System – \$0.5M
- Carroll Community College Technology – \$350,000
- County Building Systemic Renovations – \$1.0M
- County Technology – \$2.4M
- Courtroom #6 Expansion – \$2.3M
- Elections Leased Space Renovation – \$5.5M

FY 24 General Government

- Fire and EMS – Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus – \$0.3M
- Fleet Lift Replacement – \$0.3M
- General Government Unallocated – \$8.0M
- Generator Replacement – \$0.2M
- Historic Courthouse Holding Area Renovation – \$0.1M
- Library Technology – \$0.1M

FY 24 General Government

- Parking Garage – \$18.0M
- Parking Lot Overlays – \$0.4M
- Piney Run Dam Rehabilitation – \$1.7M
- Public Safety Emergency Communication Radios – \$0.9M
- Public Safety Radio Circuit and Microwave Network Replacement – \$2.8M
- Sheriff's Headquarters – \$21.9M

FY 25 – 29 CIP

- Community College Technology
- County Building Systemic Renovations
- County Technology
- Fire and EMS Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus Replacements
- Generator Replacements

FY 25 – 29 CIP

- Library Technology
- Public Safety Emergency
Communication Radios
- Public Safety Regional Water Supply

Not In

- Carroll County Workforce Development:
 - Accessible Restroom
 - Elevator
- Carroll Community College Technology Center and Athletic Complex
- Comptroller Department Office Renovation
- Facilities Operations Center

Not In

- Farm Museum Animal Barn and Feed Storage
- Maintenance Center Sewer Line
- Transit Building Addition

Not In

- Senior Centers:
 - Taneytown Senior Center Renovation
 - Westminster Senior Center Porch Enclosure
- Health Department:
 - Office Expansion
 - Parking and Curb Access
 - Restroom Renovations
 - RV Carport

Not In

- Courts:
 - Courthouse Annex Renovation
 - Visitation Center Replacement
- Public Library:
 - Eldersburg Library Branch Renovation
 - North Carroll Library Renovation
 - Westminster Library Renovation

Not In

- Sheriff's Office:
 - Detention Center Recreation Yard Enclosure
 - Detention Center Sally Port Roof
 - New Detention Center
 - Patrol Area Renovation
 - Patrol Area Security Enhancements

Enterprise Fund Projects

FY 24 Enterprise Funds

- Airport - \$36,000
 - Grounds maintenance equipment
- Solid Waste – \$1.0M
 - Landfill Gas Flare Replacement
- Utilities - \$6.0M
 - Booster Station Upgrade – \$0.3M
 - County Water and Sewer Line Rehab – \$0.6M
 - Freedom Water Treatment Plant Equipment and Membrane Replacement – \$0.5M

FY 24 Enterprise Funds

- Utilities

- Pump Station Expansions and/or Rehabs – \$2.6M
 - Shiloh expansion – \$1.5M
 - Stone Manor rehab – \$0.4M
 - Sykesville expansion – \$0.6M
 - Equipment replacement – \$0.1M
- South Carroll High Wastewater Treatment Plant rehab – \$0.1M
- Stream Bank Stabilization – \$0.2M

FY 24 Enterprise Funds

- Utilities
 - Tank Inspection and Rehab – \$0.3M
 - Water Main Valve Replacement and Rehab – \$0.3M
 - Water Meters – \$0.5M
 - Water Service Line Replacement – \$0.2M

FY 25 – 29 Enterprise Funds

- Fiber Network
 - CCPN Equipment Replacement
- Utilities
 - Patapsco Valley Pump Station Rehab
 - Water Meter System Upgrade

Proposed Utilities Water and Sewer Rate increases

| | | Water | Sewer |
|-----------------------------|------------------------------|----------|----------|
| Current Rate: (FY 2023) | Base Charge per quarter | \$11.52 | \$ 16.25 |
| | *Usage Rate 0-10,000 gallons | \$ 9.78 | \$ 10.99 |
| | 10,001 – 30,000 gallons | \$ 9.99 | \$ 11.61 |
| | Over 30,000 gallons | \$10.25 | \$ 12.35 |
| Proposed Rate: (FY 2024) | Base Charge per quarter | \$ 12.31 | \$ 17.96 |
| | *Usage Rate 0-10,000 gallons | \$ 10.81 | \$ 12.03 |
| | 10,001 – 30,000 gallons | \$ 10.99 | \$ 12.89 |
| | Over 30,000 gallons | \$ 11.23 | \$ 13.98 |

Enterprise Funds – Rate Increases

- Proposed Solid Waste Fee increases

| Fee | From | To |
|-------------|-------------|-----------|
| MSW Tip Fee | \$65/ton | \$66/ton |
| C&D Tip Fee | \$80/ton | \$82/ton |

Wrapping Up

Still to Come

- Public Hearing 7:00 pm May 9th at Carroll Community College
- Budget Adoption 1:00 pm May 23
- The Budget will be available at <https://www.carrollcountymd.gov/>

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