

# Revenues Sources of Funding

New Officer Training

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**COUNTY TRAINING PROGRAM**  
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# Funds

General Fund

Highway Fund

Cash Funds – (just a sample)

- Treasurer's Resale Property
- Clerk's Lien Fee
- Sheriff's Service Fee
- Sales Tax
- Use Tax
- Court Clerk Records Preservation
- Grants

Others

# Primary Sources of Revenue

## General Fund

- Property Tax
- Sales Tax (optional)
- Use Tax (optional)
- County Clerk Fees
- Interest on Investments
- Motor Vehicle Fees
- Various Other
  - Including reimbursements

## Highway (Road) Fund

- Gasoline Tax
- Diesel Tax
- Motor Vehicle Fees
- Gross Production Tax

## Cash Funds

- Various specific fees
- Sales Tax (optional)
- Use Tax (optional)

# General Fund Characteristics



Primary Fund for County Government

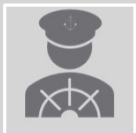


Annual Budget



100% Available upon  
Adoption

Based on anticipated revenue

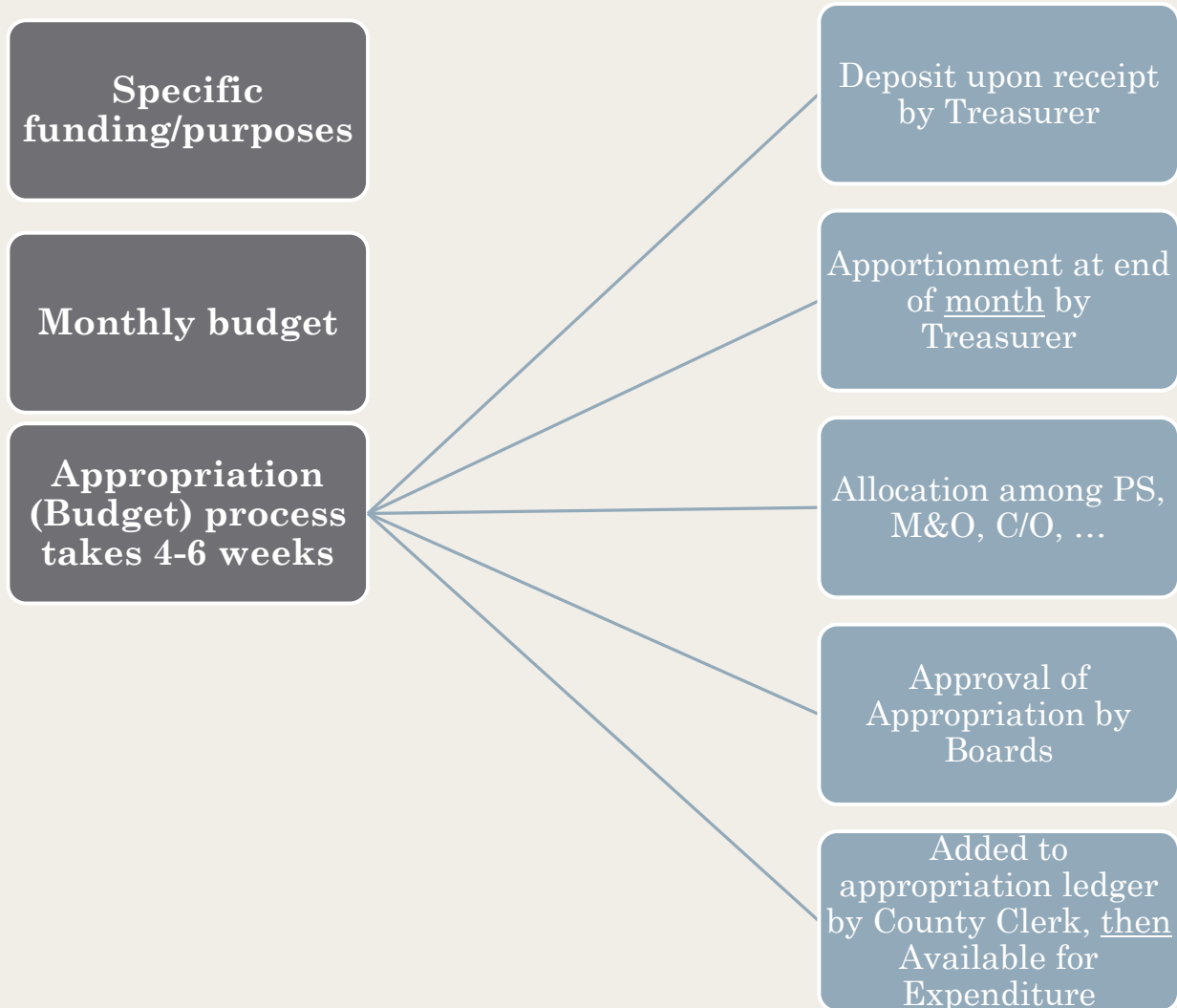


Approval - based on  
Governing Board

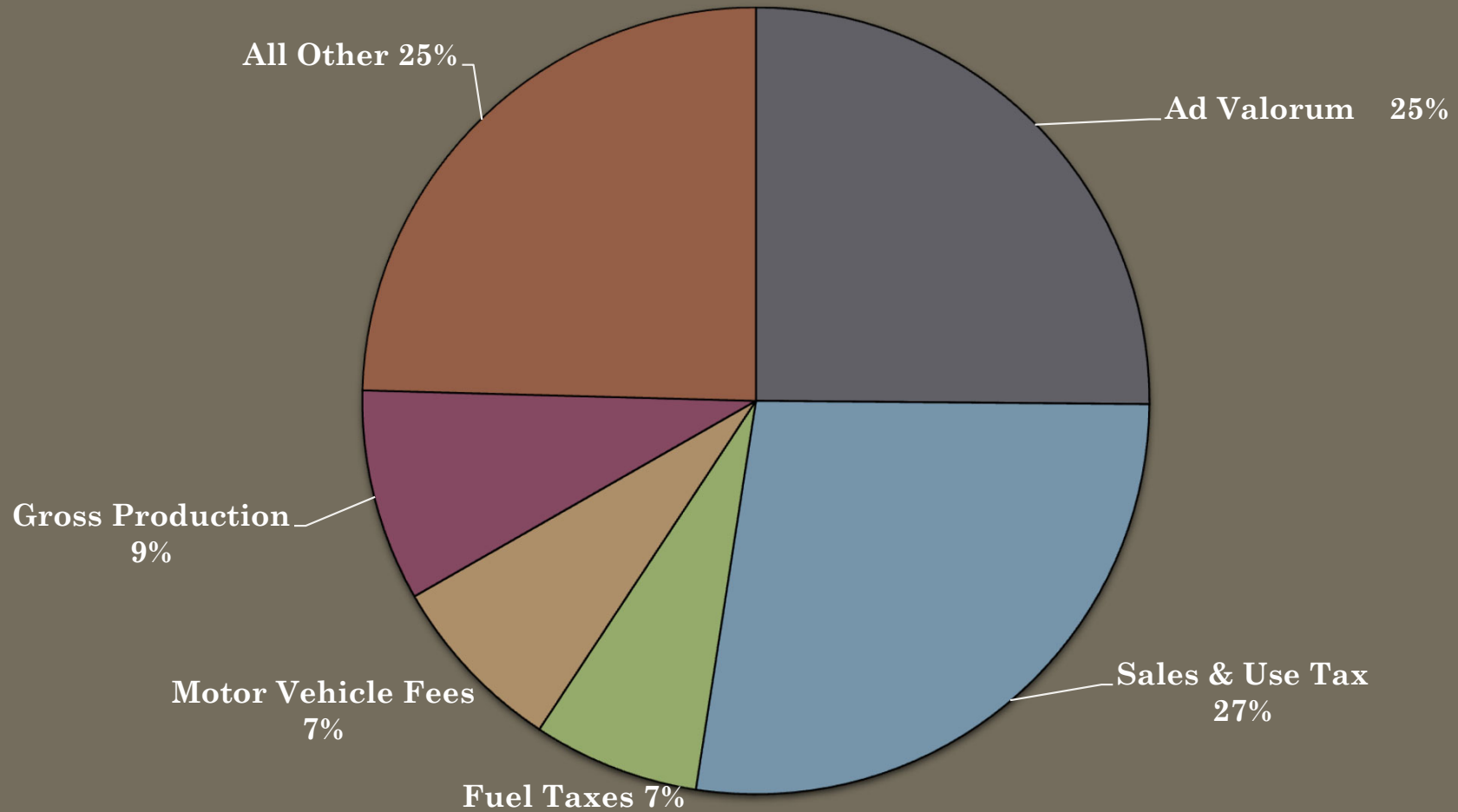
Commissioner/Excise –  
August - September

