

# Miscellaneous Summary

	Actual FY 03	Original Budget FY 04	Adjusted Budget FY 04	Recom Budget FY 05	% Change From Orig. FY 04	% Change From Adj. FY 04
<b>Debt Service</b>	\$13,157,058	\$13,688,430	\$13,600,419	\$13,061,105	-4.58%	-3.97%
<b>Intergovernmental Transfers</b>	1,886,455	2,071,840	2,071,840	2,142,285	3.40%	3.40%
<b>Interfund Transfers</b>	20,815,056	10,859,025	9,859,025	8,206,365	-24.43%	-16.76%
<b>Reserve for Contingency</b>	3,751,257	3,781,595	4,305,812	5,931,225	56.84%	37.75%
<b>Total Miscellaneous</b>	<b>\$39,609,825</b>	<b>\$30,400,890</b>	<b>\$29,837,096</b>	<b>\$29,340,980</b>	<b>-3.49%</b>	<b>-1.66%</b>

## Budget Changes

- The 3.97% decrease in Debt Service in FY 05 is based on the existing debt, anticipated new debt of the County and refinancing of the 1996, 1997 and a portion of 1999 bonds issued. It is anticipated that the refinancing will save the County approximately \$1.39 million in interest payments for FY 05 and FY 06.
- The 3.40% increase in Intergovernmental Transfers in FY 05 is primarily due to increases in the Town Program. The Town Program is based on population growth and the size of the assessable base of the Towns.
- The 16.76% decrease in the Interfund Transfer budget in FY 05 is primarily due to the effect of the transfer to the Economic Development Trust Fund to the General Fund due to a change in accounting procedures and the reduction in funding from FY 04 to the pension fund.
- The 37.75% increase in the Reserve for Contingency in FY 05 is primarily due to following:
  - Historically, the County has not accrued payroll expenses. To remain in compliance with the Government Accounting Standards Board (GASB), additional funds were included in FY 05 for the payroll accrual.
  - One-time funding is temporarily included for one-time purposes pending a decision by the Board of County Commissioners for the Proposed Budget, as well as funding for new employees for FY 05 that are anticipated to be approved by the Board of County Commissioners.

## Highlights, Changes and Useful Information

- \$9,015,000 of bonds were sold in FY 04 with an interest rate of 3.49%.
- The County is refinancing the 1996, 1997 and a portion of 1999 bonds issued. It is anticipated that the refinancing will save the County approximately \$1.39 million in interest payments for FY 05 and FY 06.
- \$2,645,000 is included in the interfund transfer to the Solid Waste Enterprise Fund.

# Debt Service

Description	Actual FY 03	Original Budget FY 04	Adjusted Budget FY 04	Recom Budget FY 05	% Change From Original FY 04	% Change From Adjusted FY 04
Personnel	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.00%	0.00%
Operating	13,157,058	13,688,430	13,600,419	13,061,105	-4.58%	-3.97%
Capital Outlay	0	0	0	0	0.00%	0.00%
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$13,157,058</b>	<b>\$13,688,430</b>	<b>\$13,600,419</b>	<b>\$13,061,105</b>	<b>-4.58%</b>	<b>-3.97%</b>
Employees FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	-----	-----

Note: The Adjusted Budget includes budget changes made during the year. On-going mid-year changes have been annualized for comparison purposes.

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## Description

The funding in this budget is for the principal and interest the County pays on long-term debt. The County uses an analysis of the debt affordability to determine an appropriate level of debt to prevent revenue from being burdened by an unmanageable debt service payment and to protect the County's bond rating.

The County is rated yearly by three rating firms and in FY 04 received the following ratings:

Fitch	AA+
Standard and Poor's	AA
Moody	Aa2

Due to the County's strong credit rating, the County was able to issue \$9,015,000 in bonds in FY 04 with an interest rate of 3.49%.

The primary uses of bonding are school construction (see Board of Education Debt Service) and road construction. The FY 05-10 CIP includes approximately \$35.1 million of bonded road projects.

## Budget Changes

The 3.97% decrease in Debt Service in FY 05 is based on the existing debt, anticipated new debt of the County and refinancing of the 1996, 1997 and a portion of 1999 bonds issued. It is anticipated that the refinancing will save the County approximately \$1.39 million in interest payments for FY 05 and FY 06.

