Sarasota County Governance

2019 Board of County Commissioners

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Citizen’s Guide to the Adopted FY20 Budget

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~ Exceptional county services aligned with resources
~ High-performing county team
~ World-class quality of life amenities
~ Great place to live
~ Robust, growing business opportunities

Sarasota County

Adopted Budgetary Cost Summary

Constitutional Officers FY2020 % of Total Budget FTEs

Sheriff’s Office 128,799,333 9.1% 993.00
Tourist Development 28,828,825 2.2% -
Clerk of Circuit Court 16,251,476 0.8% 21.90
Tax Collector 9,592,124 0.7% 700.00
Property Appraiser 7,668,367 0.6% 470.00
Supervisor of Elections 6,763,496 0.5% 380.00
Court Administration 5,773,280 0.4% 150.00
Medical Examiner 3,414,857 0.3% -
Public Defender 1,267,928 0.1% -
State Attorney 1,200,141 0.1% -
Board of County Commissioners 831,300 0.1% 5.00
Guardian Ad Litem 382,525 ≥ 0.0% 3.63
Charter Review Board 3,000 ≥ 0.0% -

Sub-Total 401,217,064 14.9% 1,320.53

Departments (BCC controlled)

Public Utilities 186,179,574 14.1% 262.90
Emergency Services 184,673,910 14.1% 468.70
Office of Financial Management 65,351,612 4.9% 60.00
Human Resources 56,648,428 4.3% 44.05
General Services 56,648,428 4.3% 44.05
Public Works 49,184,910 3.7% 192.05
Planning & Development Services 41,699,671 3.2% 152.45
Parks, Recreation and Natural Resources 30,140,683 2.3% 121.45
Sarasota County Area Transit (SCAT) 29,944,797 2.2% 276.00
Health & Human Services 24,541,593 1.9% 39.00
Enterprise Information Technology 23,817,979 1.8% 78.00
Libraries & Historical Resources 15,712,978 1.2% 563.75
Capital Projects 7,035,002 0.5% 55.00
County Attorney 5,942,561 0.4% 24.00
Communications 2,964,714 0.2% 32.40
Governmental Relations 2,974,720 0.2% 3.50
Office of County Administrator 2,049,000 0.2% 13.50

Sub-Total 899,241,387 68.1%

Total Operating Budget 899,241,387 68.1%
Total Capital Projects 303,377,812 25.4%
Total Debt Services 56,490,169 4.5%
Total County Budget 1,320,929,368 100.0% 3,446.28

The Tax Collector’s budget is fee based.
FTEs indicates the maximum number of full-time equivalent authorized employees.
Totals include transfers and reserves.
Totals may not equal the sum of components due to rounding.

~ Operating
~ Capital Improvement Program*

*Capital Improvement Program Includes Capital and Debt Service

The Citizen’s Guide to the Adopted FY20 Budget was created by Sarasota County Communications on 10.29.2019.
Sarasota County’s FY19 countywide millage rate of 3.3912 mills was the second-lowest in Florida. Other Florida millage rates range from 2.6957 (Monroe County) to 10.8924 (Gilchrist County).

**FY20 Millage Rates for Municipalities in Sarasota County**
- City of Sarasota = 3.4971 (not including special districts run by the city)
- City of Venice = 4.3200
- Town of Longboat Key District A = 2.7921
- Town of Longboat Key District B = 2.3285
- City of North Port = 3.8735

**Sarasota Countywide Millage Rate**
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**Millage Rate**
- 4.33¢
- 33¢
- 11¢

**Property Taxes Go?**

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**Major Revenues**

- Property Taxes (countywide) $188,721,391
- Utility Revenues* $100,956,500
- Infrastructure Sales Surtax $36,576,215
- Half-Cent Sales Tax $33,341,236
- Impact Fees $25,054,603
- Tourist Development Tax $22,500,000
-FP&L Franchise Fee $17,046,500
- Gas Taxes $16,892,896
- State Revenue Sharing $10,521,388
- Communications Services Tax $9,409,792
- Mobility Fees $7,362,270
- Total $466,382,791

*Environmentally Sensitive Lands Protection Program

**Adopted Total Budget**

- Adopted Total Budget $226,393,592

**Capital Improvement Program Projects by Department**

- Planning and Development Services $17,888,822
- Public Utilities $85,800,000
- Parks, Recreation and Natural Resources $36,844,481
- Sarasota County Area Transit (SCAT) $4,426,000
- Libraries and Historical Resources $1,450,000
- Public Works $27,100,912
- Emergency Services $1,047,077
- Enterprise Information Technology $258,000
- Human Resources $440,000
- General Services $41,138,300
- Total $226,393,592

**DEFINITIONS**

- Debt - Funds used to account separately for the principal and interest payments on bonds, commercial paper and other debt.
- Capital - Purchase of land, construction of buildings, major improvements and construction of basic infrastructure.
- Reserves - Funds that cannot be appropriated and spent or that are legally limited to use for a particular purpose.
- Transfers - Funds transferred from one fund to another to assist in financing the services of the recipient fund.
- Operating - Expenses that are ongoing costs of providing government services as well as the maintenance and operations of facilities and infrastructure.