



**Budget Balanced**

Spending Decreased 6.9%



**No Reserve Funds Spent**

# Hardin County focus

ADDRESSING THE NEEDS OF OUR CITIZENS  
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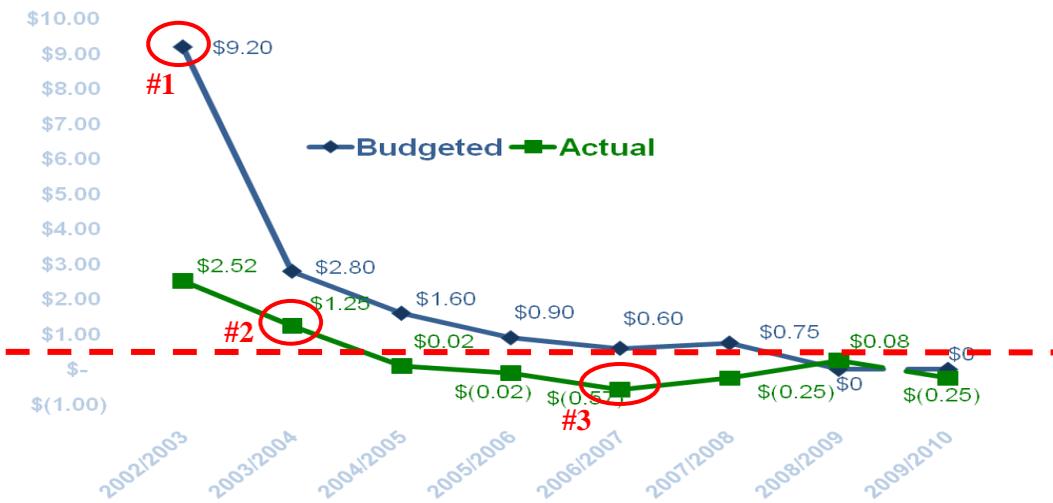
## County Completes Fiscal Year with \$21,431 to Spare!

Your County Government successfully completed fiscal year 2009/2010 under budget. This is especially challenging in the current economic climate since county income, like your household income, has decreased. We reduced overall spending by 6.9% and once again kept our savings, totaling \$12.3 million, tucked away for future needs, while continuing to provide you with the vital services and infrastructure required.

**LANDFILL** Our second largest expense is currently our landfill. In years past our revenues exceeded expenditures because we were able to compete with surrounding landfills with competitive pricing. However, due to the escalated cost of fuel, it is no longer economically feasible for trash haulers to drive to Hardin County to use our landfill. This year, we absorbed a landfill deficit of \$976,775 with our general fund surplus. We are continuing to look for pricing opportunities to increase our competitiveness with surrounding landfills while keeping a close watch on expenses.



**COUNTY SAVINGS** In fiscal year 2002/2003 we inherited a budget using \$9.2 million in reserves (savings) to balance projected expenditures. (see #1 in graph below). Six months later, we were able to reduce actual expenditures down to only using \$2.52 million. Reserve spending decreased the following year to \$1.25 million in reserves (see #2 in graph below). Fiscal year 2006/2007 was the first year in this decade where we **did not spend any savings** (see #3 in graph below). The trend continues to this day! It is essential in this unpredictable economic climate to continue to live within our means.



### SUMMARY

**Revenues = \$27.05M**

NO Dividend taken from Hardin Memorial Hospital  
Lowest tax rate in 20 years

**Expenses = \$26.73M**

**Surplus = \$21,431**

After absorbing:  
\$2.8 M for Detention Center  
\$976,775 for Landfill

**DETENTION CENTER** Our largest county expense and one we cannot completely control, is operating the Detention Center. This year's direct cost to County Government was \$2.85 million; down from a record high in fiscal year 2005/2006 of \$3.6 million. We accomplished this by outsourcing the Detention Center's medical and food services. We continue to look for other cost saving programs while seeking additional reimbursement from the State Government.



General Fund Revenue spent on Detention Center