

AGENDA
CITY COUNCIL, YORK, NEBRASKA
Thursday, September 4, 2025
5:30 PM

THE OPEN MEETINGS ACT IS POSTED ON THE EAST WALL OF THE COUNCIL
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Public participation in City Council meetings follows the rules established in the City of York Ordinances and the state Open Meetings Act. Pursuant to section 2-32(a) of the City Code and the Open Meetings Act, the presiding officer allows public comments during council meetings on matters designated as public hearings and on matters on the agenda that require passage or other action by the Council. Public comment is not allowed after a motion is made by a council member to pass or act on an agenda item. Comments are not allowed on any item that is not on the agenda to ensure full transparency of discussion items to the public before the meeting as required by the Open Meetings Act.

1. The Open Meetings Act is posted on the East Wall of the Council Chambers
2. Notice of this meeting was published in the York News Times on August 28, 2025
3. Pledge of Allegiance
4. Roll Call
5. Public Hearing to consider adoption of the budget for the 2025-2026 budget year
6. Adjournment

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NOTICE OF BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a meeting of the Board of Commissioners of York County, Nebraska, will be held beginning at 8:30 a.m. in the Commissioners Room, main floor of the Courthouse (510 Lincoln Ave., York, Nebraska) on Tuesday, September 2, 2025.

All meetings are held on the main floor of the Courthouse, in the County Commissioners Room, and are open to the public. Agendas for such meetings, kept continuously current, are available for public inspection at the office of the County Clerk; however, the Board may modify the agendas at such meetings. (View agenda on York County web site www.yorkcountynz.net)

Mary Melby
County Clerk
York County, Nebraska
Aug. 28, 2025 ZNEZ

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City Clerk/Treasurer
The City of Friend, Nebraska is seeking applicants for a City Clerk /Treasurer. This full-time position plans and supervises the work involved in maintaining official City documents and records including proceedings, ordinances, resolutions, contracts, agreements, etc. This position assists in finance- related activities and has general supervision of clerical staff. It is key in implementing the activities and operations of the City of Friend to promote open and transparent governmental services. Municipal or office experience is required, with knowledge of computer usage, automated accounting and office systems and the ability to project positive public relations with the citizenry. Candidate must have a valid driver's license. The position includes a generous benefits package including family health. Applications are available at the Friend City Office, 235 Maple Street, Friend NE 68359 or by calling 402-947-2711 with questions. Applications will be accepted until the position is filled. EOE.



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FULL-TIME PUBLIC WORKS SUPERVISOR:

The City of Friend, Nebraska is seeking applicants for a Public Works Supervisor. This position plans and supervises the work involved in all public works departments. Duties included, but not limited to, the following: check water wells and maintaining all records; ball field and parks; maintenance including city pond and swimming pool; utility locates; meter reading; snow removal; cleaning and maintenance of various city-owned buildings; on-call; and other work assigned. The successful applicant will need to obtain a Grade IV water operator's license and the ability to obtain a sewer operator's license. Other requirements include computer knowledge including Word, Excel, and Acer; and a valid driver's license. The position includes a generous benefits package including family health. Applications are available at the Friend City Office, 235 Maple Street, Friend, NE 68359 or by calling 402-947-2711 with questions. Applications will be accepted until the position is filled. EOE.

The City of Friend Police Department is currently seeking a dedicated and qualified candidate to join our team as a full-time Police Chief. To qualify for this position, candidates must have five years of experience and hold a Nebraska Law Enforcement Certification. For those who are certified in other states, reciprocity testing is required at the Nebraska Law Enforcement Training Center based in Grand Island, NE. We offer hourly pay, with the potential for overtime and call-out pay as necessary, providing a fair compensation structure for our hardworking officers. This role comes alongside a generous benefits package that caters to the health needs of families, displaying our commitment to the well-being of our personnel. Additionally, our compensation system encourages performance excellence through evaluation-based pay increases, making it possible for officers to increase their pay by demonstrating their capabilities and commitment to the role. Negotiable pay rates based on relevant experience are also offered to attract the best candidates. The City of Friend Police Department ensures that all uniforms and necessary equipment are provided to its officers, allowing them to perform their duties effectively. If you are interested in this position and want to learn more, please don't hesitate to contact us at (402) 826-1310, or feel free to send your resume and cover letter to Mayor Judith Knoke jewells1095@gmail.com or Council President Kristen Milton at Kristenlogan2012@gmail.com. We look forward to welcoming you to our team!

