



Warren County FY25 Budget

Important Budget Dates

2 Apr.

Proposed Property Tax Levy Hearing held to get public input, no decisions made

23 Apr.

Budget Hearing held, budget decided on and finalized

8 Apr.

Week of April 8th:
Notice of Proposed Budget Hearing published in local papers

30 Apr.

Statewide Budget Certification Deadline

Presentation Agenda

2023 Assessments



HF 718

Levy Review

Working Budget Review

Final Budget (*still to come*)

FY

- Fiscal Year
- The County's budget is based on the fiscal year which runs from July 1st to June 30th

LOST

- Local Option Sales Tax
- A sales tax in Warren County that was voted to be used solely for rural property tax relief

HF
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- House File 718
- Legislation that goes into effect for this budget limiting tax revenue

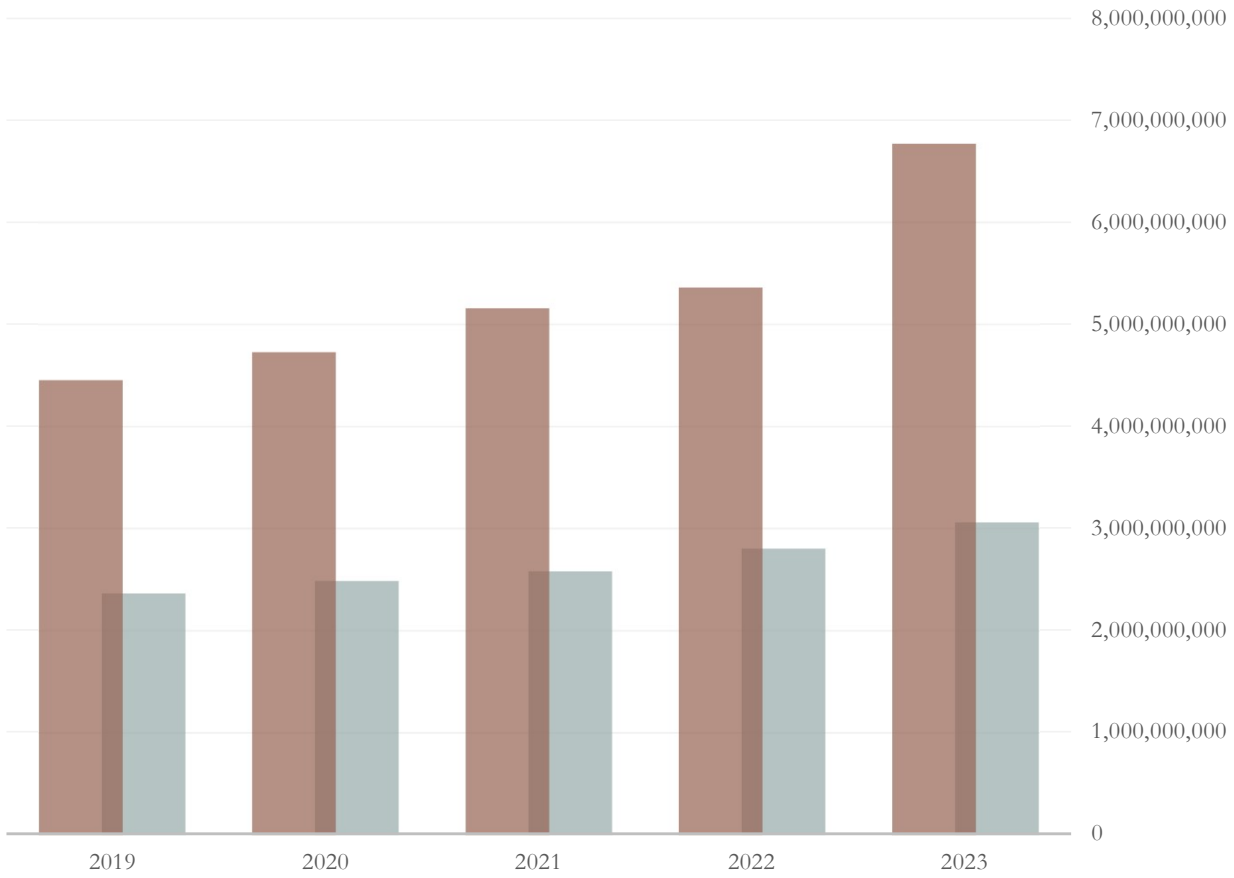
Quick Glossary



2023 Assessments

Assessment Notes

- State limits the statewide taxable value growth due to revaluation or reassessment to 3%
 - It is a statewide limit, not per residence, county, etc.
 - This limit is what is used to calculate the rollback percentage.
 - The rollback for FY25 is 46.3428% for residential property
 - The rollback in FY24 was 54.6501%
 - Because of the rollback, the overall assessed valuation increased approx. 26% however, the overall taxable valuation increased approx. 9%.



ASSESSED VS. TAXABLE VALUES



House File 718

HF 718 Overview



Imposes stricter limits on maximum rural and general basic tax levies; requires the levies to decrease.



Significantly affects the finances of counties and their ability to grow.