Budget Board – July 1<sup>st</sup> ,  
amended September

# Cash Funds (including Highway)



# Sources of Revenue – All Counties General, Highway, & Cash Funds, FY 2023



■ Ad Valorum \$439,053,745

■ Sales & Use Tax \$476,870,129

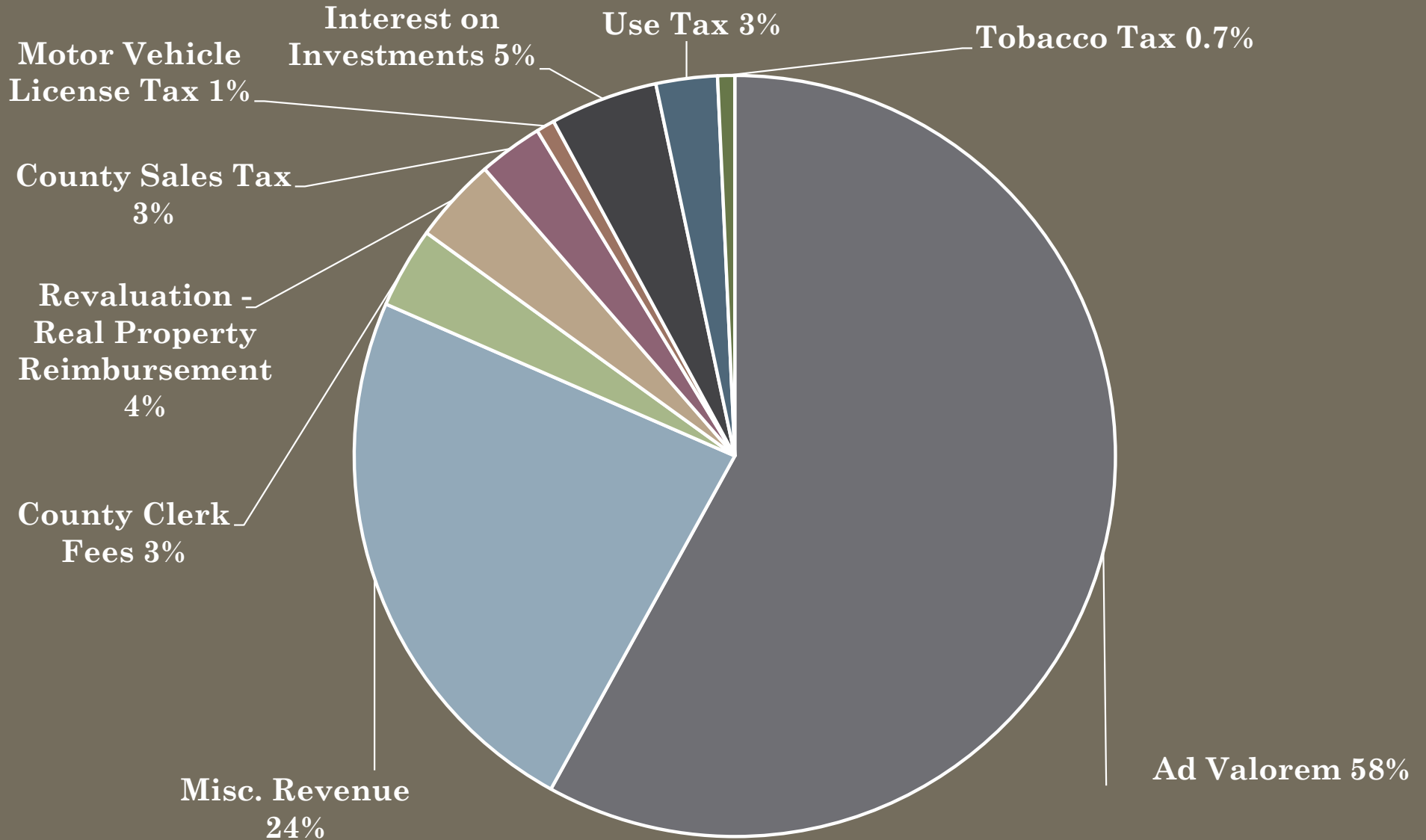
■ Fuel Taxes \$119,340,012

■ Motor Vehicle Fees \$130,057,524

■ Gross Production \$152,067,416

■ All Other \$429,161,531

# County General Fund Revenue Sources



# Sources of Revenue

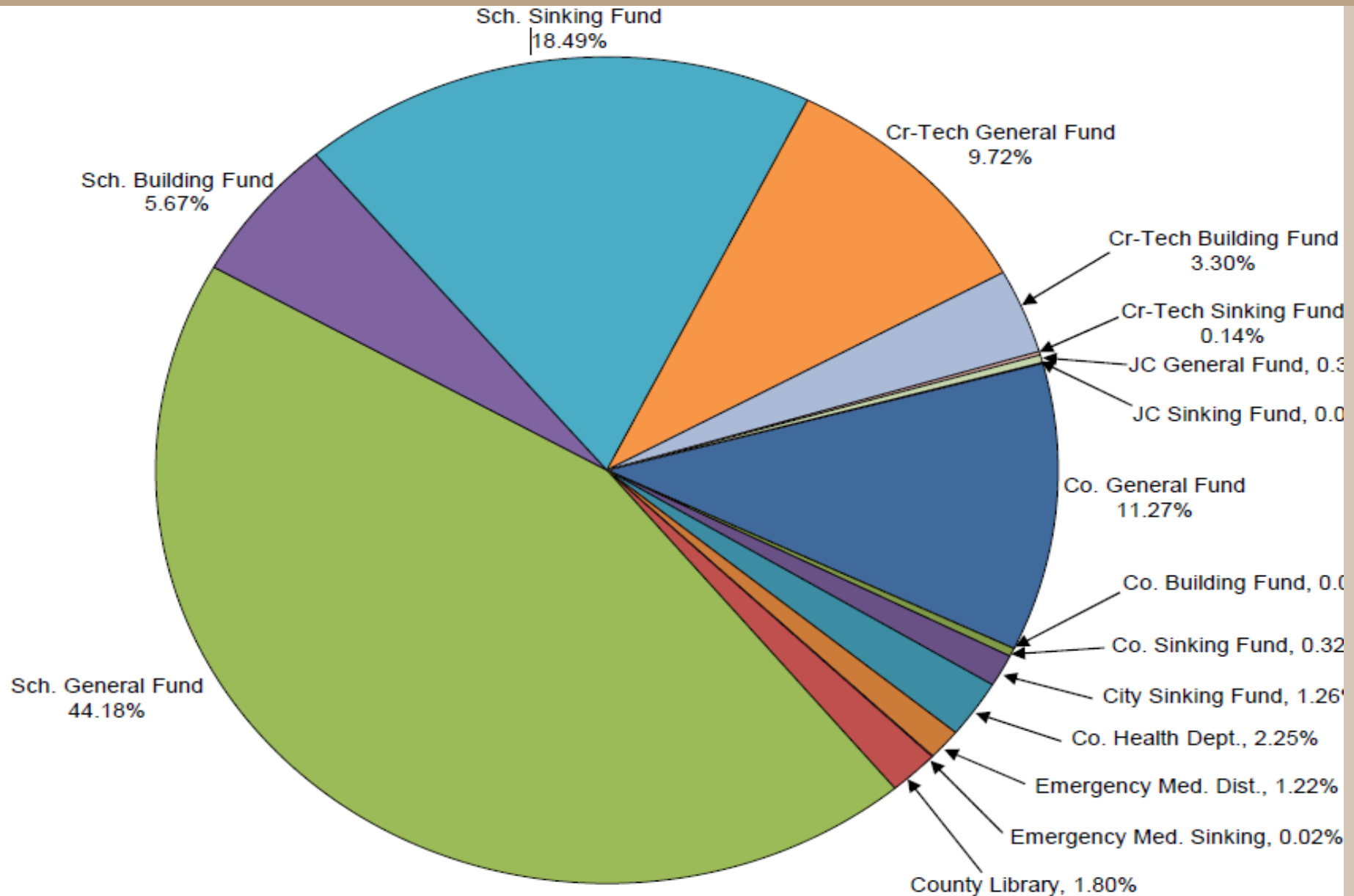
## General Fund

### Ad Valorem Taxes

Mill levy on real property

Fair Cash Value of a Home	\$ 80,000
<u>Assessment Ratio</u>	<u>X .12</u>
Assessed Value	\$ 9,600
<u>less Homestead Exemption</u>	<u>-1,000</u>
