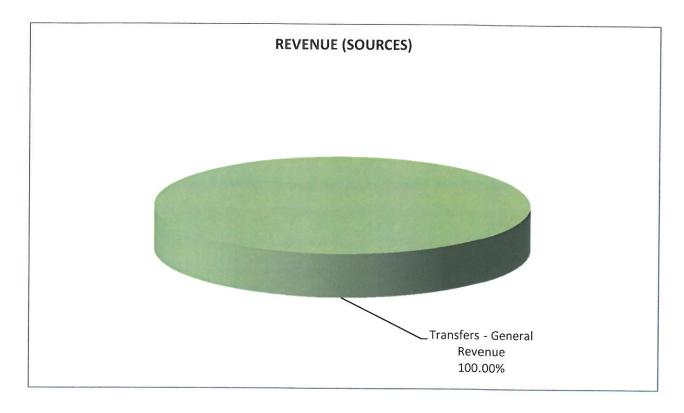
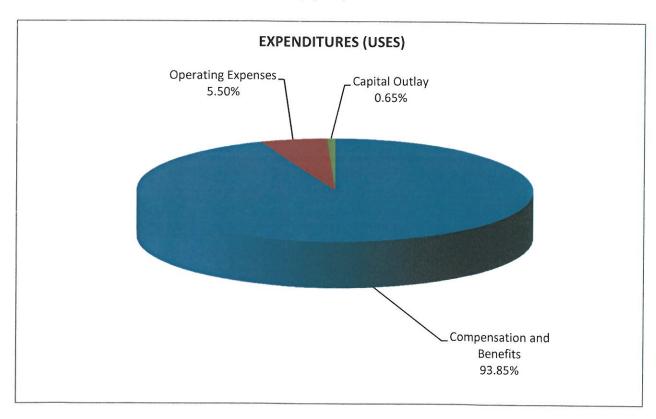


COUNTY ATTORNEY



ADOPTED BUDGET FY2016-2017 \$1,536,821



COUNTY ATTORNEY SUMMARY

MISSION STATEMENT:

To act as legal advisor to the Board of County Commissioners and Brevard County's Records Management Liaison Officer for the State of Florida Records

PROGRAMS AND SERVICES:

ACCOMPLISHMENTS, INITIATIVES, TRENDS AND ISSUES AND SERVICE LEVEL IMPACTS:

COUNTY ATTORNEY

- Provides legal advice to the Board of County Commissioners and over twenty County departments to ensure compliance with state and federal law and local ordinances responsibility.
- Provides legal advice to staff in interpreting ordinances, statutes and Board policy; negotiates, reviews, prepares
 and edits contracts as well as other legal documents used in County business
- Provides legal advice to minimize or limit exposure of the County to financial liability
- · Represents the County in litigation in state and federal courts and administrative proceedings
- As the County's Records Management Liaison Officer for the State of Florida Records Management Program, provide advice on records management activities for all County Departments maintaining such activities
- Assists with litigation handled by outside counsel, when warranted

Accomplishments:

- Acquisition of North Wickham right of way/easements through eminent domain proceedings undertaken in partnership with The Viera Company, which is paying all acquisition costs and fees including CAO fees
- Acquisition of St. John's Heritage Parkway right of way (southern segment)
- Acquisition of Barnes Boulevard Phases 2 and 3 including eminent domain proceedings
- Acquisition of intersection property at the corner of SR 3 and Hall Road through eminent domain
- Negotiated construction contract disputes involving South Wickham widening project
- Successfully litigated construction dispute on South Patrick Drive to favorable conclusion
- USSSA/Nationals/Space Coast Stadium lease amendment
- Worked with EDC and North Brevard Economic Development Zone on Blue Origin, Northrup Grumman, Lockheed and Embraer in preparation and negotiation of economic incentive agreements
- Recovered and collected \$250,000 from PNC Bank and FM Land
- Recovered and collection pending for \$260,000 reclaim against FEMA arising out of 2004 hurricanes

Initiatives:

- Initiate year round internships to supplement summer externships with the University of Florida, added general internship program for law students from numerous schools, (in addition, paralegal programs have provided internship candidates on an intermittent basis)
- Improve and update monitoring of the County's public records request system and take over as the coordinator of the Public Records Request Tracking system

COUNTY ATTORNEY SUMMARY

Trends and Issues:

The County Attorney Office has seen a dramatic increase in eminent domain cases, condemning over forty parcels, including numerous parcels that are ready for jury trials. The ongoing eminent domain work involves Public Works (Barnes Blvd), the north Wickham Road widening, St. John's Heritage Parkway and the SR 3 intersection at Hall Road. The County Attorney Office continues to see increases in personnel matters. Foreclosure activity is steady and construction contract dispute resolution continues to occur. Economic development negotiation and contracting activity has also increased. The County Attorney Office has implemented changes in the management of the Public Records Request Tracking oversight and continues to experience an increase in Public Records Requests involving many hours of researching, compiling reports and responding to the requests.

The County Attorney Office provides legal services—including litigation; monitors public records requests; and operates the Central Cocoa Library public records retention program with a staff of fourteen people, which is less than were on staff in past years.