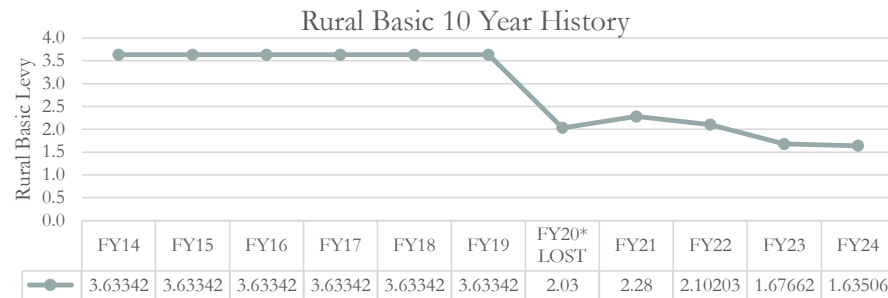
-The restraints are tightest for the entities experiencing the greatest growth like Warren County.

-Does not take into account growth caused by new builds; limits the effect of growth on revenues regardless of the cause.



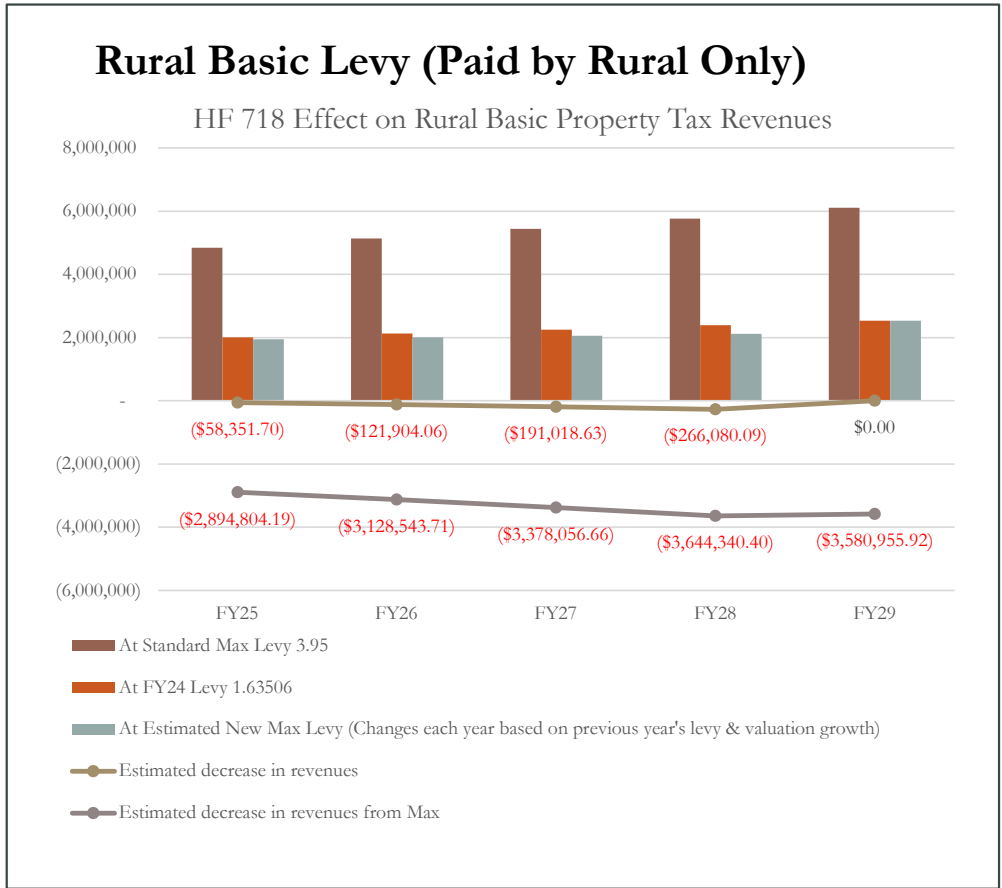
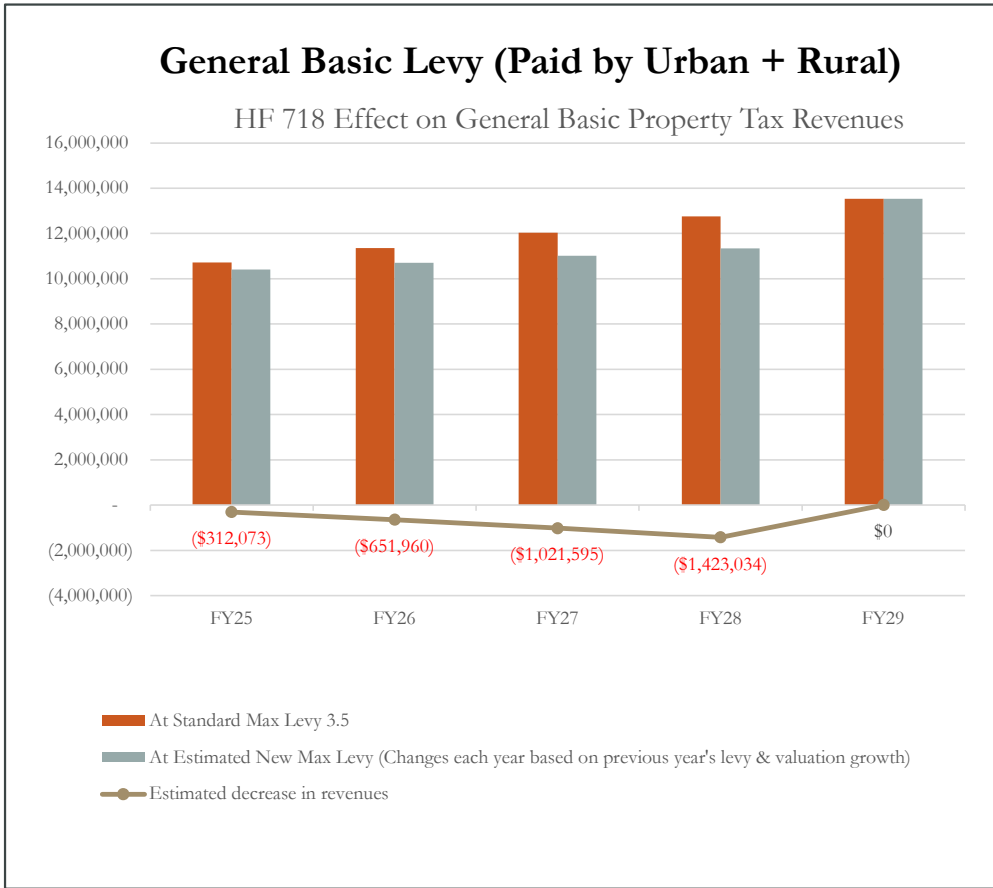
Because of Local Option Sales Tax funds, Warren County already had one of the lowest rural levies in the state especially when accounting for the county's size. This rate is pushed even lower for FY25