Net Assessed Value	\$ 8,600
<u>Tax Rate (80 mills)</u>	<u>X 0.080</u>
<u>Tax Due</u>	<u>\$ 688</u>

# Ad Valorem Mill Levies, State Summary FY 2021-2022



# Sources of Revenue General Fund

## County Clerk Fees – Documentary Stamps 68 O.S. § 3204

\$ 0.75 per five hundred dollars of value,  
affixed to deed conveying an interest in  
real property

### Allocation:

- 30.3% - County General Fund
- 69.7% - Oklahoma Tax Commission - State General Revenue Fund

# Sources of Revenue General Fund

## Fees and Collections



### County Clerk Fees

28 O.S. § 32



### Interest on Investment

68 § 348.1

**For registration of deeds, ...**

- \$ 8 for recording the first page
- \$ 2 for recording each additional page

# Sources of Revenue

## General Fund

### County Sales, Use, & Lodging Taxes



#### County Sales Tax

A maximum of 2%.

Must be approved majority of local voters.

For specified purpose(s).

Applies to the same items as the state sales tax.



#### Use Tax

May be added by resolution of county commissioners.

# Sales Tax

--note --

Law allows sales tax be placed in  
General Fund or Cash Funds

State Auditor recommends using  
Cash Funds for restricted sales tax

Transparency

Accountability

# County Sales, Use, & Lodging Taxes continued

## Lodging Tax

Counties of less than  
200,000

Maximum of 5% on  
lodging rooms.

Approved by majority of  
voters.

For specified purpose.