# Intergovernmental Transfers

Description	Actual FY 03	Original Budget FY 04	Adjusted Budget FY 04	Recom Budget FY 05	% Change From Original FY 04	% Change From Adjusted FY 04
Personnel	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.00%	0.00%
Operating	1,886,455	2,071,840	2,071,840	2,142,285	3.40%	3.40%
Capital Outlay	0	0	0	0	0.00%	0.00%
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,886,455</b>	<b>\$2,071,840</b>	<b>\$2,071,840</b>	<b>\$2,142,285</b>	<b>3.40%</b>	<b>3.40%</b>
Employees FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	-----	-----

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## Description

The County provides a number of revenues to Carroll County municipalities. The Bank Shares Tax, Road Grant and State Aid – Fire are all pass through revenue from the State. The County provides liquor and building permit services then sends the collections to the municipalities. The County also shares County revenue with the municipalities through the Town Program funding. Brief descriptions of these revenues follow:

- **Bank Shares Tax**  
This revenue replaced the municipal share of a discontinued State tax.
- **Local Permits**  
As a service to the towns, the County collects fees for permits issued inside town boundaries, except in Mt. Airy.
- **Local Liquor License**  
As a service to the towns, the County collects liquor license fees inside town boundaries.
- **Road Grant**  
The State allocates funds to the County to replace previous Federal road funding. The municipalities receive 20% of the total allocation and individual town distributions are based on road mileage within their jurisdiction.
- **State Aid to Fire**  
State funds received by the County are passed on to the Volunteer Emergency Services Association. The County receives quarterly payments and distributes these funds at the end of the fiscal year.
- **Town Program**  
The County shares a portion of its revenue with the municipalities. The amount is adjusted based on changes in municipal assessable bases and populations. Their assessable base and population determine individual town distributions.

## Budget Changes

The Town Program contribution for FY 05 is formula driven based on the town's population and assessable base and increased by nearly \$88,000 over FY 04 offset by small changes in other revenues.

# Interfund Transfers

Description	Actual FY 03	Original Budget FY 04	Adjusted Budget FY 04	Recom Budget FY 05	% Change From Original FY 04	% Change From Adjusted FY 04
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Operating	20,815,056	10,859,025	9,859,025	8,206,365	-24.43%	-16.76%
Capital Outlay	0	0	0	0	0.00%	0.00%
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$20,815,056</b>	<b>\$10,859,025</b>	<b>\$9,859,025</b>	<b>\$8,206,365</b>	<b>-24.43%</b>	<b>-16.76%</b>
Employees FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	-----	-----

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## Description

The interfund transfers are expenditures from the General Fund to the Capital, Grant and Enterprise Funds. Transfer to Capital moves operating funds to the Capital Budget for paygo funding. The expenditures from the General Fund to the Grant Fund can be voluntary contributions by the Commissioners to support State and Federal grant programs or the contribution may be a requirement of the State or Federal program.

Enterprise Funds are funded primarily by collections of fees for services provided.

Included in the interfund transfer is:

- Health Department Grant \$4,000
- State's Attorney Office Grants 178,080
- Sheriff/Court Grants 33,885
- Carroll Transit Grant 216,460
- Pension Fund 992,080
- Aging Grants 64,600
- BERC Grant 23,865
- Recreation Grant 8,100
- Capital Fund 3,869,070
- Airport Enterprise Fund – Operating 40,105
- Utilities Enterprise Fund - Operating 131,120
- Solid Waste Enterprise Fund - Operating 2,121,190
- Solid Waste Enterprise Fund - Capital 523,810

For a description of the programs and services these funds support see the Capital Budget book, and Grant and Enterprise Fund sections of this book.

## Budget Changes

- The 24.43% decrease between the FY 04 Original Budget and the FY 04 Adjusted Budget is primarily due to the effect of the transfer to the Economic Development Trust Fund to the General Fund. This transfer is the effect of new government accounting regulations and there is no change to the overall budget.
- The 16.76% decrease in FY 05 is due to the reduction in funding to the pension fund from the FY 04 level.

# Reserve for Contingencies

Description	Actual FY 03	Original Budget FY 04	Adjusted Budget FY 04	Recom Budget FY 05	% Change From Original FY 04	% Change From Adjusted FY 04
Personnel	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.00%	0.00%
Operating	0	0	0	0	0.00%	0.00%
Capital Outlay	3,751,257	3,781,595	4,305,812	5,931,225	56.84%	37.75%
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$3,751,257</b>	<b>\$3,781,595</b>	<b>\$4,305,812</b>	<b>\$5,931,225</b>	<b>56.84%</b>	<b>37.75%</b>
Employees FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	-----	-----

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## Description

The Reserve for Contingencies provides funds for emergency and unforeseeable expenses. It is difficult to determine how much will actually be needed in a given year. Examples of expenses that could be covered by the reserve are:

- Snow removal costs in excess of the snow removal budget
- Newly mandated Federal or State programs
- Unexpected increase in the Detention Center population

Funds are moved from the Reserve to the appropriate budget, with the approval of the Board of County Commissioners, in response to a specific problem or opportunity.

## Budget Changes

The 37.75% increase in the Reserve for Contingency in FY 05 is primarily due to the following:

- Historically, the County has not accrued payroll expenses. To remain in compliance with the Government Accounting Standards Board (GASB), additional funds were included in FY 05 for the payroll accrual.
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