

County of Story, Iowa

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Adopted
Annual Budget

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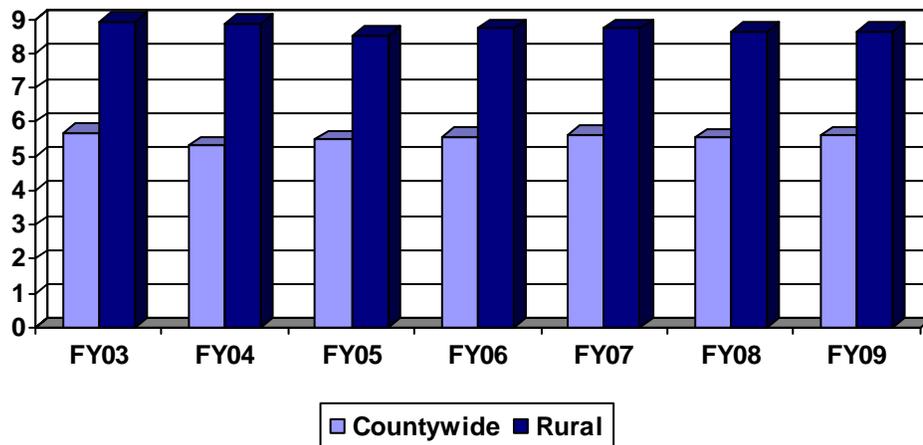
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The fiscal year 2009 (FY09) budget for Story County, Iowa is respectfully submitted. Resources have been allocated in accordance with the County’s standing policy to ascertain that *expenditures are necessary, reasonable, and in the interest of the public welfare*. The FY09 budget was developed with the following objectives for both long-range and short-term goals:

- Continue current level of service
- Preserve levy rates from significant increases
- Provide cost-of-living salary increases
- Maintain appropriate fund balances

A consistent levy rate for Story County citizens is a primary goal each budget year. The consolidated levy rate for FY09 is \$8.6442. This is identical to the FY08 consolidated levy rate. The consolidated rate is comprised of two levies; the countywide and the rural services. Though the consolidated levy rate remained the same, the countywide rate increased from \$5.53799 in FY08 to \$5.60260 in FY09. The rural service levy rate decreased from \$3.10621 in FY08 to \$3.04160 in FY09. A history of Story County’s consistent rate is shown in the following graph:



Maintaining a consistent levy rate is a continual challenge with property valuation fluctuation. However, FY09 has an increase in both the countywide and the rural service valuations. Countywide valuation increased from 2,906,429,321 in FY08 to 2,976,349,976 in FY09. Rural services valuation increased from 557,012,462 in FY08 to 599,150,542 in FY09.

The value of property that is subject to taxation is reduced by the rollback, the common name for statewide limitations on the annual valuation growth of property classes. The rollback comparison for FY09 and FY08 is as follows:

	FY09	FY08
Residential Property:	44.08%	45.56%
Agricultural Property:	90.10%	none
Commercial Property:	99.73%	none

Story County property consists of 72% residential property, 5% agricultural land and buildings, 20% commercial property, and 3% industrial property. The FY09 assessment limitations reduced Story County budget capacity by approximately 11% compared to FY08.

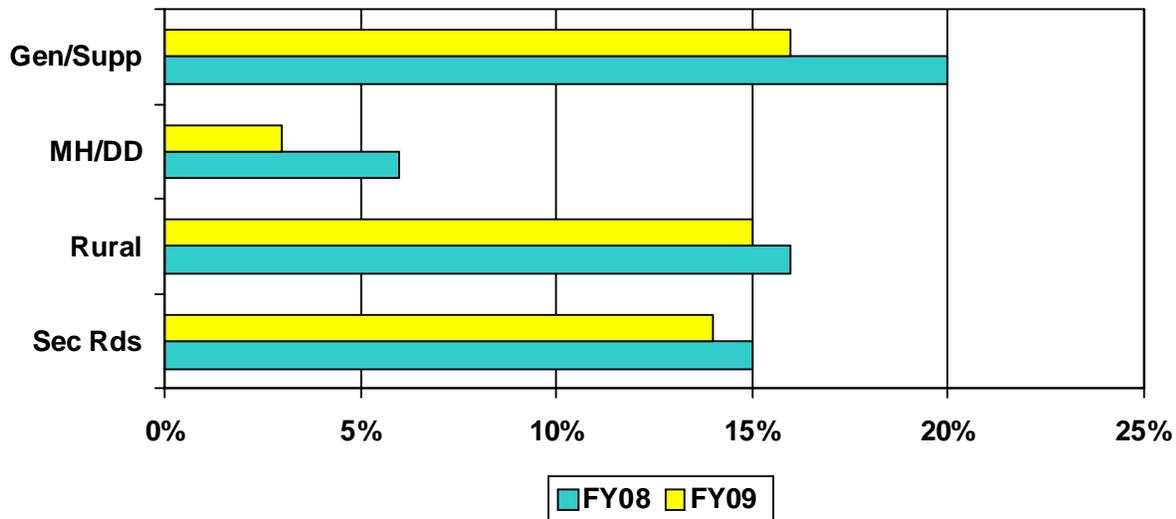
Story County has a policy of budgeting a 25% General Fund ending balance. The General Fund is the main operating fund for the County, and is supported primarily through property taxes, with payable dates in September and March. A 25% ending fund balance allows the County to operate efficiently during the first quarter of the fiscal year. Story County is budgeting a 16% ending fund balance for FY09 in order to maintain the consistent levy rate and to accommodate other budget priorities.

Other funds that receive monthly allocations carry a lower ending balance. The Rural Services Fund receives Local Option Sales Tax (LOST) revenues. The Secondary Roads Fund receives road use tax funds (RUTF). The budgeted FY09 ending fund balances are 15% and 14% respectively.

Budgeting for the Mental Health (MH) Fund ending balance is a significant challenge each year. The State bases its allocation decision for the current fiscal year on the accrued ending fund balance for the previous fiscal year. Story County planned for an ending fund balance of 17% for FY07, but the actual accrued balance was 9.06%. This affected the FY08 budgeted State allocation by an additional \$2,770,000 which will positively affect the FY08 ending fund balance, but most likely make Story County ineligible for funds in FY09. Given the numerous mandates within this fund, the increase poses a budget challenge for the remainder of this fiscal year. The FY09 ending fund balance for MH is budgeted at 3%.

Following is a comparison for the budgeted ending fund balances for FY08 and FY09:

	FY09	FY08
General/Supplemental	16%	20%
MH/DD	3%	6%
Rural	15%	16%
Secondary Roads	14%	15%



Story County budgeted an operating transfer from the General Fund in the amount of \$450,000 which is a levy of .15119 on the countywide valuation. The maximum allowed by the *Code of Iowa* is .16875. The operating transfer from the Rural Services Fund to the Secondary Roads is budgeted at \$1,600,000 which is a levy of 2.67044 on the rural valuation. The maximum allowed by the *Code of Iowa* is 3.00375. The County must provide at least 75% of the maximum in order to maintain the maximum State road use tax dollars.

Designated funds for FY09 include \$7,500 in the General Fund for Analysis of Social Services Evaluation Team (ASSET) funding and \$29,497 in the Rural Fund which represents the unallocated 40% Local Option Sales Tax (LOST) that is used for general county betterment in the unincorporated area.

Story County maintained the same level of services as required by law, and as expected by residents. No new programs or initiatives were added for FY09. Expenditures are increasing approximately 9% from FY08 for the reasons as listed below:

Department	% Increase	Reason:
Public Safety/Legal Services	7.1%	salary and operating increases
Mental Health	6.9%	mandated service and salary increases
County Environment	14.0%	salary increases, new seed storage building
Government Services	6.7%	general election costs, salary increases
Capital Projects	154%	Road construction, administration roof, trails

Salary for most Story County employees and department heads is budgeted to increase 2-3%. Salary for elected officials is budgeted based on the recommendation from the compensation board. This recommendation included a \$2,000.00 increase for all elected officials, with an additional stipend of \$1,000.00 for the Chairperson of the Board of Supervisors and \$500.00 for the Vice-Chairperson.

All funding decisions were made with regard to the best allocation of financial resources, and that each was reasonable, necessary, and in the best interest of public welfare. Story County has adopted a balanced budget that addresses the requirements and goals, without a significant increase to our citizens.

The Board of Supervisors acknowledges and appreciates the assistance of all department heads and elected officials, as well as the financial staff within the various departments for the preparation of the FY09 budget. The challenge of providing broad services to the residents of the county, and maintaining public facilities and infrastructure is on-going. It is accomplished only by cooperatively working together.