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City of York
IN
York County, Nebraska

NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING AND BUDGET SUMMARY

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given, in compliance with the provisions of State Statute Sections 13-501 to 13-513, that the governing body will meet on the 4th day of September 2025, at 5:30 P.M., at 100 E. 4th Street, York, NE 68467 - Council Chambers, for the purpose of hearing support, opposition, criticism, suggestions or observations of taxpayers relating to the following proposed budget. The budget detail is available at the office of the Clerk during regular business hours.

2023-2024 Actual Disbursements & Transfers	\$	46,054,300.00
2024-2025 Actual/Estimated Disbursements & Transfers	\$	54,442,394.00
2025-2026 Proposed Budget of Disbursements & Transfers	\$	56,369,722.00
2025-2026 Necessary Cash Reserve	\$	29,700,209.18
2025-2026 Total Resources Available	\$	86,069,931.18
Total 2025-2026 Personal & Real Property Tax Requirement	\$	2,026,404.71
Unused Budget Authority Created For Next Year	\$	260,861.14

Breakdown of Property Tax:

Personal and Real Property Tax Required for Non-Bond Purposes	\$	2,026,404.71
Personal and Real Property Tax Required for Bonds	\$	-

NOTICE OF SPECIAL HEARING TO SET FINAL TAX REQUEST

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given, in compliance with the provisions of State Statute Section 77-1632, that the governing body will meet on the 4th day of September 2025, immediately following the budget hearing, at 100 E. 4th Street, York, NE 68467 - Council Chambers, for the purpose of hearing support, opposition, criticism, suggestions or observations of taxpayers relating to setting the final tax request.

	2024	2025	Change
Operating Budget	67,153,349.00	56,369,722.00	-16%
Property Tax Request	\$ 2,001,116.00	\$ 2,026,404.71	1%
Valuation	702,145,964	881,045,528	25%
Tax Rate	0.285000	0.230000	-19%
Tax Rate if Prior Tax Request was at Current Valuation	0.227130		

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Notice of Special Hearing To Set Final Tax Request

Centennial Public School (80-0567) in Seward County, Nebraska

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given, in compliance with the provisions of State Statute Section 77-1632, that the governing body will meet on the 8th day of, September 2025 at 8:00 o'clock P.M., at Centennial Public School, Utica Nebraska for the purpose of hearing support, opposition, criticism, suggestions or observations of taxpayers relating to setting the final tax request.

	2024-2025	2025-2026	Change
Property Valuations	1,740,088,893	2,017,182,373	16%

2024-2025 Budget Information

Fund	2024-2025 Operating Budget	2024-2025 Property Tax Request	2024 Tax Rate	Property Tax Rate (2023-2024 Request Divided By 2024 Valuation)
General Fund	10,746,000.00	\$7,547,201.00	0.433725	0.374146
Bond Fund 2015	1,738,169.00	\$806,472.00	0.046347	0.039980
Bond Fund 2025		\$1005	0.000000	0.000000
Special Building Fund	1,051,360.00	\$607,385.00	0.034905	0.030111
Total	13,535,529.00	\$8,961,058.00	0.514977	0.444237

2025-2026 Budget Information

	2025-2026 Operating Budget	2025-2026 Proposed Property Tax Request	Proposed 2025 Tax Rate	Change in Tax Rate	Change in Operating Budget
	10,849,000.00	7,534,165.00	0.373499	-14%	1%
	884,004.00	439,000.00	0.021763	-53%	-49%
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	9,198,425.00	606,061.00	0.030045	-14%	775%
	21,815,432.00	8,946,226.00	0.449503	-13%	61%