-LOST funds buying down the levy can be seen in the chart below. FY2020 was the first full year that funds were received.



HF 718 Estimated 5-Year Effect

Currently set to expire in FY29





Levy Review

County Portion of Overall Levies

Based on current fiscal year rates (FY24)

The average consolidated tax rate in Warren County for Fiscal Year 2024 is 31.55267

- FY2024 WC Rural Rate: 7.77318
- FY2024 WC Urban Rate: 6.13812

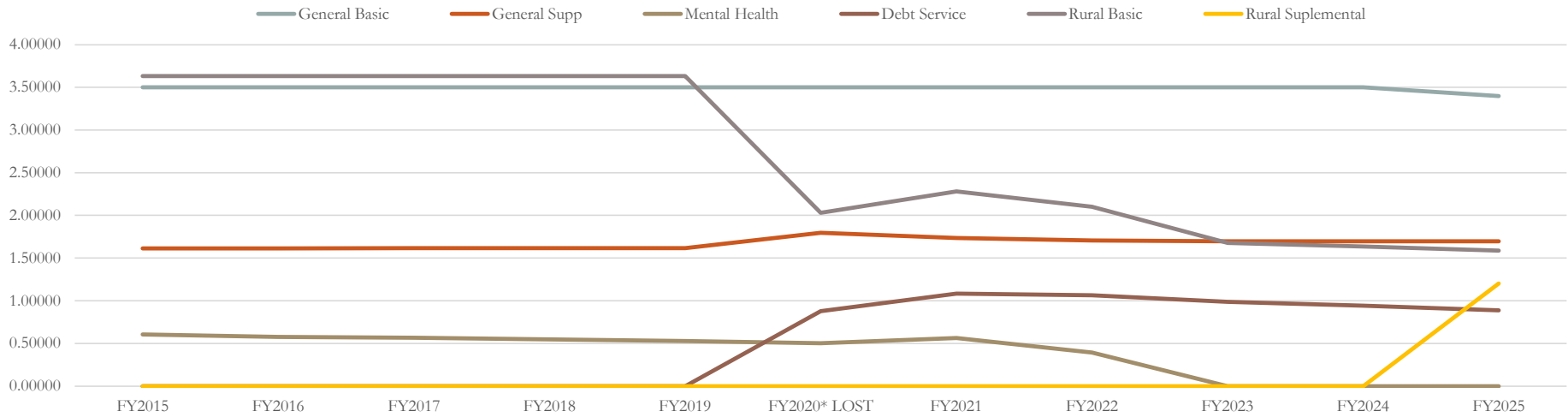
Warren County makes up only a portion of property tax levies

- Averages 25% of Rural levies
- Averages 19% of Urban levies

The rest of property taxes are paid to other taxing entities such as:

- Schools
- Colleges
- Cities
- Townships
- Districts
- Etc.