Respectfully submitted,

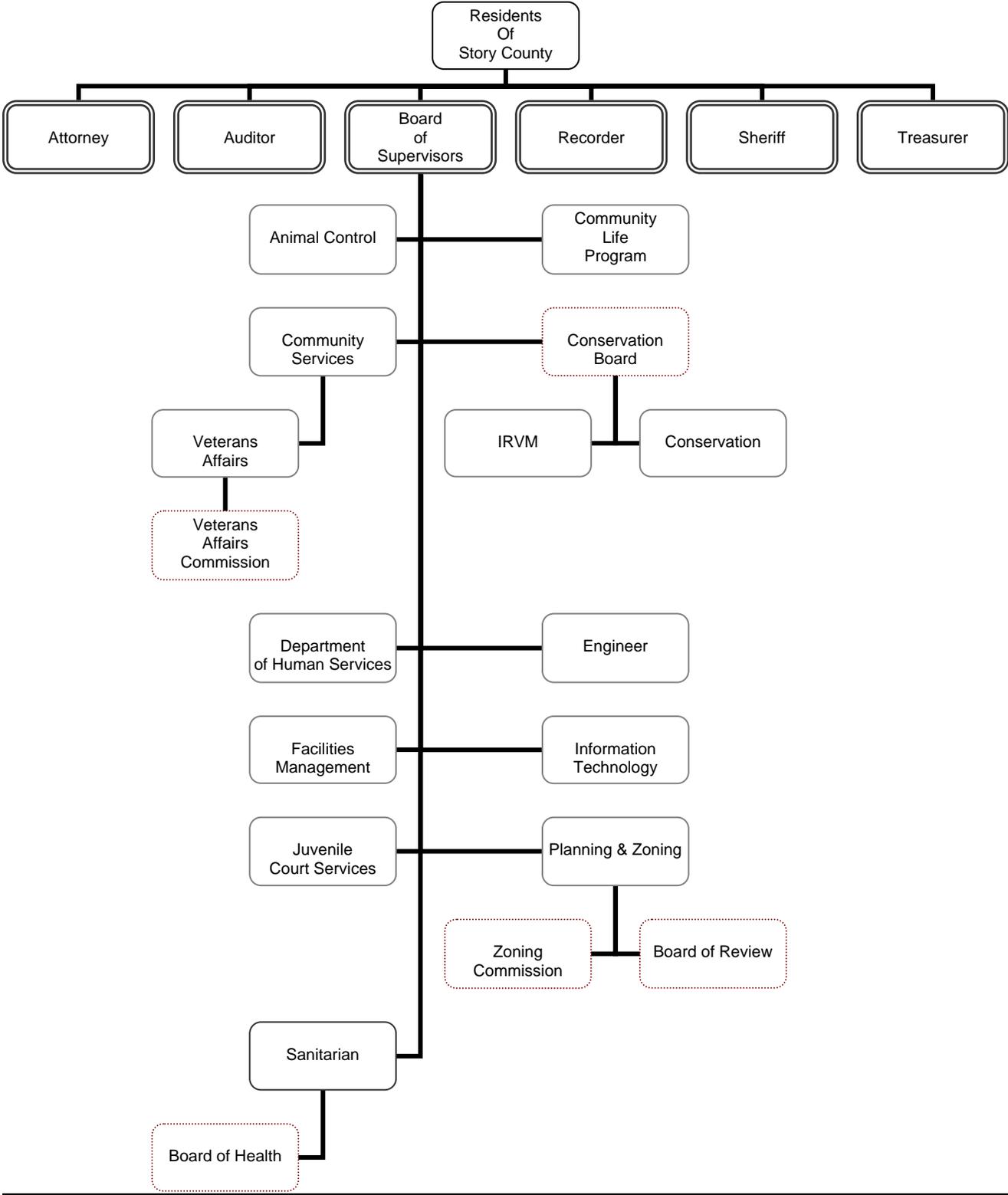
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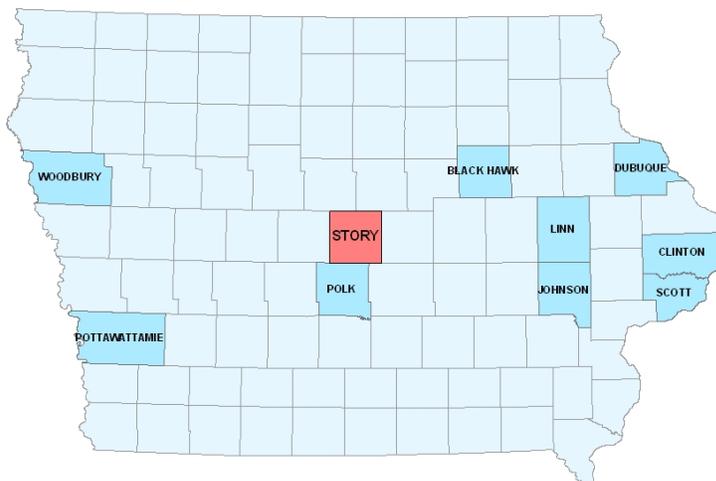
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Organizational Chart



==== = Elected Official • = Board or Commission — = Department

The Story Behind Story County



History

Story County was created in 1853 and named for the Supreme Court Justice Joseph Story. Cheap and productive farm land attracted early settlers, but the county grew more slowly than surrounding areas due to its many lowlands, marshes, and sloughs. This hindered the development of large farm tracts, roads and railroads. The installation of drainage tile solved this problem; today there are 121 active drainage districts within the county. The county donated more than 6,700 acres to the railroads. By the end of the 1880s, every farmer was within six miles of markets and shipping accommodations.

The city of Nevada is the county seat. Established on June 27, 1853, locating commissioners selected a site that was central to the newly organized county. One of the commissioners, a participant in the California Gold Rush of 1849, suggested the name, inspired by the Sierra Nevada Mountains. Nevada prospered with the arrival of the railroad in 1864. The establishment of the Lincoln Highway in 1913 contributed to the further growth of the town and the county.

The city of Ames, at the western edge of the county, was an early contender for the county seat. Its busy railroad depot handled travelers changing trains going east, west, north and south. However, when, in June of 1859, the state selected Ames as the site of the Iowa Agricultural College and Farm (later Iowa State University), the city's ambitions took a different turn. Today, Ames is the business and research hub of the county.

The first county courthouse was built in Nevada in 1856. Destroyed by fire in 1863, it was replaced by a similar building. A third courthouse, built on a grander scale, was completed in 1877. The current courthouse was dedicated in 1968, renamed the Administration Building in 2002 following the construction of the new Justice Center, and completed an extensive renovation in 2007.

Population

With 79,981 residents as of the 2000 Census, Story County is the ninth most populous county in the state. It includes 14 incorporated cities, 16 townships, and seven school districts. Its urban center is the city of Ames with a population of 50,731. From 1990 to 2000, Story County's population increased 7.7 percent. Iowa's population increased by 5.4 percent during the same period.

Government

Story County is governed by a Board of Supervisors, comprised of three officials elected at-large for four-year staggered terms. The positions of Sheriff, Auditor, Attorney, Recorder, and Treasurer are also elected and officials serve four-year terms.

Economy

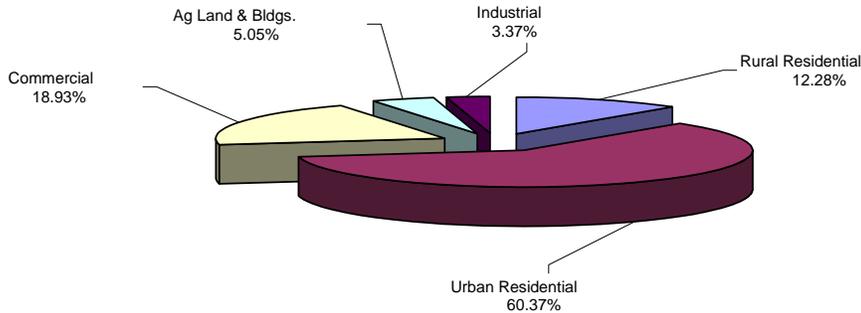
Located in the heart of the state and the nation, Story County is an area of highly productive people and boasts a diverse economic base of industrial, agricultural, educational and commercial enterprises. As of December 2007, the unemployment rate in the county is 3% as compared to the state-wide rate of 4%. The largest segment of employment is in management and professional occupations with a varied blend of agricultural, industrial, sales and service-based companies. Story County is home to Iowa State University, one of the nation's leading research centers.



Valuation Assessments

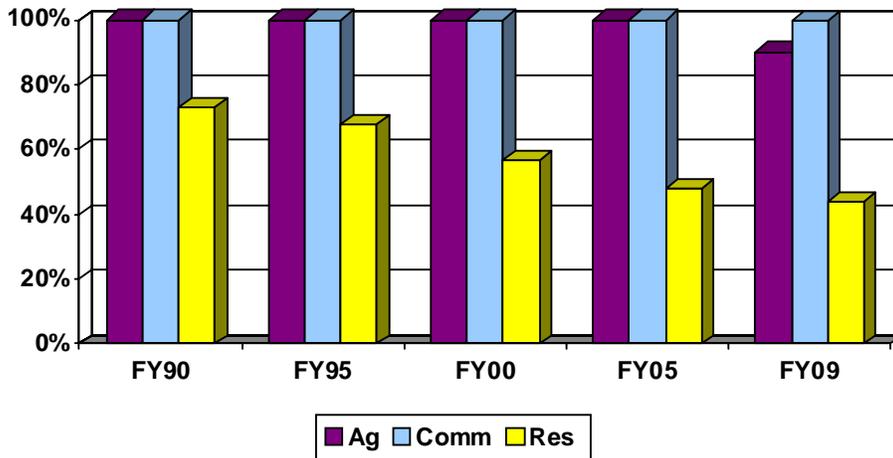
The FY09 budget is based on the taxable valuation of the 2007 assessment year. Countywide, Story County had a valuation increase of 2.41%; rural valuations increased 7.57% from the previous year.

2007 Assessments



Commercial, agriculture land and buildings, and industrial values are taxed at 99.73% for FY09. These currently comprise approximately 27% of the County’s assessments.

Urban residential and rural residential assessments comprise around 73% of the County’s assessments. Residential property, however, is subject to a “rollback” of taxable valuation. This state mandate, established in 1977, decreases the amount of assessed value subject to taxation. The rollback for FY09 is 44.0800%. This means that if a home is assessed at \$100,000, the tax rate is applied to \$44,080 of that value to calculate the taxes payable. This is a decrease from the FY08 rollback of 45.5596%. The rollback continues to be a principal issue in developing the budget. Recent history of the rollback is shown in the following chart:



Revenues

Revenues for all governmental funds total \$33,127,272, which is an increase of \$610,520 or 1.88% from the FY08 adopted budget. Revenues are projected as follows:

	Amount	Percent of total revenues
Property taxes	\$18,216,533	54.99%
Intergovernmental	\$10,593,795	31.98%
Local Option & other taxes	\$1,904,409	5.74%
Fees for services	\$1,701,285	5.14%
Interest & rentals	\$711,250	2.15%

Property taxes remain the largest source of revenue, with a slight increase of 3.87% from FY08.