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FUNDS	Actual Disbursements & Transfers	Actual/Estimated Disbursements & Transfers	Budgeted Disbursements & Transfers	Necessary Cash Reserve (4)	Total Available Resources Before Property Taxes (5)	Total Personal and Real Property Tax Requirement (7)
	2023-2024	2024-2025	2025-2026			
General	\$ 10,001,320.00	\$ 10,212,000.00	\$ 10,849,000.00	\$ 3,351,251.00	\$ 6,741,428.00	\$ 7,534,165.00
Depreciation	\$ 27,689.00	\$ 175,000.00	\$ 429,077.00		\$ 429,077.00	
Employee Benefit	\$ 2,643.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 68,278.00		\$ 68,278.00	
Contingency	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		\$ -	
Activities	\$ 535,427.00	\$ 550,000.00	\$ 761,354.00		\$ 761,354.00	
School Nutrition	\$ 440,985.00	\$ 445,000.00	\$ 610,602.00		\$ 610,602.00	
Bond	\$ 790,280.00	\$ 795,500.00	\$ 1,765,946.00		\$ 968,006.00	\$ 806,000.00
Special Building	\$ 604,016.00	\$ 610,000.00	\$ 9,198,425.00		\$ 8,598,425.00	\$ 606,061.00
Qualified Capital Purpose Undertaking	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		\$ -	\$ -
Cooperative	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		\$ -	
Student Fee	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		\$ -	
TOTALS	\$ 12,402,360.00	\$ 12,790,000.00	\$ 23,682,682.00	\$ 3,351,251.00	\$ 18,177,170.00	\$ 8,946,226.00
Breakdown of Property Tax				Bond Purposes	Non-Bond Purposes	Total
				\$ 806,000.00	\$ 8,140,226.00	\$ 8,946,226.00

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2025-2026

York City Budget





Budget Process

Administrative Proposal

April: Department Head Requests
Treasurer Revenue Projections

May/June: Mayor, Administrator work with Departments to narrow requests



Council Deliberation

July/August: Council Working Sessions approvals and cuts

August: Revenue Projections from County



Budget Approval

September: Public Budget Hearing,
Vote on Budget & Levy (September 4)

Submit budget to the State by September 30



IMMEDIATE PRIORITIES



HOUSING



INDUSTRIAL PARK



FIRE STATION

OTHER PRIORITIES



ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

1. Infrastructure at interstate
2. Business growth north of town
3. Industrial park growth



PUBLIC BUILDINGS

1. Library
2. Use of Fire Station
3. Police staff and vehicles



QUALITY OF LIFE

1. Trail bathrooms
2. Ampitheatre
3. Pickleball courts
4. Trail expansion to Recharge



ENTRANCE IMPROVEMENTS

1. 3rd & Grant
2. I-80
3. Bypass



Municipality Levy Authority

Municipality levy limit	\$0.45
Allowable for interlocal agreements	<u>\$0.05</u>
Total Municipality Levy Authority	\$0.50

Additional taxes may be levied for bond debt.

Current Levy Request: \$0.23



Property Tax Levy Information

Home Owner Example:

- Total property tax levy for the City of York: \$0.23 per \$100 of property valuation