Warren County 10-Year Levy History

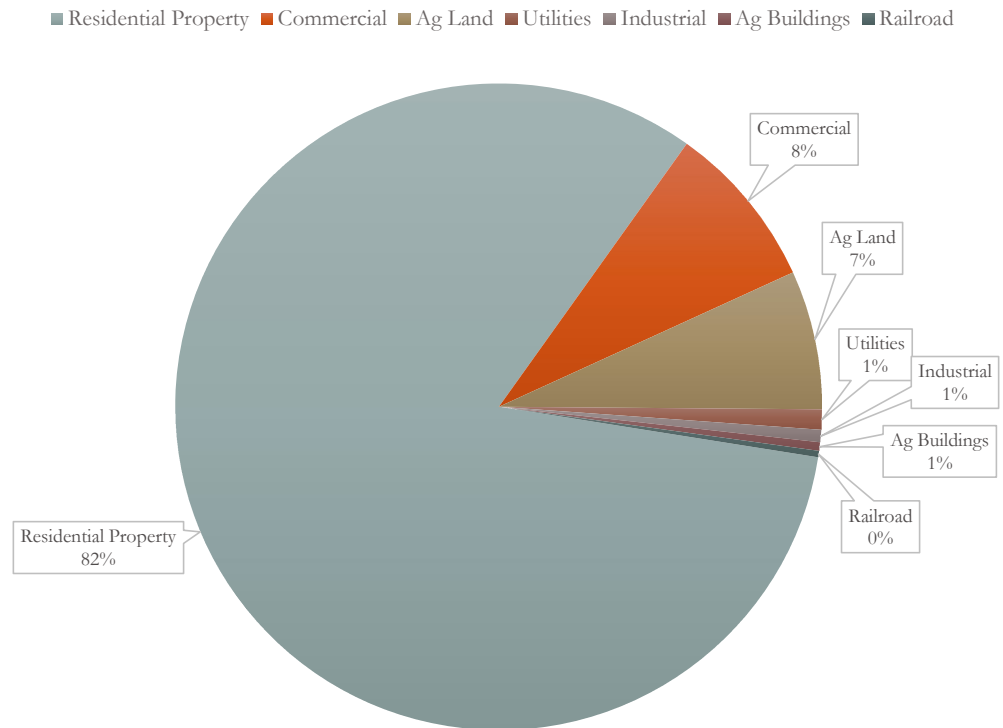


Warren County Property Tax Levy History

	FY2015	FY2016	FY2017	FY2018	FY2019	FY2020* LOST	FY2021	FY2022	FY2023	FY2024	FY2025	to FY2015
General Basic	3.50000	3.50000	3.50000	3.50000	3.50000	3.50000	3.50000	3.50000	3.50000	3.50000	3.39806	-0.10194
General Supp	1.61429	1.61429	1.61430	1.61430	1.61430	1.79513	1.73513	1.70513	1.69513	1.69513	1.69513	0.08084
Mental Health	0.60539	0.57738	0.56772	0.54815	0.52659	0.50344	0.56163	0.39309	0.00000	0.00000	0.00000	-0.60539
Debt Service	0.00000	0.00000	0.00000	0.00000	0.00000	0.87867	1.08308	1.06419	0.98733	0.94299	0.88734	0.88734
TOTAL Urban Levy	5.71968	5.69167	5.68202	5.66245	5.64089	6.67724	6.87984	6.66241	6.18246	6.13812	5.98053	0.26085
Total Urban % Change		-0.49%	-0.17%	-0.34%	-0.38%	18.37%	3.03%	-3.16%	-7.20%	-0.72%	-2.57%	
Rural Basic	3.63342	3.63342	3.63342	3.63342	3.63342	2.03	2.28	2.10203	1.67662	1.63506	1.58743	-2.04599
Rural Supplemental	0.00000	0.00000	0.00000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1.2041	1.20410
TOTAL Rural Levy	9.3531	9.32509	9.31544	9.29587	9.27431	8.70724	9.15984	8.76444	7.85908	7.77318	8.77206	-2.04599
Total Rural % Change		-0.30%	-0.10%	-0.21%	-0.23%	-6.11%	5.20%	-4.32%	-10.33%	-1.09%	12.85%	

Breakdown of taxable valuations

2023 Taxable Valuations (FY25)



Proposed FY25 Levy Publication Notice

COUNTY NAME: WARREN COUNTY	NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING -PROPOSED PROPERTY TAX LEVY Fiscal Year July 1, 2024 - June 30, 2025	COUNTY NUMBER: 91
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The County Board of Supervisors will conduct a public hearing on the proposed Fiscal Year County tax asking as follows:

Meeting Date: 4/2/2024 Meeting Time: 06:00 PM Meeting Location: Warren County Administration Board Room

At the public hearing any resident or taxpayer may present objections to, or arguments in favor of the proposed tax levy. After the hearing of the proposed tax levy, the Board will publish notice and hold a hearing on the proposed county budget.

County Website (if available)
<https://www.warrencountya.gov/>

County Telephone Number
(515) 690-9104

Iowa Department of Management	Current Year Certified Property Tax FY 2023/2024	Budget Year Effective Tax FY 2024/2025	Budget Year Proposed Tax FY 2024/2025
Taxable Valuations-General Services	2,754,518,338	3,013,206,199	3,013,206,199
Requested Tax Dollars-Countywide Rates	17,348,093	17,348,093	18,388,036
Tax Rate-Countywide	6.13812	5.75735	5.98053
Taxable Valuations-Rural Services	1,125,856,220	1,199,627,127	1,199,627,127
Requested Tax Dollars-Additional Rural Levies	1,840,842	1,840,842	3,348,795
Tax Rate-Rural Additional	1.63506	1.53451	2.79153
Rural Total	7.77318	7.29186	8.77206
Tax Rate Comparison-Current VS. Proposed			
Residential property with an Actual/Assessed Valuation of \$100,000	Current Year Certified Property Tax FY 2023/2024	Budget Year Proposed Tax FY 2024/2025	Percent Change
Urban Taxpayer	335	277	-17.31
Rural Taxpayer	425	407	-4.24
Tax Rate Comparison-Current VS. Proposed			
Commercial property with an Actual/Assessed Value of \$100,000	Current Year Certified Property Tax FY 2023/2024	Budget Year Proposed Tax FY 2024/2025	Percent Change
Urban Taxpayer	335	277	-17.31
Rural Taxpayer	425	407	-4.24

Reasons for tax increase if proposed exceeds the current:
Employee contracts, 2 additional board of supervisors members, inflation, etc.