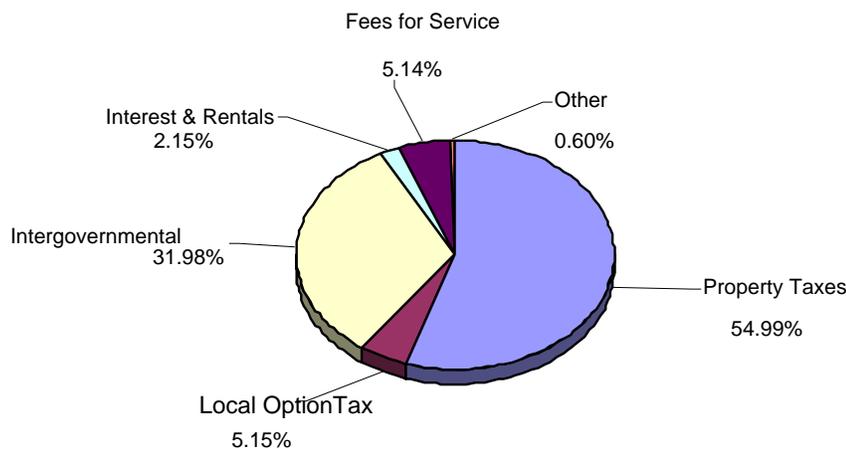
Intergovernmental revenues are decreasing by \$22,088 or .21% from FY08 reduced grant proceeds.

Local option sales taxes (LOST) are projected to decrease by \$15,000 or .87% from FY08, whereas *other taxes* are estimated to increase \$5,272 or 1.85%, primarily due to the utility replacement excise tax.

Fees for services are projected to slightly increase \$8,505 or .5% above FY08.

A decrease of \$23,165 or 3.5% is budgeted for *interest and rentals* based on the decreased rent from MICA in the Human Services Center.

FY09 Revenues



By State of Iowa Defined source codes

Expenditures

Expenditures for FY09 are budgeted at \$37,642,970, an increase of \$2,868,793 or 8.25% from the FY08 adopted budget. Expenditures are projected as follows:

	Amount	Percent of total expenditures
Mental health	\$9,342,580	24.82%
Public safety/legal services	\$8,992,934	23.89%
Roads & transportation	\$4,841,154	12.86%
Administration	\$4,544,235	12.07%
Environment/education	\$2,931,561	7.79%
Capital projects	\$2,003,508	5.32%
Health/Social Services	\$1,932,354	5.13%
Government Services	\$1,846,826	4.91%
Debt service	\$1,207,818	3.21%

Mental health expenditures are anticipated to increase by \$226,407 or 2.48% from FY08 due to wages and benefits for direct services staff and an increase in the number of clients served in state-mandated placing.

Public safety and legal service expenditures are budgeted to increase \$596,187 or 7.10% as a result of increased wages and benefits in the Sheriff and Attorney’s offices, along with operating increases in the Sheriff’s office.

Roads and transportation expenditures are projected to increase by \$169,084 or 3.62% from FY08. Wages and benefits are increasing for staff. An increase is budgeted for construction purposes and new equipment purchases. Tax dollars to be transferred to the Secondary Road fund from the General fund is remaining constant at \$450,000 from FY08. The Rural Services fund transfer is also to increase \$400,000 or 33.33%.

Administration is projected to increase by \$158,016 or 3.60% primarily due to wages and benefits along with utility costs.

County environment and education is budgeted to increase by \$359,755 of 13.99% from FY08 due to wages and benefits, along with continuation of the next phase of the Heart of Iowa Nature trail in the conservation department and a new building for the IRVM seed storage needs.

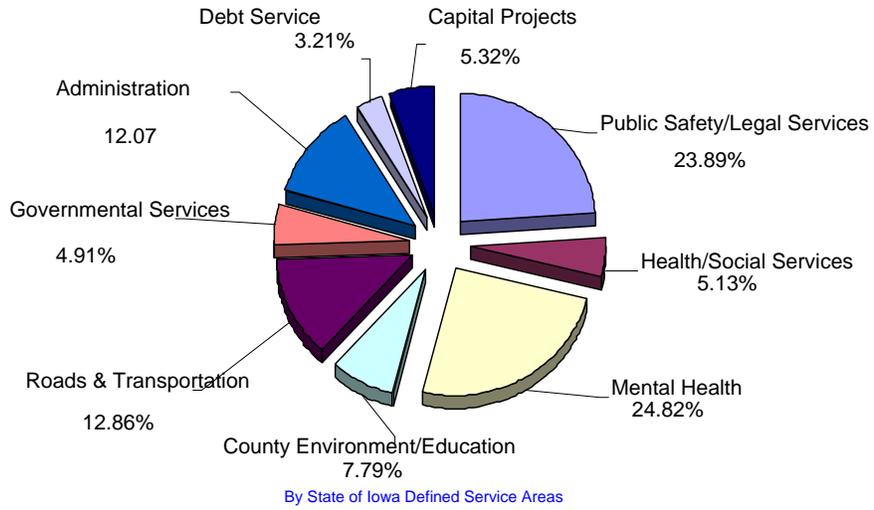
Capital projects is projected to increase \$1,214,848 or 154.04% due to construction for secondary roads projects, Heart of Iowa Nature Trail (grant funded) continuation and a roofing project at the administration building.

Health and social services will increase \$26,627 or 1.40% primarily due to wages and benefits.

Governmental service to residents will increase \$115,166 or 6.65% in FY09 due to the Federal election cycle.

Debt service increases \$2,430 or .20% because of the County’s bond payment schedule.

FY09 Expenditures



Personnel

Wages and benefits for personnel comprise 50.2% of the total expenditure budget. Staffing for the FY09 budget is increased by 4.25 positions. Story County currently has 308 full time employee (FTE) positions, and 60 part time positions. Salary and benefit costs of \$18,891,342 represent an increase of 5.43% from the FY08 budget. Annual flexible benefits for the FTEs were unchanged at \$6,600 per person. This amount is used at each employee’s discretion to purchase health and dental insurance. Employees may also participate in the pre-tax dependent and medical reimbursement program, and deferred compensation programs. The IPERS rate for regular employees is budgeted to increase for the FY09 budget at a .20% increase for the employee portion and a .30% increase for the employer portion. Wage increases are budgeted at 3.0% for FY09.

A listing of Department Heads and Elected Officials with the FY09 budgeted salary is as follows:

Department	Department Head/Elected Official	Salary (FY09)
Animal Control	Sue McCaskey	\$51,809
Attorney	Stephen Holmes	\$109,614
Auditor	Mary Mosiman	\$61,556
Board of Health - Sanitarian	Don Nolting	\$65,015
Board of Supervisors	Jane Halliburton, Wayne Clinton, James Strohman*	\$61,324
Community Life Program (CLP)	Gayla Harken	\$90,631
Community Services	Deb Schildroth	\$69,132
Conservation	Steve Lekwa	\$67,218
Department Human Services	Ken Riedel	
Engineer	Darren Moon	\$88,022
Facilities Manager	Al Hahn	\$86,669
Human Services Center	Al Hahn	
Information Technology	Sandra Hunter	\$81,442
IRVM	Joe Kooiker	\$44,283
Juvenile Court Services	Shirley Faircloth	
Mental Health	Deb Schildroth	
Planning & Zoning	Leanne Harter	\$61,363
Recorder	Sue Vande Kamp	\$61,556
Sheriff	Paul Fitzgerald	\$99,895
Treasurer	David Jamison	\$61,556
Veteran Affairs	Brett McLain	\$34,156

*The Chair stipend is an additional \$1,000; Vice-Chair stipend is an additional \$500

Positions within each department for FY09 and the three previous fiscal years are as follows:

Department	Actual FY06	Actual FY07	Actual FY08	Adopted FY09
Animal Control	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00
Attorney	20.00	20.00	20.00	21.00
Auditor	10.75	10.75	10.75	12.00
Board of Health-Sanitarian	2.75	2.75	2.75	2.75
Board of Supervisors	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00
Community Life Program (CLP)	100.00	104.00	104.00	104.00
Community Services	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
Conservation	15.50	15.50	15.50	15.50
Engineer	34.00	33.00	32.00	32.00
Facilities Management	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.00
Human Services Center	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00
Information Technology	8.00	8.00	8.00	8.00
IRVM	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00
Justice Center Facilities	5.00	6.00	6.00	6.00
Mental Health	15.00	16.00	16.00	19.00
Planning & Zoning	4.00	4.00	5.00	5.00
Recorder	5.50	5.50	5.50	6.00
Sheriff	82.50	82.50	82.50	82.50
Treasurer	12.00	12.00	12.00	12.00
Veteran's Affairs	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
Total Positions	340.00	345.00	345.00	350.75

Departmental Information

Animal Control: The department provides animal control to Story County residents in the unincorporated area. The Animal Shelter is located two miles outside of Nevada and has three full-time employees and a director. There are 10 cities in the county that contract with the county for animal control needs and the 28E service agreements are on a per call basis. The annual adoption rate at the shelter averages 95%.