Example: Property value \$250,000

City property tax \$575 per year

\$48 per month

2024-25: City's portion only 17.2% of property tax load



Value-Based Budgeting

Integrity: Attention to personnel; Attention to capital maintenance

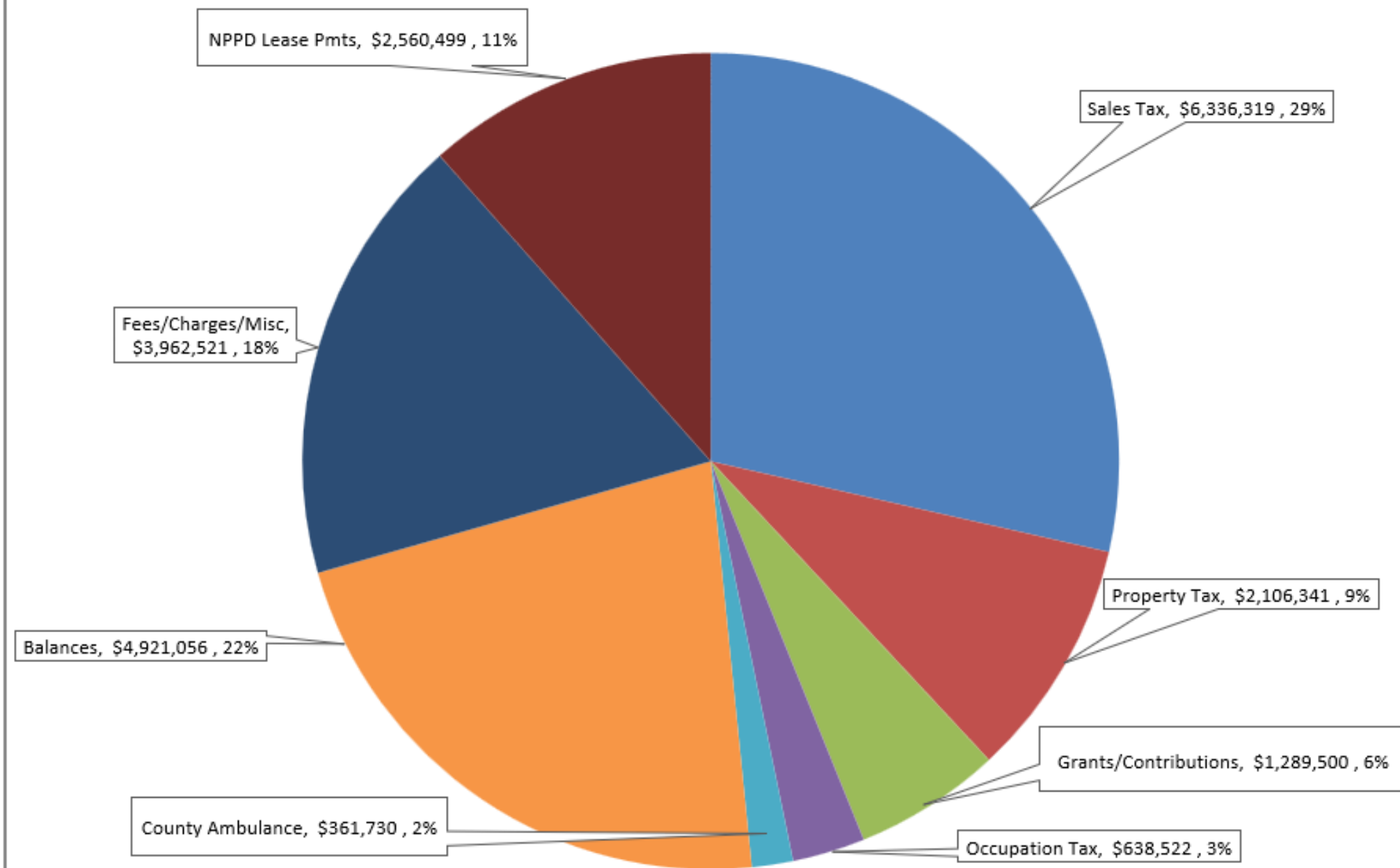
Collaboration: Creative District

Responsibility: Savings for Wind/Hail deductible; Savings for Industrial Land; First installment for Police Station