PROPOSED
COUNTY-WIDE
LEVIES

	URBAN	RURAL
General Basic	3.39806	3.39806
General Supplemental	1.69513	1.69513
Rural Basic		1.58743
Rural Supplemental		1.20410
Debt Service	0.88734	0.88734
Total Tax Rate:	5.98053	8.77206

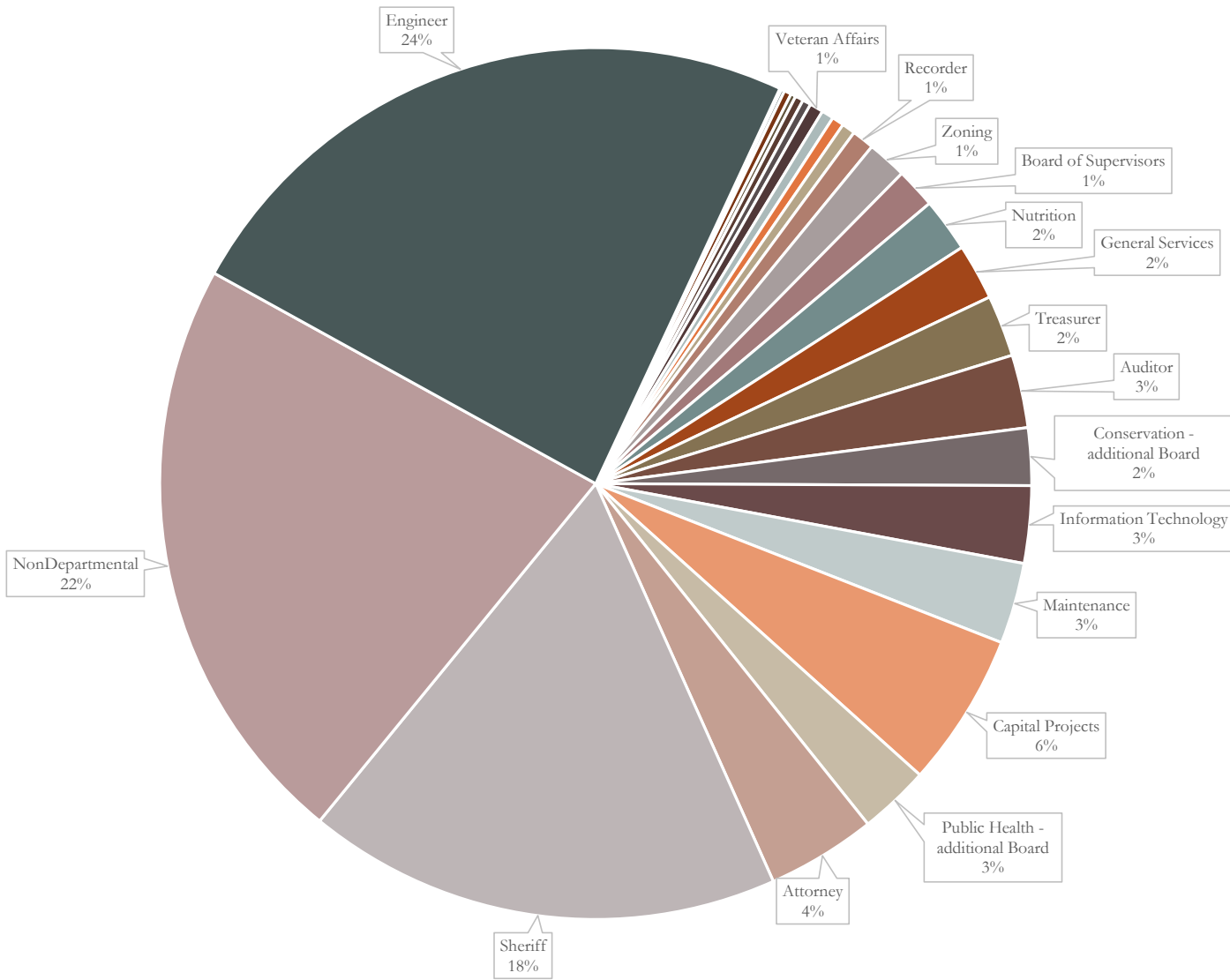
Proposed Levies: FY25 compared to FY24

- Rural Basic and General Basic required to decrease as a result of HF 718.
 - General Basic:
 - FY24: 3.5
 - **FY25: 3.39806**
 - Rural Basic:
 - FY24: 1.63506
 - **FY25: 1.58743**
- General Supplemental is set to remain flat:
 - **FY24 & FY25: 1.69513**
- Rural Supplemental necessary to keep same level of service:
 - **FY25: 1.20410**
- Debt Levy is based on debt payments due with in the FY:
 - FY24: 0.94299
 - **FY25: 0.88734**