Funding Source: Rural Fund

FY09 budgeted net tax dollars: \$209,750

Attorney: The legal advisor and chief law enforcement officer for the county, the Attorney is elected every four years. The office prosecutes all violations of state criminal laws and county ordinances, provides legal advice to the Board of Supervisors, county, and township officers concerning county matters, represents and defends the state, county, and its officers in officially related cases, recovers all moneys (debts, fines, penalties, etc.) owing to the state or county, presents all mental health commitment proceedings and all juvenile delinquency and child in need of assistance cases. Story County has nine assistant county attorneys, 10.5 FTE support staff, and three or four interns every year.

Funding Source: General Fund

FY09 budgeted net tax dollars: \$1,691,340

Auditor: The Auditor is elected every four years. There are four main responsibilities of the office. As commissioner of elections, all elections in Story County (city, school, special, countywide) are handled by the Auditor's Office. There is one appointed Deputy of elections and 2.5 FTEs. During countywide elections, as many as 20 temporary staff members are hired to assist with voter registration, absentee ballot processing and general election matters. Story County has 43 polling locations, and an additional 200+ people are needed to work the precincts on election days. Another responsibility of the office is budget and finance. This department includes an Assistant Auditor and 1.5 FTEs. They handle the County's accounts payable and payroll responsibilities. They also compile the County's budget and provide review and analysis. The real estate responsibilities of the Auditor's Office are conducted by one appointed Deputy and 2.5 FTEs. This department maintains records of current property ownership within Story County for taxation purposes, as well as plat maps, aerial photos and transfer books. They generate the valuation report for the County's taxing authorities, and prepare and certify the tax levies which are collected by the Treasurer. The final responsibility of the Auditor's office is that of Clerk to the Board of Supervisors. All Board agendas, minutes, resolutions, ordinances and reports are kept in the Auditor's Office and maintained by one part-time staff member.

Funding Source: General Fund

FY09 budgeted net tax dollars: \$885,921

Board of Health & Sanitarian: The Story County Health Department was established by the Story County Board of Health to regulate county health matters as required under the *Code of Iowa §137*. The Story County Board of Health has split the responsibilities into the following two areas:

Homeward Health Care providers cover the Medical Health concerns of communicable disease, inoculations and other areas of county-based health jurisdiction.

Funding Source: General Fund

FY09 budgeted net tax dollars: \$224,550 (from Countywide Services)

The *Story County Health Department*, under the jurisdiction of the Story County Board of Health, is responsible for the following: permitting and inspection of wastewater treatment including site reviews, soil coring and classification, testing, tracking, and renovation/rehabilitation inspections; permitting and inspection of private water supply wells and their systems, including well head inspections, private well abandonment or rehabilitation inspections, and private well water testing; inspection of complaints, nuisance investigation, and mitigation; lead hazard testing, consultation, tracking, and follow-up inspections; and the management, reporting, and record keeping of official documents.

Funding Source: General Fund

FY09 budgeted net tax dollars: \$186,519

Board of Supervisors: The Board of Supervisors is the legislative body of the county composed of three members elected at-large to four-year staggered terms. They are responsible for the following: county policy, certifying the county budget including the county tax levy, approving bonds and reports, employee staffing, and economic development. The board has a staff of three full-time employees who are responsible for human resources, insurance plans, pool car maintenance and usage, and administrative support services.

Funding Source: General Fund

FY09 budgeted net tax dollars: \$442,927

General County Betterment: 40% of the local option sales tax goes towards this purpose. The Board of Supervisors determines the use of this tax each year. The most common past uses have been library funding, sanitary disposal, economic development, patrol vehicles, soil conservation and equipment purchases for secondary roads.

Funding Source: Local Option Sales Tax in the Rural Fund

FY09 budgeted net tax dollars: \$807,700

Countywide Services: The Board of Supervisors budgets in this department for such common expenses as liability insurance, workman's compensation insurance, sheriff vehicles, court-ordered services, district court expenses, 4-H Fair, historical societies, debt service payments, capital projects and Analysis of Social Services Evaluation Team (ASSET).

Funding Source: General, Rural and Debt Service Funds

FY09 budgeted net tax dollars: \$1,661,156

Community Life Program (CLP): The Story County Community Life Program is a community based human service agency which assists persons with disabilities to live, learn, work, and socialize in their environments of choice. CLP utilizes an individual approach to service delivery which recognizes unique needs and abilities. Each participant can create an individualized program plan to achieve important personal goals. The program focuses on interventions that develop necessary skills and supports for a particular environment based on the core values of increased functioning, success, satisfaction, choice, outcome orientation, support, and growth potential. There are 68 full-time and 36 part-time positions.

Funding Source: MH – DD Fund

FY09 budgeted net tax dollars: \$3,043,075

Community Services: This department's mission is to facilitate citizens' access to community resources and services that can help improve quality of life. Community Services has one overall director and manages three distinct service areas:

General Assistance includes emergency rent and utilities, and the furniture bank, managed by one employee.

Funding Source: General Fund

FY09 budgeted net tax dollars: \$216,550

The *Story County Veterans Affairs Commission* consists of three commissioners appointed by the Board of Supervisors and paid a nominal fee. The department has one full-time employee who assists veterans with medical care, rent, utilities and other general assistance.

Funding Source: General Fund

FY09 budgeted net tax dollars: \$73,650

Mental Health Services assists county residents with chronic mental illness, mental retardation, developmental disabilities, and brain injury. Staff provides eligibility determination, individual case management, and information and referral services. Mental health has 16 full-time staff and one part-time employee. Over 50% of the mental health budget is for state-mandated services.

Funding Source: MH – DD Fund; state tax replacements

FY09 budgeted net tax dollars: \$4,172,380

Conservation: The Story County Conservation Board (SCCB) is appointed by the Board of Supervisors. Its mission is to enhance the quality of life by wisely managing natural resources, providing recreational opportunities, and educating county citizens to be caretakers of the natural environment. The SCCB manages nearly 2,500 acres of parks and natural areas. It takes an active role in developing and managing wildlife habitat throughout the county, including assistance to private landowners. Board and staff members are also involved in outdoor education through the Environmental Education Program and are also responsible for outdoor recreation and park maintenance. The department employs 15 full-time and one part-time staff and up to 15 part-time summer aides. In addition to property tax dollars, Conservation receives revenue from the Resource Enhancement and Protection Program (REAP) and the Friends of Conservation Trust Fund. These special revenue funds are used for grant matching and major projects match funding.

Funding Sources: General Fund; REAP; donations

FY09 budgeted net tax dollars: \$1,090,721

Conservation, cont'd: The SCCB administers the Integrated Roadside Vegetation Management (IRVM) program that develops and maintains vegetation along 950 miles of county roads. IRVM is used to control weeds, brush, and erosion in order to improve wildlife habitat along the county's roadsides. The IRVM department employs 1 full-time and up to 4 part-time summer aides.

Funding Source: Rural Fund

FY09 budgeted net tax dollars: \$183,675

Engineer and Secondary Roads: The department is responsible for the construction and maintenance of the county's road and bridge system. Funding for this department comes from both the general and rural tax levies. Other revenue sources are road use taxes (RUTF) which includes both state dollars from fuel tax, registration fees, and use tax, and federal farm-to-market funds and federal aid. The department is headed by the County Engineer, hired by the Board of Supervisors, and 31 full-time employees.

Funding Sources: General Fund; Rural Fund; RUTF

FY09 budgeted expenses: \$5,329,042

FY09 budgeted revenues: \$4,916,886

Facilities Management: This budget includes the utilities, physical plant, repairs, general maintenance, and custodial supplies for the county's Administration Building, Justice Center, and Human Services Center. The Board of Supervisors hires a director who manages a department for each building. There are a total of 16 employees.

Funding Source: General Fund

FY09 budgeted net tax dollars: \$1,813,724

Human Services: This is the local administrative budget for services primarily funded by the State of Iowa. The county pays for general office needs including supplies, postage, phones, equipment and miscellaneous costs.

Funding Source: Iowa Department of Human Services; General Fund

FY09 budgeted net tax dollars: (\$96,800)

Information Technology: This department purchases and maintains the county's computer hardware and software and telecommunications technology. The director is hired by the Board of Supervisors and there are an additional seven positions, of which two are vacant.

Funding Source: General Fund, MH – DD Fund

FY09 budgeted net tax dollars: \$939,912

Juvenile Court Services: The state mandates that counties pay for juvenile court-ordered shelter care and detention services. Story County also funds counseling, evaluation, prevention and education for at-risk youth.

Funding Source: General Fund

FY09 budgeted net tax dollars: \$489,850

Planning & Zoning: The department oversees development activity in the unincorporated areas. It issues zoning and floodplain development permits; recommends action on variances, conditional use permits, subdivision requests, rezoning, and plan amendments; and assigns rural E911 addresses. The department enforces the Transitional Zoning Ordinance and Subdivision Ordinance in relation to the adopted County Development Plan and Land Use Framework. The office is overseen by the director, hired by the Board of Supervisors and employs four full-time staff.

Funding Source: Rural Fund

FY09 budgeted net tax dollars: \$294,010

Recorder: The Recorder is elected every four years. The office maintains real estate transaction records, issues marriage certificates and boat, snowmobile, and ATV registrations, and processes passport applications. The Recorder is also the registrar of vital records (births, deaths, and marriages). Types of documents recorded are deeds, contracts, mortgages, assignments, releases, state and federal tax liens, affidavits, land surveys, subdivision plats, section corner certificates, condemnations, leases, trade names, bills of sale, financing statements, and military discharges. Recording fees are collected for all documents, except military discharges, and the money is paid into the county general fund quarterly. The staff consists of two appointed deputies and three full-time staff.