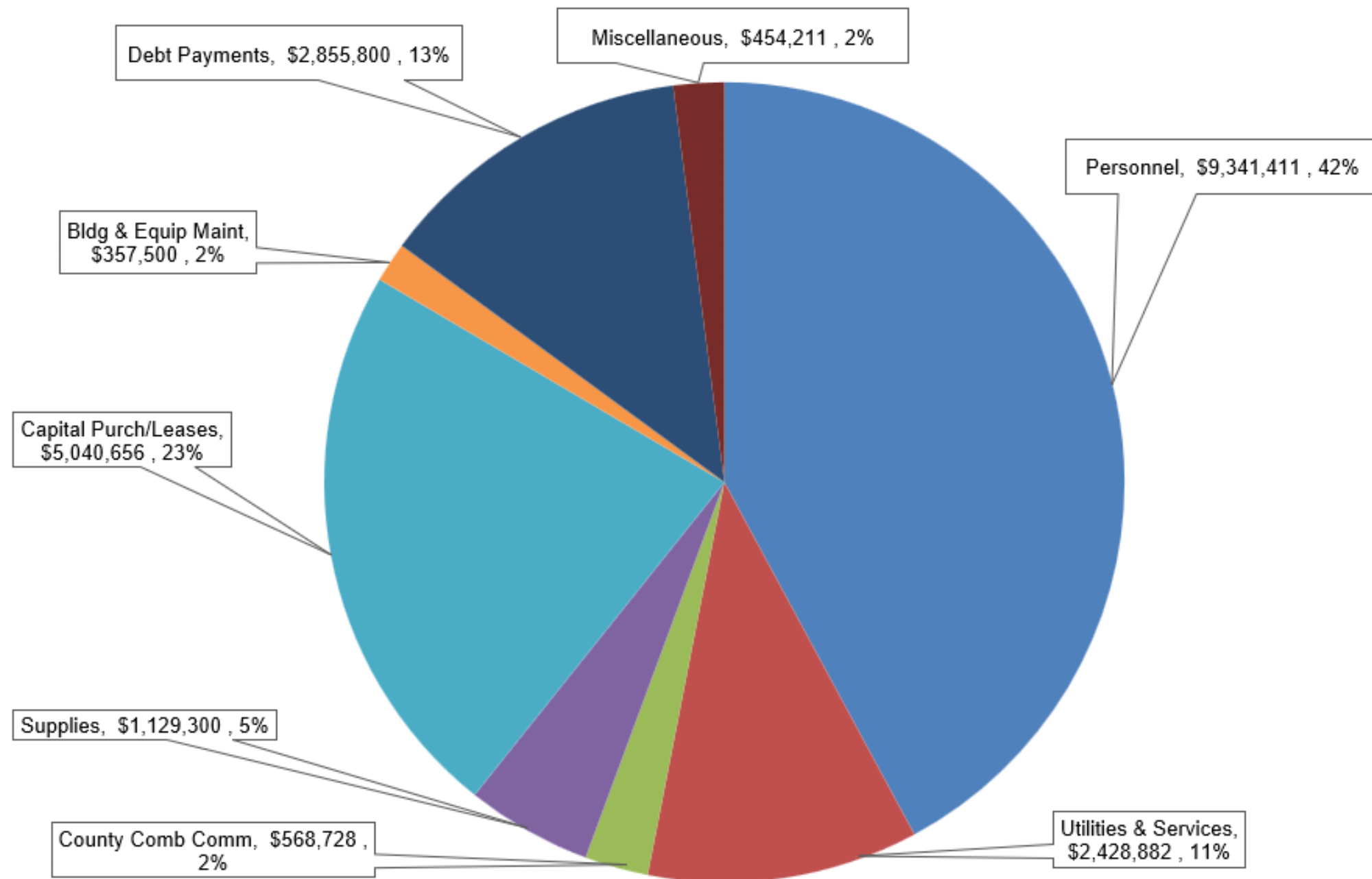
Excellence/Growth: Education/training, leadership development

Positivity: Christmas celebration for staff

2025-2026 REVENUES (TAX SUPPORTED FUNDS)



2025-2026 EXPENDITURES (TAX SUPPORTED FUNDS)





Enterprise Funds

Water	Large User increase
	Rate study in 2024-25
Sewer	2 ½% rate increase
	Rate study in 2024-25
Landfill	3 rd year of rate study with
	some fees increasing (no
	increase to minimum fee)

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