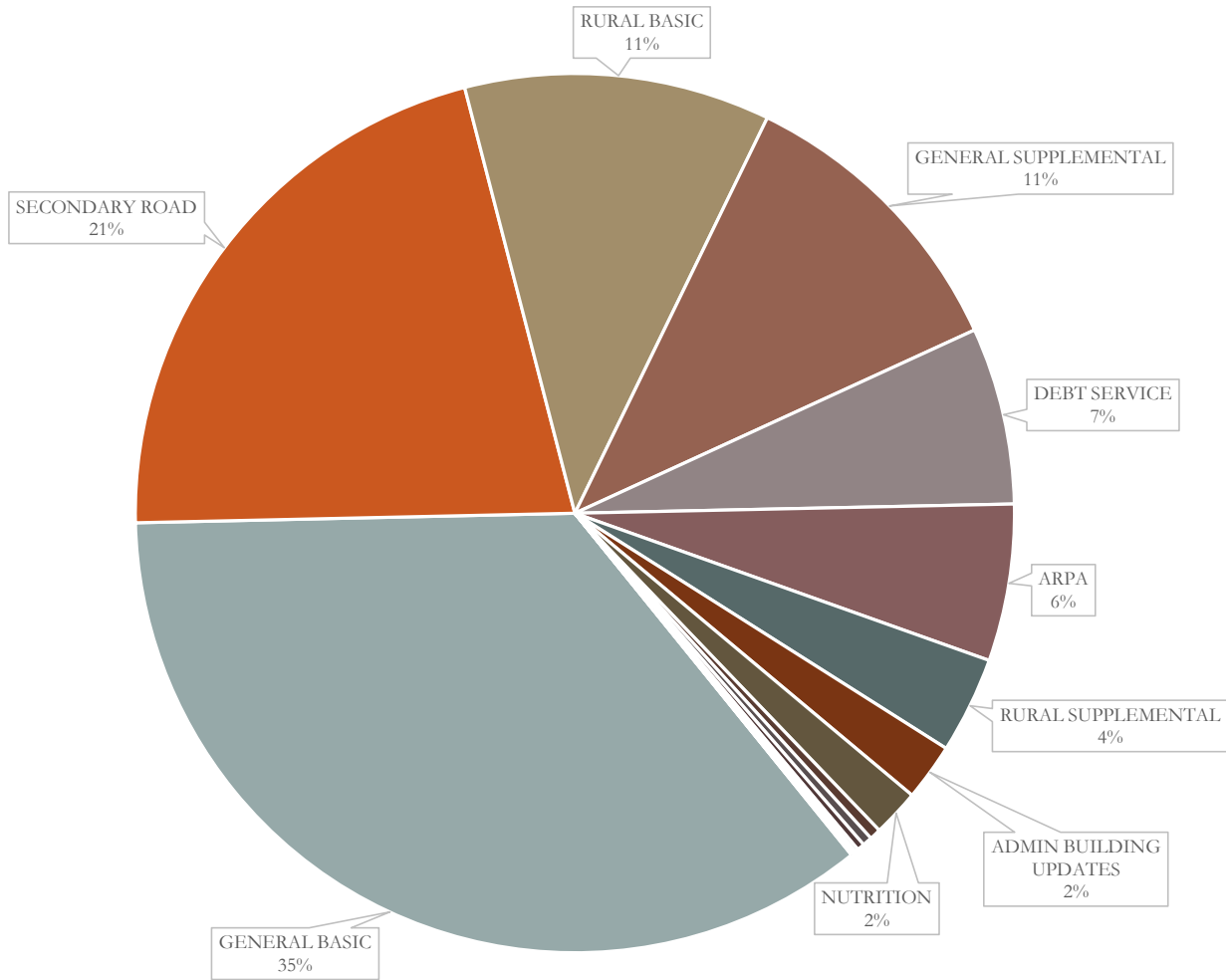
Working Budget Review

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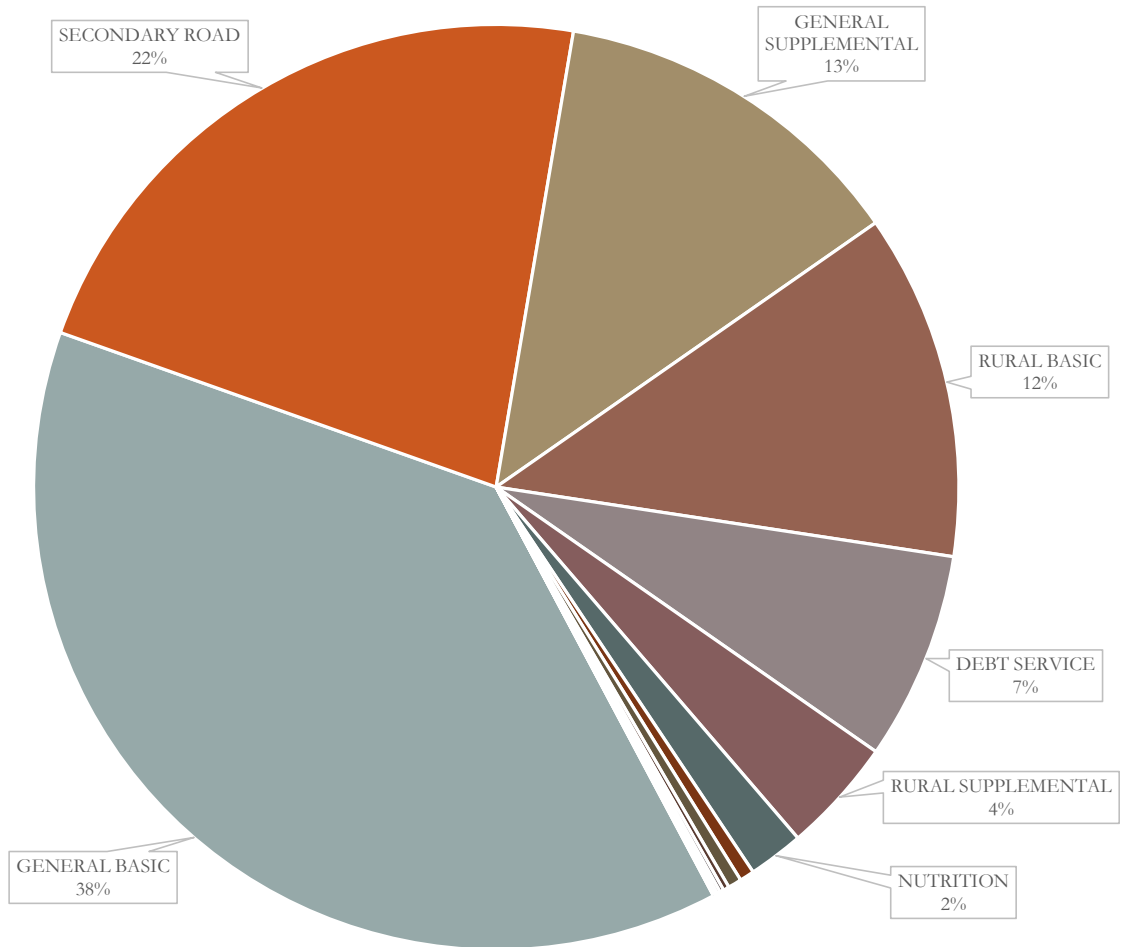
Current FY25 Expenses By Department

Department	FY25 Requested Expenses
Board of Supervisors	\$706,620
Auditor	\$1,284,583
Treasurer	\$1,079,875
Attorney	\$1,919,888
Sheriff	\$8,352,220
Clerk of Court	\$0
Recorder	\$394,200
Dept. Human Services	\$91,289
DCAT	\$213,000
Engineer	\$11,349,017
Veteran Affairs	\$240,600
Conservation - additional Board	\$1,007,369
Public Health - additional Board	\$1,241,225
Weed Commission	\$17,130
General Assistance	\$234,890
Nutrition	\$950,175
Medical Examiner	\$125,000
Wellness	\$60,000
District Court	\$145,000
County Library	\$209,750
Historical Society	\$2,000
Substance Abuse	\$0
