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Hardin County

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ADDRESSING THE NEEDS OF OUR CITIZENS
FROM THE DESK OF JUDGE/EXECUTIVE HARRY L. BERRY

County Finishes FY 2008/2009 under budget!

We are maintaining budgeted levels of service to our citizens and in some cases have added services.

“4.5% Spending Decrease!”

Hardin County Government completed the fiscal year ending on June 30, 2009 under budget with total revenues amounting to \$28.99 million and total expenditures at \$28.72 million! This results in a total of \$12.1 million held in county reserve funds.

Due to the resourcefulness and careful monitoring of our managers, each county department spent less than budgeted, ranging from 76% to 97% while maintaining the current level of service to our citizens. This resulted in a surplus of \$638,605 in “general government” revenue.

Unfortunately, the \$7.1 million operating cost of the **County Detention Center still required \$2.5 million of spending from your local county taxes. This is \$350,000 less than last year** due primarily to outsourcing inmate meals to a contract food service provider. Also, by using a contract medical service provider, we reduced Hardin Memorial Hospital’s cost for providing healthcare to inmates from a high of \$647,732 in 2005/2006 to \$84,428 this year.

Our **Emergency Medical Services** (ambulance) with a \$3.5 million annual cost is another that required county funds of \$281,649 - **but the lowest since 2003/2004!**

All of us understand the rising cost of fuel including your county government, which spent **\$417,575 for fuel** this year, approximately \$36,000 less than last year.

Asphalt/road costs are directly related to the cost of fuel. In August 2008, we paid \$62/ton for asphalt. Fortunately, the cost leveled in May 2009 to \$39/ton and, with careful planning, our Road Department was still able to adequately maintain our 570.21 miles of county roads.

As an **indirect result of escalating fuel prices**, we no longer receive solid waste from the Louisville area, resulting in a \$1,500,000 revenue loss to our county landfill operation. To offset this loss, we have refinanced a portion of our landfill debt, thereby reducing our annual loan payments but extending the term of our loan.

On another positive note, our **E-911 Dispatch Service’s revenue exceeded expenditures by of \$159,231!**

In summary, our **expenditures were 4.5% less than the previous fiscal year.** But most important to you, - **our county property tax rates for Fiscal Year 2008/2009 were the lowest they’ve been since 1990!**



Storm Debris Removal Costs for County Roads

Total Cost	\$1,729,411
State Cost	\$ 949,361
County Cost	\$ 780,050