Funding Source: General Fund

FY09 budgeted net tax dollars: (\$160,665); revenues exceed expenses

Sheriff: The Sheriff is an elected position with a four-year term. The duties of the Sheriff are outlined in the *Code of Iowa* §331.653 and include law enforcement for the county. The staff includes one Chief Deputy (appointed), 80 full-time staff and one part-time employee. The jail is the largest division of the office with 37.5 employees. Field services (patrol) are next with 23 employees, and dispatch has 12 FTEs.

Funding Sources: General Fund; Rural Fund (patrol deputies only)

FY09 budgeted net tax dollars: \$5,242,824

Treasurer: The Treasurer is elected every four years and has two appointed deputies. The office is in charge of the motor vehicle licensing, property tax collections, and county investments. Property taxes, due twice a year, are the largest source of revenues for the county. The staff consists of 9 full-time universal clerks in addition to the deputies.

Funding Source: General Fund

FY09 budgeted net tax dollars: (\$271,673); interest revenues exceed expenses

FY09 Expenditures by Department

	FY09			FY08		
	Personnel	Operating	Total	Personnel	Operating	Total
Animal Control	182,150	49,100	231,250	177,450	47,050	224,500
Attorney	1,620,040	93,000	1,713,040	1,424,900	85,500	1,510,400
Auditor	723,256	215,715	938,971	613,150	216,925	830,075
Board of Health-Sanitarian	190,050	34,954	225,004	185,000	32,857	217,857
Board of Supervisors	397,327	45,600	442,927	383,522	40,600	424,122
General Betterment	0	807,700	807,700	0	803,974	803,974
Countywide Services	0	3,892,127	3,892,127	0	3,738,987	3,738,987
Community Life Program	3,320,200	635,175	3,955,375	3,368,500	672,260	4,040,760
Community Services	58,650	164,000	222,650	55,600	163,620	219,220
Conservation	878,546	1,969,545	2,848,091	866,386	993,925	1,860,311
Engineer-Secondary Roads	2,253,292	3,075,750	5,329,042	2,224,150	2,512,920	4,737,070
Facilities Management	434,600	210,201	644,801	418,200	210,646	628,846
Human Services	0	91,200	91,200	0	92,700	92,700
Human Services Center	213,800	138,723	352,523	205,500	121,973	327,473
Information Technology	443,400	496,512	939,912	431,500	472,693	904,193
IRVM	76,125	112,350	188,475	72,050	65,550	137,600
Justice Center Facilities	295,200	521,200	816,400	282,600	510,142	792,742
Juvenile Court Services	0	500,850	500,850	0	489,350	489,350
Mental Health	1,015,300	4,302,080	5,317,380	768,875	4,255,800	5,024,675
Planning & Zoning	281,700	44,440	326,140	274,771	33,785	308,556
Recorder	330,035	152,500	482,535	317,275	155,475	472,750
Sheriff	5,523,015	1,042,735	6,565,750	5,218,443	1,004,303	6,222,746
Treasurer	612,706	124,371	737,077	589,200	107,120	696,320
Veterans Affairs	41,950	31,800	73,750	40,750	28,200	68,950
TOTALS	18,891,342	18,751,628	37,642,970	17,917,822	16,856,355	34,774,177

FY09 Revenues by Department

	FY09	FY08
PROPERTY TAXES:	17,859,632	17,187,595
OTHER COUNTY TAXES	1,994,937	2,004,665
DEPARTMENTAL:		
Animal Control	20,500	19,400
Attorney	25,200	26,950
Auditor	53,050	96,550
Board of Health-Sanitarian	38,485	38,605
Community Life Program	912,300	911,000
Community Services	6,100	6,100
Conservation	1,413,920	709,910
Countywide Services	1,471,256	1,881,902
Engineer-Secondary Roads	4,916,886	4,486,899
Facilities Management	1,000	700
Human Services	188,000	169,380
Human Services Center	0	41,015
IRVM	4,800	4,800
Juvenile Court Services	11,000	12,000
Mental Health	1,145,000	1,992,111
Planning & Zoning	32,130	25,975
Recorder	590,700	583,400
Sheriff	1,433,526	1,310,960
Treasurer	1,008,750	1,008,750
Veterans Affairs	100	100
TOTALS	33,127,272	32,518,767

Budget Process

Every December, each County official and department head submits budget estimates to the Auditor. Guidelines are determined by the Board of Supervisors. The estimates must include the following:

- the proposed expenses of the office or department for the next fiscal year;
- an estimate of the receipts, excluding property taxes, to be collected;
- a narrative to fully describe the necessity of expenses and the source of revenues.

The departments are also asked to re-estimate the current operating year expenses and revenues to accurately project the ending fund balance, and forecast the beginning balance for the new budget year.

The Assistant Auditor compiles and reviews the budget estimates and presents a consolidated proposed budget to the Board of Supervisors. During January and early February, each department head and elected official meets with the Board of Supervisors to review and prioritize requests. Budget review considers the actual amounts from the two previous fiscal years, the current year estimates, and the proposed budget for the new fiscal year. These meetings are public; information is posted in numerous locations, the sessions are recorded, and minutes are maintained and published.

The Assistant Auditor works collaboratively with the Board of Supervisors to determine the available dollars, and analyze the effects of salary increases, insurance increases, and staffing requests or needs. Legislative changes, current economic factors, and the state of the county are considered.

A compensation board recommends the salaries for the elected officials, which is either ratified by the Board of Supervisors or collectively lowered. The Board of Supervisors also sets the rate of salary increase for pay-plan employees. Union negotiations take place for three bargaining units.

All decisions are included in the public hearing, which is held prior to the certification of the budget. The proposed budget and the notice of public hearing are published no less than 10 days and no more than 20 days before the hearing, as required by Iowa law.

A budget amendment is usually recommended towards the end of a fiscal year to accurately reflect the current expenditures and revenues, and ending fund balance. An amendment may also take place for unexpected circumstances, such as grant proceeds. An amendment to the budget requires the same publication notice as the budget.

FY09 Budget Preparation Calendar

11/07/07	Distribute budget guidelines and preparation instructions to Departments
12/07/07	Budget requests due
01/04/08	Proposed budget to Board of Supervisors
01/07/08	Public Departmental Work sessions begin with Board of Supervisors
01/21/08	Auditor and Board of Supervisors begin budget review
02/19/08	Return final budgets to Departments and Elected Officials
02/28/08	Publish FY09 budget and notice of public hearing
03/10/08	Public hearing & Certification by Board of Supervisors
04/18/08	Review of current year budget for any necessary amendment
05/15/08	Publish FY08 budget amendment and notice of public hearing (if necessary)
05/27/08	Public hearing for FY08 budget amendment (if necessary)
06/24/08	Appropriation of FY09 Budget by Resolution
07/01/08	Fiscal Year 2009 begins

The annual budget is adopted for all governmental funds by fund and by major class of expenditure (service area). The ten major classes of expenditures are public safety and legal services, physical health and social services, mental health, county environment and education, roads and transportation, government services to residents, administration, non-program current, debt service, and capital projects.

The highest legal level of control is by major class of expenditures for all governmental funds. The Board appropriates, by resolution, the authorized expenditures for each of the county officers and departments. It is unlawful for a county official to authorize expenditures exceeding the amount appropriated by the Board. Increases or decreases in appropriations may be made, by resolution, if none of the major classes of expenditures are to be increased. Any increase to a major expenditures class requires a public hearing and formal budget amendment. Decreases in appropriations of an office or department of more than 10% or \$5,000, whichever is greater, are not effective until the Board holds a public hearing on the proposed decrease, and publishes notice of the hearing not less than 10 nor more than 20 days prior to the hearing.

Budget Basis

The annual budget is prepared in conformance with the rules and regulation established by the *Code of Iowa* on a cash basis. In simple terms, this means that revenues are recognized when received and expenditures are recorded when payment is made. Following fiscal year-end, adjustments are made to convert from the cash basis to the modified accrual basis, a generally accepted accounting principle (GAAP). This process is also required by the *Code of Iowa*. The financial statements are audited and published in the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) on a modified accrual basis.

The accounts in Story County are organized by fund. Fund accounting segregates funds according to their intended purpose and is used to aid management in demonstrating compliance with financial and legal requirements. Governmental funds account for most of the County's basic services. The following are governmental funds and the corresponding statements:

The General Fund is the operating fund of Story County. It is used to account for all financial resources except those required legally or by sound financial management to be accounted for in another fund. The General fund is comprised of two separate funds; the General Basic and the General Supplemental. The General Basic has a maximum levy rate of \$3.50 per \$1,000 of taxable valuation. The General Supplemental fund is for specific uses as defined in Section 331.424 of the *Code of Iowa*. These uses include substance abuse care and treatment, employee benefits, tort liability and property insurance, operation of the courts, Toledo Juvenile Home placements, general election costs and local emergency management agency funding. The amount levied in the general fund for FY09 is \$12,340,665. This is \$570,754 more than FY08.