Capital Projects	\$2,705,521
Maintenance	\$1,426,200
Townships	\$5,900
General Services	\$986,914
Information Technology	\$1,359,819
Zoning	\$695,628
Juvenile Probation	\$146,600
Totals	\$47,443,004



CURRENT FY25 EXPENSES BY FUND

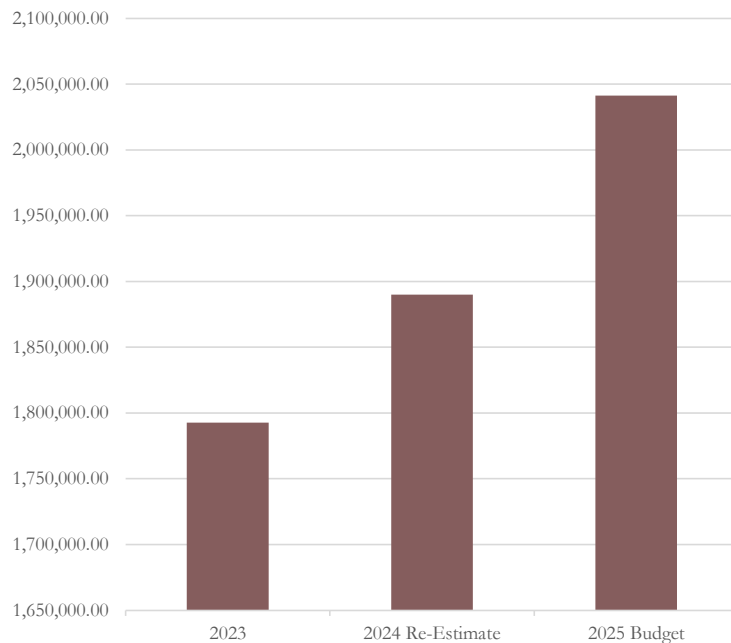
	FY25 Requested Expenses
GENERAL BASIC	\$16,833,180
SECONDARY ROAD	\$10,114,889
RURAL BASIC	\$5,333,080
GENERAL SUPPLEMENTAL	\$5,196,067
DEBT SERVICE	\$3,085,000
ARPA	\$2,739,991
RURAL SUPPLEMENTAL	\$1,684,566
ADMIN BUILDING UPDATES	\$992,800
NUTRITION	\$826,570
OPPIOID ABATEMENT FUND	\$200,000
CO ATTORNEY COURT FEES	\$162,859
CAPITAL PROJECTS 911	\$132,301
WELLNESS FUND	\$60,000
CONSERVATION RESERVE	\$50,000
RECORDER'S RECORD MANAGEMENT	\$25,000
LIBERTY CENTER SEWER SR	\$4,700
ATTORNEY FORFEITURE FUND	\$2,000