Service Level Impacts:

N/A

COUNTY ATTORNEY: DEPARTMENT SUMMARY

PROGRAM REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES

		Final	Adopted		
	Actual	Budget	Budget		%
	FY2014-2015	FY2015-2016	FY2016-2017	Difference	(Inc)/Dec
REVENUES:					
Taxes	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.00%
Permits, Fees & Spec. Assess.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.00%
Intergovernmental	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.00%
Charges for Services	\$2,901	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.00%
Fines and Forfeits	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.00%
Miscellaneous	\$2,100	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.00%
Statutory Reduction	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.00%
Operating Revenues	\$5,001	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.00%
Balance Forward	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.00%
Transfers - General Revenue	\$1,448,248	\$1,543,818	\$1,536,821	(\$6,997)	(0.45%)
Transfers - Other	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.00%
Other Finance Source	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.00%
Non-Operating Revenues	\$1,448,248	\$1,543,818	\$1,536,821	(\$6,997)	(0.45%)
TOTAL REVENUES	\$1,453,249	\$1,543,818	\$1,536,821	(\$6,997)	(0.45%)
EXPENDITURES					
Compensation and Benefits	\$1,383,462	\$1,449,989	\$1,442,294	(\$7,695)	(0.53%)
Operating Expenses	\$64,480	\$82,418	\$84,527	\$2,109	2.56%
Capital Outlay	\$5,385	\$11,411	\$10,000	(\$1,411)	(12.37%)
Grants and Aid	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.00%
Operating Expenditures	\$1,453,327	\$1,543,818	\$1,536,821	(\$6,997)	(0.45%)
CIP	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.00%
Debt Service	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.00%
Reserves-Operating	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.00%
Reserves - Capital	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.00%
Reserves - Restricted	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.00%
Transfers	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.00%
Non-Operating Expenditures	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.00%
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$1,453,327	\$1,543,818	\$1,536,821	(\$6,997)	(0.45%)
PERSONNEL:					
Full-time positions	14.00	14.00	14.00	0.00	0.00%
Part-time Positions	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%
Full-time Equivalent	14.00	14.00	14.00	0.00	0.00%
Temporary FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%
Seasonal FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%

COUNTY ATTORNEY: BUDGET VARIANCES

REVENUES	VARIANCE	% VARIANCE	EXPLANATION
Taxes	\$0	0.00%	
Permits, Fees & Spec. Assess.	\$0	0.00%	
Intergovernmental	\$0	0.00%	
Charges for Services	\$0	0.00%	
Fines and Forfeits	\$0	0.00%	
Miscellaneous	\$0	0.00%	
Statutory Reduction	\$0	0.00%	
Balance Forward	\$0	0.00%	
Transfers - General Revenue	(\$6,997)	(0.45%)	Due to changes in Compensation and Benefits and a decrease in Capital Outlay requirements which is offset by a small increase in Operating Expenses
Transfers - Other	\$0	0.00%	
Other Finance Source	\$0	0.00%	

COUNTY ATTORNEY: BUDGET VARIANCES

EXPENDITURES	VARIANCE	% VARIANCE	EXPLANATION
Compensation and Benefits	(\$7,695)	(0.53%)	Due to the reclassification of an Attorney III to an Attorney I, merit raises for three employees and a 1.5% Cost of Living increase offset by a 4% decrease in the employer's health insurance premium
Operating Expenses	\$2,109	2.56%	Due to an increase in continuing legal education expenses
Capital Outlay	(\$1,411)	(12.37%)	Due to a decrease in capital equipment requirements
Grants and Aid	\$0	0.00%	
CIP	\$0	0.00%	
Debt Service	\$0	0.00%	
Reserves-Operating	\$0	0.00%	
Reserves - Capital	\$0	0.00%	
Reserves - Restricted	\$0	0.00%	
Transfers	\$0	0.00%	

COUNTY ATTORNEY TRAVEL A & B SUMMARY

DESCRIPTION	POSITION	DESTINATION	FUNDING SOURCE	TOTAL COST
COUNTY ATTORNEY				
Continuing Legal Education	County Attorney	TBD	General Fund	\$1,000
Continuing Legal Education	Deputy County Attorney	TBD	General Fund	\$1,000
Continuing Legal Education	Deputy County Attorney	TBD	General Fund	\$1,000
Continuing Legal Education	Attorney III	TBD	General Fund	\$1,000
Continuing Legal Education	Attorney II	TBD	General Fund	\$1,000
Continuing Legal Education	Attorney II	TBD	General Fund	\$1,000
Continuing Legal Education	Attorney I	TBD	General Fund	\$1,000
Continuing Legal Education	Attorney I	TBD	General Fund	\$1,000
Continuing Legal Education	Legal Office Administrator	TBD	General Fund	\$500
TOTAL FOR PROGRAM:				\$8,500

COUNTY ATTORNEY CAPITAL OUTLAY SUMMARY¹

DESCRIPTION	QUANTITY	UNIT COST	FUNDING SOURCE	TOTAL COST
COUNTY ATTORNEY Miscellaneous hardware and/or software under \$10,000	TBD	TBD	General Fund	\$10,000
TOTAL FUNDED FOR DEPARTMENT:				\$10,000

¹⁾ Equipment with a value in excess of \$1,000 (computers \$750). Approved items may be purchased using existing Public Sector Purchasing Cooperative contracts awarded through full and open competition when in the best interest of the County.