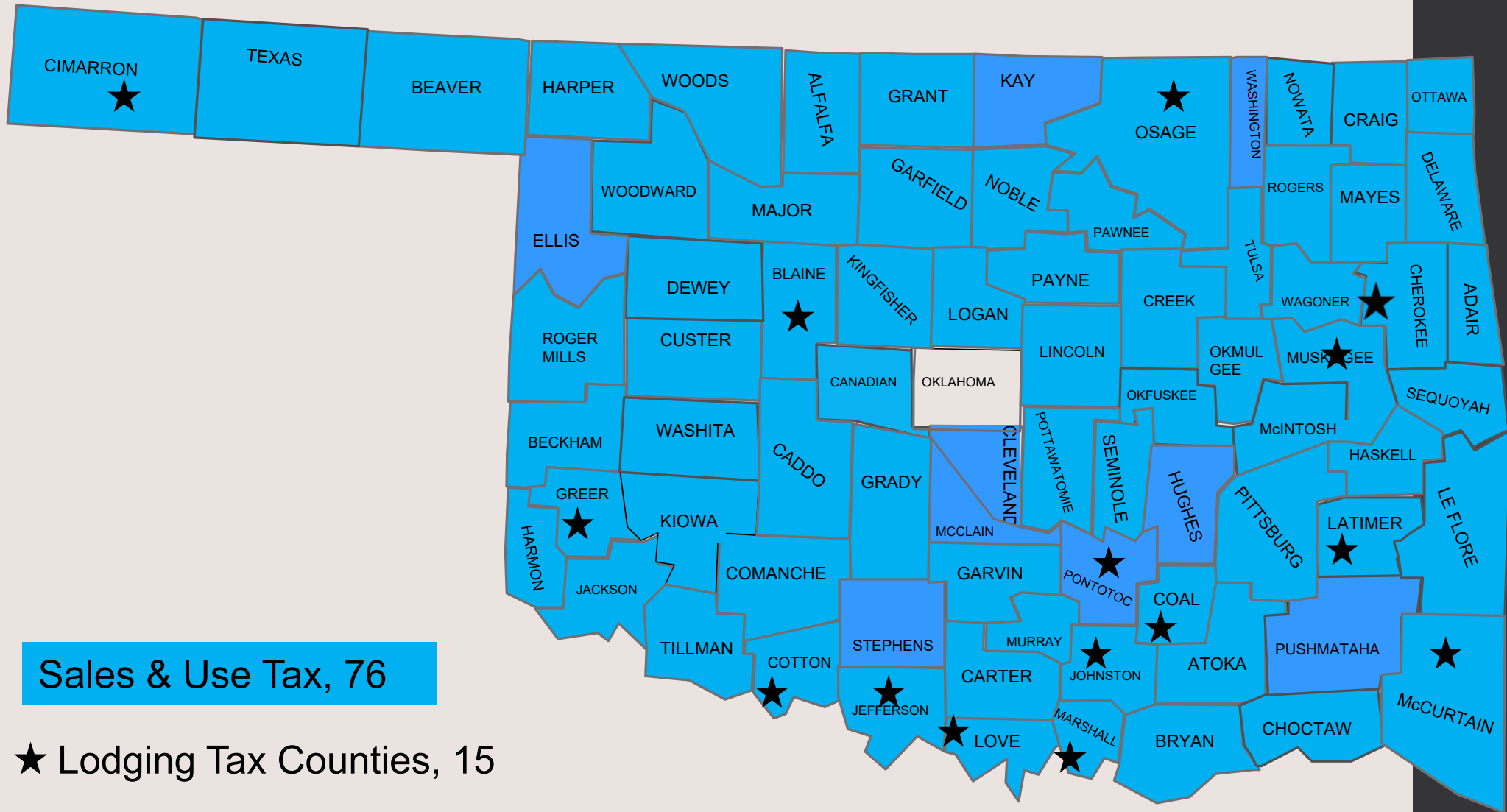
General Fund or a Cash  
Revolving Fund

Inapplicable within  
cities already levying a  
lodging tax.

Adopted in :

- Blaine, Cherokee, Cimarron,  
Coal, Cotton, Greer, Jefferson,  
Johnston, Latimer, Love,  
Marshall, McCurtain, Osage,  
Pontotoc, Muskogee

# County Sales, Use, & Lodging Taxes continued



Sales & Use Tax, 7.6

★ Lodging Tax Counties, 15

See the Oklahoma Tax Commission website for detailed information.

July 2024

# Sources of Revenue General Fund

## State Transfer Payments

From State To Counties, Cities,  
Towns & School Districts.