General Fund Statement

	Actual FY05	Actual FY06	Actual FY07	Projected FY08	Adopted FY09
Revenues / Other Sources					
Taxes Levied on Property	10,269,104	10,923,946	11,659,067	11,769,911	12,340,665
Less: Unc. Del. Tax-Levy Yr	3,150	3,690	86,688	0	0
Less: Credits to Taxpayers	283,563	286,154	293,682	287,566	289,531
Net Current Property Tax	9,982,391	10,634,102	11,278,697	11,481,288	12,051,134
Delinquent Property Tax	24,094	2,930	1,644	2,800	2,800
Penalties & Interest on Tax	172,581	167,022	174,513	62,164	62,164
Other County Taxes/TIF Tax	166,593	163,098	176,240	174,400	182,335
Intergovernmental	2,100,250	1,838,525	1,811,349	1,894,661	3,173,443
Licenses & Permits	13,358	13,890	10,400	12,550	13,050
Charges for Services	1,400,084	1,466,844	1,428,504	1,493,955	1,451,455
Use of Money & Property	348,964	621,915	810,459	722,915	556,700
Miscellaneous	90,408	112,396	82,161	82,302	82,959
Subtotal Revenues	14,298,723	15,020,722	15,773,987	15,927,035	17,576,040
Other Financing Sources:					
Gen. Long-Term Debt Proceeds					
Operating Transfers	300,000	150,000	6,529	150,000	
Proceeds of Fixed Asset Sales		1,900			
Total Available Resources	14,598,723	15,172,622	15,780,516	16,077,035	17,576,040
Expenditures / Other Uses					
Public Safety & Legal Services	5,572,699	6,074,489	6,394,268	6,897,110	7,503,724
Physical Health & Social Services	1,653,456	1,860,651	1,728,924	1,859,327	1,927,854
Mental Health, MR & DD					
County Environment & Education	1,730,420	1,193,487	1,229,510	1,256,486	1,265,246
Roads & Transportation					
Government Services to Residents	1,078,690	1,227,117	1,053,200	1,062,685	1,774,126
Administration	3,790,748	4,167,430	4,143,545	4,355,869	4,544,235
Non Program Current					
Debt Service					
Capital Projects	9,116	56,305	53,891	293,500	1,175,620
Subtotal Expenditures	13,835,129	14,579,479	14,603,338	15,724,977	18,190,805
Other Financing Uses:					
Operating Transfers	1,149,000	1,100,000	650,000	640,000	550,000
Total Expenditures / Other Uses	14,984,129	15,679,479	15,253,338	16,364,977	18,740,805
Beg Fund Bal - July 1	5,247,360	4,861,948	4,355,096	4,882,274	4,594,333
Fund Balance-Reserved	729,766	577,957	611,663	622,373	402,771
Fund Balance- Unreserved/Designated	173,530	377,500	467,000	177,500	7,500
Fund Balance- Unreserved/Undesignated	3,958,656	3,399,638	3,803,611	3,794,460	2,969,297
End Fund Bal - June 30	4,861,948	4,355,095	4,882,274	4,594,333	3,429,568
Net Fund Balance Increase/(Decrease)	(385,412)	(506,853)	527,178	(287,941)	(1,164,765)

Special Revenue Funds are used to account for the proceeds of specific revenue sources (other than special assessments or major capital projects) that are legally restricted to expenditures for specified purposes. The funds included are as follows:

MH-DD Fund: Consists of taxes levied to provide mental health services to the mentally ill, the mentally retarded, and the developmentally disabled. This fund has a maximum dollar levy based on the base year (1995) net expenditures and the property tax relief allocation. Story County has a maximum dollar limit of \$3,066,575.

Rural Services Fund: This includes property taxes levied to benefit residents in the unincorporated area which has a maximum levy rate per code of \$3.95 per \$1,000 of rural only taxable valuation, along with Local Option Sale Tax (LOST) revenues. Primary uses include Planning & Zoning, Animal Control, Sheriff Uniform Patrol, IRVM (Integrated Roadside Vegetation Management), and the transfer of funds to the Secondary Road Fund. The LOST revenue received is apportioned to property tax relief (60%) and general county betterment (40%). The 40% is then used for library funding, sanitary disposal, economic development, secondary roads equipment and rural patrol vehicles. These amounts change annually and are determined during budget preparation.

Secondary Roads Fund: Accounts for state revenues and county tax dollars used to maintain and improve the county's roads.

Recorder's Records Management Fund: Consists of fees collected for each recorded transaction and used to preserve and maintain public records.

Resource Enhancement and Protection (REAP) Fund: These are state funds received by the county to be used for county conservation land acquisition and capital improvement projects.

Commissary Fund: Accounts for jail inmate commissary revenues and purchases.

Special Law Enforcement Fund: Used for forfeitures, abandoned property and court ordered restitutions received by the Sheriff and Attorney. Expenses are for the sole purpose of enhancing law enforcement.

Sheriff Reserve Officers Fund: Sheriff reserve officers' revenues and expenditures.

Friends of Conservation Fund: Donations deposited to be used for conservation purposes.

Friends of Animals Fund: Donations deposited to be used to directly benefit the animals.

Mental Health Fund Statement

	Actual FY05	Actual FY06	Actual FY07	Projected FY08	Adopted FY09
Revenues / Other Sources					
Taxes Levied on Property	3,024,749	3,030,294	3,031,965	3,033,688	3,033,495
Less: Unc. Del. Tax-Levy Yr	929	1,033	22,548		
Less: Credits to Taxpayers	83,522	79,378	76,373	79,913	75,115
Net Current Property Tax	2,940,298	2,949,883	2,933,044	2,958,573	2,958,380
Delinquent Property Tax	7,097	813	433	800	800
Penalties & Interest on Tax					
Other County Taxes/TIF Tax Revenues	46,003	42,483	43,133	42,681	42,874
Intergovernmental	4,645,681	5,360,199	3,917,389	6,938,859	4,118,497
Licenses & Permits					
Charges for Services	196,570	199,513	218,193	170,000	185,000
Use of Money & Property					
Miscellaneous	1,686	29,981	8,928	5,673	2,000
Subtotal Revenues	7,837,335	8,582,872	7,121,120	10,116,586	7,307,551
Other Financing Sources:					
Gen. Long-Term Debt Proceeds					
Operating Transfers					
Proceeds of Fixed Asset Sales	540	2,900		1,950	
Total Available Resources	7,837,875	8,585,772	7,121,120	10,118,536	7,307,551
Expenditures / Other Uses					
Public Safety & Legal Services					
Physical Health & Social Services					
Mental Health, MR & DD	7,748,129	7,972,454	8,352,820	9,149,338	9,342,580
County Environment & Education					
Roads & Transportation					
Government Services to Residents					
Administration					
Non Program Current					
Debt Service					
Capital Projects					
Subtotal Expenditures	7,748,129	7,972,454	8,352,820	9,149,338	9,342,580
Other Financing Uses:					
Operating Transfers					
Total Expenditures / Other Uses	7,748,129	7,972,454	8,352,820	9,149,338	9,342,580
Beg Fund Bal - July 1	1,871,795	1,961,541	2,574,859	1,343,160	2,312,358
Fund Balance-Reserved					
Fund Balance-Unreserved/Designated			250,000	210,000	
Fund Balance-Unreserved/Undesignated	1,961,541	2,574,859	1,093,160	2,102,358	272,359
End Fund Bal - June 30	1,961,541	2,574,859	1,343,160	2,312,358	272,359
Net Fund Balance					
Increase/(Decrease)	89,746	613,318	(1,231,699)	969,198	(2,039,999)

Rural Fund Statement

	Actual FY05	Actual FY05	Actual FY07	Projected FY08	Adopted FY09
Revenues / Other Sources					
Taxes Levied on Property	1,621,418	1,691,700	1,649,358	1,683,679	1,777,784
Less: Unc. Del. Tax-Levy Yr	479	2,730	4,784		
Less: Credits to Taxpayers	78,714	80,119	78,975	80,034	76,129
Net Current Property Tax	1,542,225	1,608,851	1,565,599	1,607,550	1,701,655
Delinquent Property Tax	2,038	250	527	1,400	1,000
Penalties & Interest on Tax					
Other County Taxes/TIF Tax Revenues	1,686,564	1,710,008	1,935,251	1,861,842	1,753,914
Intergovernmental	485,301	497,987	476,484	397,259	384,030
Licenses & Permits	12,151	12,360	18,348	170,000	18,400
Charges for Services	37,236	32,859	36,815	39,825	37,330
Use of Money & Property					
Miscellaneous	8,168	8,570	5,668	10,140	6,200
Subtotal Revenues	3,773,683	3,870,885	4,038,692	4,088,016	3,902,529
Other Financing Sources:					
Gen. Long-Term Debt Proceeds					
Operating Transfers					
Proceeds of Fixed Asset Sales	900				
Total Available Resources	3,774,583	3,870,885	4,038,692	4,088,016	3,902,529
Expenditures / Other Uses					
Public Safety & Legal Services	1,544,770	1,606,618	1,590,042	1,303,211	1,355,210
Physical Health & Social Services				4,500	4,500
Mental Health, MR & DD					
County Environment & Education	1,018,601	1,110,017	1,031,716	1,141,286	1,188,565
Roads & Transportation	200,000	200,000	240,000	240,000	240,000
Government Services to Residents	1,901	2,284	1,783	2,700	2,700
Administration		15,100		2,000	
Non Program Current					
Debt Service					
Capital Projects					
Subtotal Expenditures	2,765,272	2,934,019	2,863,541	2,693,697	2,790,975
Other Financing Uses:					
Operating Transfers	1,237,609	1,038,426	991,673	1,200,000	1,200,000
Total Expenditures / Other Uses	4,002,881	3,972,445	3,855,214	3,893,697	4,390,975
Beg Fund Bal - July 1	889,720	661,420	559,861	743,338	937,657
Fund Balance-Reserved					
Fund Balance-Unreserved/Designated	251,865	255,252	237,948	155,148	29,497
Fund Balance-Unreserved/Undesignated	409,555	304,609	505,390	782,509	419,714
End Fund Bal - June 30	661,420	559,861	743,338	937,657	449,211
Net Fund Balance Increase/(Decrease)	(228,300)	(101,559)	183,477	194,319	(488,446)

