

BUDGET SUMMARY

	FY 97 <u>Budget</u>	FY 98 <u>Budget</u>
Local Sales Tax	\$5,127,000	\$5,485,890
Recordation Tax	300,000	321,000
Transient Occupancy Tax	927,000	1,806,098
Deeds of Conveyance	183,750	170,000
Bank Franchise Tax	82,000	86,000
Meals Tax	2,700,000	2,800,000
E-911 Emergency Telephone Tax	<u>196,250</u>	<u>278,676</u>
	<u>\$9,516,000</u>	<u>\$10,947,664</u>

BUDGET COMMENTS

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.

Transient Occupancy Tax revenues are those received from the tax imposed on hotel, motel room sales, and rental condominium units. Beginning in FY 1998, this tax is proposed to increase from two percent to four percent. The additional two percent tax is expected to produce \$903,000 in revenue, which will be targeted toward tourism in accordance with the language of the State legislation authorizing the additional tax.

Delinquent taxes are those collected to satisfy property taxes over three years in arrears and are collected by the County Treasurer.

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.

Bank Franchise Tax represents revenue received from the tax imposed on bank deposits in the County, less certain allowable deductions.

The **Telephone E-911 Charge** is assessed to recover capital and maintenance expenses of the County's enhanced 911 program and is collected as part of residential and commercial telephone bills. For FY 1998, the rate is proposed to increase by 30 cents, to \$1.20 per month.

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. The principal fee source is based on real estate transfers. **Recordation taxes** are expected to increase from their FY 1997 estimated levels, mostly from the sales of time shares.

BUDGET COMMENTS, Continued

The **Meals Tax** represents a tax on food eaten on premises. The County levies a 4 cents tax on prepared food and beverages. In November of 1988, the voters of James City County approved, by referendum, the establishment of a meals tax in the County. Because of the impact on tourism in the County, it is estimated that 70 percent of the revenue will be generated by nonresidents of the County. The amount of **meals tax revenue** budgeted for FY 1998 is expected to increase by 3.7 percent over that of FY 1997. This increase reflects the expected growth in food and beverage sales in the County.

Local Sales Tax is projected to increase by 4.6 percent over the FY 1997 estimated revenue. This growth will come from both an increase in the number of businesses and an increase in the level of retail sales, with tourism contributing to the growth. General economic conditions are expected to improve during FY 1998.

The **Transient Occupancy Tax** will increase by \$879,098, reflecting an increase in the tax rate from two percent to four percent. \$903,000 in transient occupancy tax revenue will be directed towards tourism (see Section C).

The **Bank Franchise Tax** is budgeted to increase by 4.9 percent, based on the assumption of an increase in the level of economic activity in the financial community.