### Motor Vehicle License & Registration Fees

- Excise Tax 68 O.S. 2000 § 2103
- Annual Registration 47 O.S. 2000 §  
1132

# Sources of Revenue General Fund

## Motor Vehicle License & Registration Fees

47 O.S. 2000 § 1104

### Allocation:

- **0.83% - County General Fund**
- **36.20% - School districts**
- **33.45% - construction & maintenance of county roads and bridges (CBRI & CIRB)**
- **3.10% - cities and towns for construction, maintenance, and lighting of streets and alleys**

# Sources of Revenue General Fund

## “IN LIEU OF” TAXES



Auto tax stamps



Registration fees & taxes on aircraft



Registration & license for vessels & motors



Farm tractors & equipment

# Sources of Revenue General Fund

## Reimbursements

### Visual Inspection (Revaluation) - 68 O.S. §§ 2820, 2822-2823

- The cost of the “program of visual inspection” is shared by all local jurisdictions collecting an ad valorem levy. Each jurisdiction’s share is proportional to its total levy the prior year.

### District Attorney (D.A.) 19 O.S. §§ 215.36 - 215.38

- The county must provide the D.A. with
  - (1) office space;
  - (2) law library and legal subscriptions;
  - (3) funds for investigation, prosecution or defense of any action wherein the county is a party.
- The state shall provide for all other expenses through the District Attorneys Council. However, the county pays these expenses and is reimbursed monthly.

# Sources of Revenue General Fund

## Reimbursements

**Election Board - 26 O.S. §§ 2-118 - 2-121**

- **“The salary and fringe benefits paid to each secretary shall be paid from county funds on a monthly basis and shall be reimbursed from funds appropriated by the Legislature ...”**

**Other election board employees are paid from county funds.**

# General Fund Revenue Variation Across the State

Heavy Dependence  
on Property Tax

Heavy Dependence  
on Sales Tax

Sales Tax Placement

- General Fund and/or  
Cash Fund

Diverse Use of Sales  
Tax

- 100% Hospital or Jail
- Split 17 Different Ways
  - Roads, Rural Fire,  
Solid Waste, Fair,  
General, ...

Growing value of  
Use & Lodging  
Taxes

# County Highway Fund

## Primarily from

- Fuel taxes – gasoline & diesel
- Gross production taxes – in your county
- Motor vehicle taxes – license & registration

## Divided by commissioners

- Maybe by population
- Maybe by road miles
- By Resolution

# County Highway Fund

## Fuel and motor vehicle taxes

- Divided among counties largely on:
  - Population
  - Miles of County Roads
  - Land Area
  - Basically, what percent is your county of the state total.

CBRI Funds are distributed differently

# Common “Cash Funds”

MORTGAGE  
CERTIFICATION  
FEE – Treasurer

RESALE  
PROPERTY FUND -  
Treasurer

SHERIFF SERVICE  
FUND - Sheriff

COMMISSARY  
ACCOUNT - Sheriff

COMMUNITY  
SERVICE  
SENTENCING -  
Sheriff

MECHANIC'S LIEN  
FEE - Clerk

Assessor's Copy Fee  
Fund - Assessor

County Clerk's  
Records  
Management and  
Preservation Fund –  
Clerk

County Court  
Clerk's Records  
Management and  
Preservation Fund –  
Court Clerk

E-911 – Commissioners  
or E-911 Board

Sales Tax Funds of  
various kinds

# Useful Publications

<https://extension.okstate.edu/programs/county-government-training-program/>



**Abstract of County Government General, Highway, and Special Revenue Funds in Oklahoma, Fiscal Year 2021-2022**



**Comparison of County Government Finances by Size Groupings, FY 2023**



**County Sales, Use, & Lodging Tax Summary Report, FY 2023**



**Oklahoma Ad Valorem Mill Levies, Fiscal Year 2023**



**Videos**



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# QUESTIONS?