Secondary Roads Fund Statement

	Actual FY05	Actual FY06	Actual FY07	Projected FY08	Adopted FY09
Revenues / Other Sources					
Taxes Levied on Property					
Less: Unc. Del. Tax-Levy Yr					
Less: Credits to Taxpayers					
Net Current Property Tax					
Delinquent Property Tax					
Penalties & Interest on Tax					
Other County Taxes/TIF Tax Revenues					
Intergovernmental	3,153,382	2,737,997	2,797,945	2,827,499	2,841,386
Licenses & Permits	8,845	9,261	8,675	1,000	1,000
Charges for Services	14,998	16,678	9,419	4,000	1,500
Use of Money & Property					
Miscellaneous	42,423	281,820	41,076	26,097	18,000
Subtotal Revenues	3,219,648	3,045,756	2,857,115	2,858,596	2,861,886
Other Financing Sources:					
Gen. Long-Term Debt Proceeds					
Operating Transfers	1,686,609	1,388,426	1,351,673	1,650,000	2,050,000
Proceeds of Fixed Asset Sales		16,820	107,900	215,000	5,000
Total Available Resources	4,906,257	4,451,002	4,316,688	4,723,596	4,916,886
Expenditures / Other Uses					
Public Safety & Legal Services					
Physical Health & Social Services					
Mental Health, MR & DD					
County Environment & Education					
Roads & Transportation	4,333,800	3,952,491	3,961,352	4,604,709	4,601,154
Government Services to Residents					
Administration					
Non Program Current					
Debt Service					
Capital Projects	1,286,176	299,524	833,736	70,915	727,888
Subtotal Expenditures	5,619,976	4,252,015	4,795,088	4,675,624	5,329,042
Other Financing Uses:					
Operating Transfers					
Total Expenditures / Other Uses	5,619,976	4,252,015	4,795,088	4,675,624	5,329,042
Beg Fund Bal - July 1	2,106,732	1,393,014	1,591,996	1,113,596	1,161,568
Fund Balance-Reserved					
Fund Balance-Unreserved/Designated					
Fund Balance-					
Unreserved/Undesignated	1,393,014	1,591,996	1,113,596	1,161,568	749,412
End Fund Bal - June 30	1,393,014	1,591,996	1,113,596	1,161,568	749,412
Net Fund Balance Increase/(Decrease)	(713,718)	198,982	(478,400)	47,972	(412,156)

Other Special Revenues Fund Statement

	Actual FY05	Actual FY06	Actual FY07	Projected FY08	Adopted FY09
Revenues / Other Sources					
Taxes Levied on Property					
Less: Unc. Del. Tax-Levy Yr					
Less: Credits to Taxpayers					
Net Current Property Tax					
Delinquent Property Tax					
Penalties & Interest on Tax					
Other County Taxes/TIF Tax Revenues					
Intergovernmental	74,576	140,103	35,649	10,000	46,550
Licenses & Permits					
Charges for Services	45,014	23,405	22,123	26,500	26,000
Use of Money & Property	127,238	118,787	114,958	203,200	112,100
Miscellaneous	120,423	108,333	146,616	184,181	90,250
Subtotal Revenues	367,251	390,628	319,346	423,881	274,900
Other Financing Sources:					
Gen. Long-Term Debt Proceeds					
Operating Transfers			40,000		
Proceeds of Fixed Asset Sales					
Total Available Resources	367,251	390,628	359,346	423,881	274,900
Expenditures / Other Uses					
Public Safety & Legal Services	145,179	128,310	116,619	144,000	134,000
Physical Health & Social Services					
Mental Health, MR & DD					
County Environment & Education	159,744	118,516	73,921	100,750	477,750
Roads & Transportation					
Government Services to Residents	38,038	2,083	10,737	70,000	70,000
Administration	440	320	469		
Non Program Current					
Debt Service					
Capital Projects		2,500			
Subtotal Expenditures	343,401	251,729	201,746	314,750	681,750
Other Financing Uses:					
Operating Transfers					
Total Expenditures / Other Uses	343,401	251,729	201,746	314,750	681,750
Beg Fund Bal - July 1	399,505	423,355	562,252	719,852	828,981
Fund Balance-Reserved					
Fund Balance-Unreserved/Designated					
Fund Balance-					
Unreserved/Undesignated	423,355	562,252	719,852	828,981	422,131
End Fund Bal - June 30	423,355	562,252	719,852	828,981	422,131
Net Fund Balance					
Increase/(Decrease)	23,850	138,897	157,600	109,129	(406,850)

The Capital Projects Fund was established in Story County by resolution in May of 1994. Generally, the fund is used to account for the acquisition or construction of major capital assets. Capital assets are defined as land, buildings, building improvements, and all other tangible or intangible assets that are used in operations and that have initial useful lives extending beyond a single reporting period. Capital expenditures are the costs associated with the asset(s). Revenues sources are dependant on the project. The most recent project has been the renovation and remodeling of the Story County Administration Building which began in FY 2003. The revenue source for this project has been transfers from the general fund, sales tax refunds and interest on investments. The renovation of the Administration Building was completed in FY07 and is now being improved with a new roof budgeted for FY09.

Capital Projects Fund Statement

	Actual FY05	Actual FY06	Actual FY07	Projected FY08	Adopted FY09
Revenues / Other Sources					
Taxes Levied on Property					
Less: Unc. Del. Tax-Levy Yr					
Less: Credits to Taxpayers					
Net Current Property Tax					
Delinquent Property Tax					
Penalties & Interest on Tax					
Other County Taxes/TIF Tax					
Intergovernmental					
Licenses & Permits					
Charges for Services					
Use of Money & Property		47,813	21,353		
Miscellaneous	2,336				
Subtotal Revenues	2,336	47,813	21,353	0	0
Other Financing Sources:					
Gen. Long-Term Debt Proceeds					
Operating Transfers		600,000	250,000	40,000	100,000
Proceeds of Fixed Asset Sales					
Total Available Resources	2,336	647,813	271,353	40,000	100,000
Expenditures / Other Uses					
Public Safety & Legal Services					
Physical Health & Social Services					
Mental Health, MR & DD					
County Environment & Education					
Roads & Transportation					
Government Services to Residents					
Administration					
Non Program Current					
Debt Service					
Capital Projects	2,236,250	1,198,411	266,448	95,548	100,000
Subtotal Expenditures	2,236,250	1,198,411	266,448	95,548	100,000
Other Financing Uses:					
Operating Transfers			6,529		
Total Expenditures / Other Uses	2,236,250	1,198,411	272,977	95,548	100,000
Beg Fund Bal - July 1	2,441,762	607,847	57,249	55,624	76
Fund Balance-Reserved					
Fund Balance- Unreserved/Designated	607,847	57,249			
Fund Balance- Unreserved/Undesignated			55,624	76	76
End Fund Bal - June 30	607,847	57,249	55,624	76	76
Net Fund Balance Increase/(Decrease)	(1,833,915)	(550,598)	(550,598)	(55,548)	0

The Debt Service Fund is used to account for the accumulation of resources for, and the payment of, general long-term debt principal, interest and related costs. Options available to the County using the Debt Service fund include:

- General Obligation Bonds (§331.441, *Code of Iowa*)
Essential County Purposes – issued for these activities without a referendum following a public hearing: voting machines; solid waste disposal facilities; sanitary sewer and drainage projects; construction or improvements to county building, limited to \$900,000 for counties with a population between 50,000 and 100,000.
General County Purposes – most other types of activities are general county purposes, and subject to a 60% approval at a public referendum.
- Loan Agreement and Lease Purchase Agreements (§331.402 & §331.301, *Code of Iowa*)
 Alternatives to the issuance of general obligation bonds, which are available to counties, under the same rules set out above for bonds, but do not require a public, competitive sale of bonds.

General obligation bonds were used to finance the Justice Center and are backed by the full faith and credit of the County. Outstanding general obligation debt as of July 1, 2007 totals \$6,890,000. The bonds have an average interest rate of 4.92% and mature June 30, 2014. Interest and principal payments on all general obligation bonds are accounted for through the Debt Service fund.

General obligation bonds payable as of July 1, 2007 are comprised of the following:

Issue	Date of Issue	Amount Issued	Interest Rates	Outstanding July 1, 2007
Justice Center	December, 1998	\$2,700,000		\$0
Justice Center	September, 1999	\$5,000,000	4.90-5.10%	\$5,000,000
Justice Center	August, 2000	\$5,000,000	4.90-4.95%	\$1,890,000

Annual debt service requirements to service all outstanding general obligation bonds are summarized as follows:

Fiscal Year	Principal	Interest	Total
FY09	\$905,000	\$302,818	\$1,207,818
FY10	\$950,000	\$256,520	\$1,206,520
FY11	\$975,000	\$209,908	\$1,184,908
FY12	\$1,020,000	\$161,645	\$1,181,645
FY13	\$1,070,000	\$110,645	\$1,180,645
FY14	\$1,110,000	\$56,610	\$1,166,610
	<u>\$6,030,000</u>	<u>\$1,098,145</u>	<u>\$7,128,145</u>

The following payment table and chart detail general obligation expenditures over the life of this debt:

Fiscal Year	Principal	Interest	Total
FY00	\$500,000	\$330,723	\$830,723
FY01	\$950,000	\$537,862	\$1,487,862
FY02	\$655,000	\$539,123	\$1,194,123
FY03	\$675,000	\$513,195	\$1,188,195
FY04	\$700,000	\$486,258	\$1,186,258
FY05	\$735,000	\$458,057	\$1,193,057
FY06	\$780,000	\$422,043	\$1,202,043
FY07	\$815,000	\$383,823	\$1,198,823
FY08	\$860,000	\$345,388	\$1,205,388
	\$6,670,000	\$4,016,469	\$10,686,469

Story County’s general obligation bond rating, assigned by Moody’s Investors Service, is Aa2. Story County follows the Constitution of the State of Iowa, which limits the amount of general obligation debt that counties can issue to five percent of the assessed value of taxable property within the county’s corporate limits. The valuation used for the FY09 debt limit is \$5,285,996,394. Story County’s outstanding general obligation debt is significantly below its constitutional debt limit of \$249 million.