CURRENT FY25 REVENUES BY FUND

	FY25 Requested Revenues
GENERAL BASIC	\$16,412,069
SECONDARY ROAD	\$9,557,000
GENERAL SUPPLEMENTAL	\$5,428,448
RURAL BASIC	\$5,191,748
DEBT SERVICE	\$3,126,881
RURAL SUPPLEMENTAL	\$1,727,961
NUTRITION	\$829,900
CO ATTORNEY COURT FEES	\$220,500
OPIOID ABATEMENT FUND	\$200,000
CONSERVATION RESERVE	\$90,000
WELLNESS FUND	\$60,000
ARPA	\$50,000
REAP	\$22,200
PRISONER ROOM AND BOARD	\$20,000
RECORDER'S RECORD MANAGEMENT	\$11,000
LIBERTY CENTER SEWER SR	\$8,000
CAPITAL PROJECTS 911	\$1,000

Spot Rock & Hauling/Maintenance
Example of Inflation



FY25 Budget Considerations

- Adding 2 Supervisors to the Board of Supervisors.
- Employee expenses and Union Contracts facilitating rate increases to be in line with other counties.
- Inflated costs for similar quantities.
 - Example shown: Similar amounts of rock needed each fiscal year, but estimated expense is up nearly \$250,000 from FY23
- Need to either cut services or implement Rural Supplemental Levy.

Why a Rural Supplemental Levy:

- Warren County currently has the 16th lowest total rural levy in the state
 - 4th lowest when considering only the rural portion of the levies (rural basic + rural supplemental if applicable)
 - When comparing to FY24 rates, with the supplemental levy added, WC would still be in the lowest 25.
 - LOST funds remain unpredictable. FY2023 LOST funds received were over \$600,000 less than the prior year.
- Because of the low rate, the Rural Fund is set to decrease almost \$1.5 million by the end of FY24.
 - **Reducing fund balances at this rate is not sustainable especially when HF718 requires the Rural Basic levy go even lower.**
- Even with cuts suggested at prior meetings but no Rural Supplemental, the Secondary Road Fund would be projected to go negative by FY28.
 - This is due in large part to the Secondary Roads Fund absorbing expenses that were normally charged to the Rural Fund (per code), but the Rural Fund could no longer afford without an increase.

Fund	FY28 Projected Expenses	FY28 Projected Revenues	Effect on FY28 Fund Balance	Estimated FY28 Ending Fund Balances	
0001 GENERAL BASIC	\$19,146,873	\$18,190,683	(\$956,190)	\$2,501,851	13%
0002 GENERAL SUPPLEMENTAL	\$5,853,161	\$5,931,812	\$78,651	\$2,711,010	46%
0011 RURAL BASIC	\$5,545,714	\$5,235,198	(\$310,516)	\$985,230	18%
0020 SECONDARY ROAD	\$11,789,115	\$10,443,192	(\$1,345,924)	(\$1,010,294)	-9%
2010 DEBT SERVICE	\$3,371,063	\$3,416,827	\$45,764	\$300,515	

Fund Projections with a Rural Supplemental Levy:

- Goal is to have a minimum of 25% of total expenses in each fund balance.
- Rural Basic & Rural Supplemental are added together when calculating this percentage. Per state auditor's office, any deficit in the supplemental fund will be deducted from the basic fund
- While some fund balances are still projected to fall below 25%, it is much more sustainable longer term

Fund		Estimated FY25 Ending Fund Balances		Estimated FY26 Ending Fund Balances		Estimated FY27 Ending Fund Balances		Estimated FY28 Ending Fund Balances	
0001	GENERAL BASIC	\$5,449,186	32%	\$4,877,882	28%	\$4,274,757	24%	\$3,632,759	20%
0002	GENERAL SUPPLEMENTAL	\$2,670,835	51%	\$3,004,741	57%	\$3,348,664	62%	\$3,701,482	66%
0011	RURAL BASIC	\$2,032,742		\$2,144,670		\$2,259,956		\$2,378,700	
0012	RURAL SUPPLEMENTAL	\$43,395	30%	(\$169,408)	28%	(\$388,595)	26%	(\$614,358)	24%
0020	SECONDARY ROAD	\$3,584,835	35%	\$3,010,209	29%	\$2,418,345	23%	\$1,808,724	16%
2010	DEBT SERVICE	\$167,181		\$210,319		\$254,750		\$300,515	

Looking Forward...

Possible EMS changes
and additional levy

Current budget is now
more sustainable long-
term. However, due to
HF718, future Boards will
likely need to consider:

Administration Building
Updates

Further cutting
expenses/services

Adding new revenue
streams

PRESENTATION WRAP UP

- Public input portion of public hearing to immediately follow:
 - Hearing purpose is to get public feedback, no decisions to be made.
- Budget Hearing to be set following this meeting for Tuesday, April 23rd.
- Slides will be available on Warren County Website warrencountyia.gov

THANK YOU!