

BUDGET SUMMARY

	FY 05 Adopted	FY 05 Projected	FY 06 Adopted Plan	FY 06 Adopted
Local Sales Tax	\$ 6,850,000	\$ 6,950,000	\$ 7,050,000	\$ 7,350,293
Transient Occupancy Tax	1,800,000	1,700,000	1,800,000	1,665,000
\$2 Per Night Room Tax	850,000	750,000	850,000	850,000
Meals Tax	4,440,000	4,262,000	4,660,500	4,471,500
Delinquent Taxes	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000
Deeds of Conveyance	375,000	425,000	400,000	450,000
Bank Franchise Tax	245,000	245,000	245,000	245,000
Telecommunication Taxes	1,183,725	1,133,725	1,327,725	1,227,725
Recordation Tax	1,462,000	1,462,000	1,585,000	1,710,000
Total	\$ <u>17,230,725</u>	\$ <u>16,952,725</u>	\$ <u>17,943,225</u>	\$ <u>17,994,518</u>

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Other Local Taxes include the budget for the 1 percent **Local Sales Tax**. This tax is collected with the 3.5 percent State sales tax at the time of sale, and remitted to the County. An increase of 7.3 percent is anticipated in FY 2006 due to positive retail growth.

Transient Occupancy Room Tax revenues are those received from the 4 percent tax imposed on hotel, motel room sales, and rental condominium units. Half of this tax revenue is targeted toward tourism in compliance with State law. FY 2006 receipts are expected to decrease due to increased competition for tourism dollars and facility closings. The **\$2 Per Night Room Tax** revenue is authorized for marketing and will remain in place until 2008.

The **Meals Tax** represents a tax on prepared food and beverages. The County levies a 4 percent tax. Because of the impact on tourism in the County, it is estimated that 70 percent of the revenue is generated by nonresidents of the County. A flat tourism market slowed FY 2005 growth over previous years but new attractions are expected to contribute to a slight increase in FY 2006 collections.

Deeds of Conveyance records revenue received from the tax imposed on conveyance of property deeds. The tax is based on the value of the property involved. As property values continue to rise and property transactions increase, this revenue is projected to exhibit healthy growth.

Bank Franchise Tax represents revenue received from the tax imposed on bank deposits in County bank branches, less certain allowable deductions. This revenue is expected to be stable.

Telecommunications Taxes are assessed to recover capital and maintenance expenses of the County's enhanced 911 program and are collected as part of residential and commercial telephone bills. There is a \$1.60 maximum per line per month on both landlines and wireless phones, effective July 15, 2005, an increase from \$1.40 per month. The County E-911 tax for each landline is 75-cents and wireless phone owners pay a 75-cent 911 tax to the State.

The **Recordation Taxes** are fees levied for documents recorded at the Clerk of Circuit Court's Office. Fees vary based on the type of document and the value of real estate. As real estate values continue to rise and property transactions increase, this revenue will continue to grow. Tied to one-third of the State tax rate, an increase in the State rate also has produced an increase in the local tax rate in FY 2006.