Debt Service Fund Statement

	Actual FY05	Actual FY06	Actual FY07	Projected FY08	Adopted FY09
Revenues / Other Sources					
Taxes Levied on Property	1,177,870	1,184,971	1,176,036	1,174,796	1,177,786
Less: Unc. Del. Tax-Levy Yr	601	2,121	8,491		
Less: Credits to Taxpayers	32,541	31,171	29,738	29,966	29,323
Net Current Property Tax	1,144,728	1,151,679	1,137,807	1,142,516	1,148,463
Delinquent Property Tax	2,644	319	168	200	200
Penalties & Interest on Tax					
Other County Taxes/TIF Tax Revenues	17,030	15,902	15,950	15,714	15,814
Intergovernmental	33,181	31,768	30,307	29,874	29,889
Licenses & Permits					
Charges for Services					
Use of Money & Property		10,731	15,341	10,000	10,000
Miscellaneous					
Subtotal Revenues	1,197,583	1,210,399	1,199,573	1,198,304	1,204,366
Other Financing Sources:					
Gen. Long-Term Debt Proceeds					
Operating Transfers					
Proceeds of Fixed Asset Sales					
Total Available Resources	1,197,583	1,210,399	1,199,573	1,198,308	1,204,366
Expenditures / Other Uses					
Public Safety & Legal Services					
Physical Health & Social Services					
Mental Health, MR & DD					
County Environment & Education					
Roads & Transportation					
Government Services to Residents					
Administration					
Non Program Current					
Debt Service	1,193,857	1,203,343	1,200,123	1,205,388	1,207,818
Capital Projects					
Subtotal Expenditures	1,193,857	1,203,343	1,200,123	1,205,388	1,207,818
Other Financing Uses:					
Operating Transfers					
Total Expenditures / Other Uses	1,193,857	1,203,343	1,200,123	1,205,388	1,207,818
Beg Fund Bal - July 1	43,504	47,228	54,284	53,734	46,651
Fund Balance-Reserved	47,228	54,284	53,734	46,651	43,199
Fund Balance-Unreserved/Designated					
Fund Balance-Unreserved/Undesignated					
End Fund Bal - June 30	47,228	54,284	53,734	46,651	43,199
Net Fund Balance Increase/(Decrease)	3,724	7,056	(550)	(7,083)	(3,452)

ADOPTED STORY COUNTY BUDGET

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		General (A)	Special Revenue (B)	Capital Projects (C)	Debt Service (D)	Permanent (E)	TOTALS			
							Budget 2008/2009 (F)	Re-estimated 2007/2008 (G)	Actual 2006/2007 (H)	
REVENUES & OTHER FINANCING SOURCES										
Taxes Levied on Property	1	12,340,665	4,811,279		1,177,786		18,329,730	17,662,074	17,516,426	1
Less: Uncollected Delinquent Taxes - Levy Year	2	0	0		0		0	0	122,511	2
Less: Credits to Taxpayers	3	289,531	151,244		29,323		470,098	469,190	478,768	3
Net Current Property Taxes	4	12,051,134	4,660,035		1,145,463		17,859,632	17,189,927	16,915,147	4
Delinquent Property Tax Revenue	5	2,800	1,800		200		4,800	5,200	2,792	5
Penalties, Interest & Costs on Taxes	6	62,164					62,164	62,164	174,513	6
Other County Taxes/TIF Tax Revenues	7	182,335	1,796,788	0	15,814	0	1,994,937	2,094,637	2,170,574	7
Intergovernmental	8	3,173,443	7,390,463	0	29,889	0	10,593,795	12,141,452	9,069,123	8
Licenses & Permits	9	13,050	19,400	0	0	0	32,450	183,550	37,423	9
Charges for Service	10	1,451,455	249,830	0	0	0	1,701,285	1,734,280	1,715,054	10
Use of Money & Property	11	556,700	112,100	0	10,000	0	678,800	892,815	940,758	11
Miscellaneous	12	82,959	116,450	0	0	0	199,409	308,393	305,802	12
Subtotal Revenues	13	17,576,040	14,346,866	0	1,204,366	0	33,127,272	34,612,418	31,331,186	13
Other Financing Sources:										
General Long-Term Debt Proceeds	14	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	14
Operating Transfers In	15	0	2,050,000	100,000	0	0	2,150,000	1,840,000	1,648,202	15
Proceeds of Fixed Asset Sales	16	0	5,000	0	0	0	5,000	0	107,900	16
Total Revenues & Other Sources	17	17,576,040	16,401,866	100,000	1,204,366	0	35,282,272	36,669,368	33,087,288	17
EXPENDITURES & OTHER FINANCING USES										
Operating:										
Public Safety and Legal Services	18	7,503,724	1,489,210			0	8,992,934	8,344,321	8,100,929	18
Physical Health and Social Services	19	1,927,854	4,500			0	1,932,354	1,863,827	1,728,924	19
Mental Health, MR & DD	20	0	9,342,580			0	9,342,580	9,149,338	8,352,820	20
County Environment and Education	21	1,265,246	1,666,315			0	2,931,561	2,498,522	2,335,147	21
Roads & Transportation	22	0	4,841,154			0	4,841,154	4,844,709	4,201,352	22
Government Services to Residents	23	1,774,126	72,700			0	1,846,826	1,135,385	1,065,720	23
Administration	24	4,544,235	0			0	4,544,235	4,357,869	4,144,014	24
Nonprogram Current	25	0	0			0	0	0	0	25
Debt Service	26	0	0		1,207,818	0	1,207,818	1,205,388	1,200,123	26
Capital Projects	27	1,175,620	727,888	100,000		0	2,003,508	459,963	1,154,075	27
Subtotal Expenditures	28	18,190,805	18,144,347	100,000	1,207,818	0	37,642,970	33,859,322	32,283,104	28
Other Financing Uses:										
Operating Transfers Out	29	550,000	1,600,000	0	0	0	2,150,000	1,840,000	1,648,202	29
Refunded Debt/Payments to Escrow	30	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	30
Total Expenditures & Other Uses	31	18,740,805	19,744,347	100,000	1,207,818	0	39,792,970	35,699,322	33,931,306	31
Excess of Revenues & Other Sources over (under) Expenditures & Other Uses	32	(1,164,765)	(3,342,481)	0	(3,452)	0	(4,510,698)	970,046	(844,018)	32
Beginning Fund Balance - July 1, 2008	33	4,594,333	5,240,564	76	46,651	0	9,881,624	8,911,578	9,755,596	33
Increase (Decrease) in Reserves (GAAP Budgeting)	34	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	34
Fund Balance - Reserved	35	452,771	0	0	43,199	0	495,970	669,022	665,397	35
Fund Balance - Unreserved/Designated	36	7,500	29,497	0	0	0	36,997	542,648	1,010,572	36
Fund Balance - Unreserved/Undesignated	37	2,969,297	1,868,586	76	0	0	4,837,959	8,669,954	7,235,609	37
Total Ending Fund Balance - June 30, 2009	38	3,429,568	1,898,083	76	43,199	0	5,370,926	9,881,624	8,911,578	38

Story County Financial Policies

The financial reporting procedures adopted by Story County reflect the implementation of the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement 34 which establishes new requirements for the annual financial reports of state and local governments.

- The Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) shall include:
 - 1) Management's discussion and analysis
 - 2) Government-wide financial statements
 - 3) Fund financial statements
 - 4) Notes to the financial statement
 - 5) Required supplementary information
- The CAFR will be prepared promptly after the close of the fiscal year.
- The County will obtain an annual audit of its financial statements in accordance with Generally Accepted Auditing Standards (GAAS) from an independent auditing firm.
- The County will report all major categories of capital assets that have an estimated life of three years or more and historical cost of \$5,000.00 or more.
- Individual assets with an initial cost of \$500 or more but less than \$5,000 will be maintained on an inventory list for public accountability and insurance purposes.
- A physical count sampling of Story County's inventory will be done on an annual basis at the discretion of the Auditor.
- An annual count of cash-on-hand will be conducted by the Auditor's office.
- Capital asset purchases exceeding \$5,000.00 during a fiscal year that are in addition to the expenditures anticipated during the budget process should be acknowledged in a public meeting session.
- Departmental budgets are compiled based on the prior year approved budget of expenditures and revenues, valuations and corresponding rollback, and projections for next year. New or expanded services will not be implemented if the service results in the departmental budget exceeding guidelines unless specifically authorized by the Board of Supervisors.
- A balanced budget shall be adopted. A balanced budget is defined as general fund operating revenues being sufficient to support operating expenditures without use of fund balance.
- The Auditor's office will distribute monthly budget versus actual operating statements to departments, and a quarterly statement to the Board of Supervisors.
- A review of fees and charges for services will be made periodically by the departments.
- The County will maintain a general fund balance at a level determined as sufficient to provide working capital for general governmental operations; 25% of general fund annual expenditures.
- The County will maintain fund balances in governmental funds, other than the general fund, based on a review of working capital needs and expected revenue sources.
- The County shall follow procedures and thresholds related to the purchase of goods and services as provided by Code of Iowa, and periodic review by the Board of Supervisors as deemed necessary.

This budget document is designed to provide readers with a general overview of Story County and its budget as a policy document, financial and operations guide, and communication tool. Any questions can be forwarded to the Story County Auditor's Office, 900 6th Street, Nevada, IA 50201.