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HARDIN COUNTY FOCUS



Judge/Executive
Harry L. Berry

Fiscal Year 2010/2011 Budget Remains Balanced

Reserve Funds Untouched

Your County Government continues to be financially solid—balancing revenues with expenses during the first half of the 2010/2011 fiscal year (July 2010 to June 2011). We are blessed to have experienced no unexpected revenue shortfalls and are successfully coping with the rising costs of fuel and asphalt and the reduced tonnage at our landfill. We received 58% (\$16.4 million) of this fiscal year's budgeted revenue during the months of July through December, 2010 and spent 46% (\$12.9 million) during the same time frame. Revenues exceeded expenditures by \$3.4 million.

We are optimistic about our future but know we must be continually vigilant of our spending as the county received the majority of its budgeted revenue in the first six months of the fiscal year.

There was a slight increase in the amount of waste processed by our Pearl Hollow Landfill, but it remains below historical levels. Our Landfill Operator, Santek Environmental, is working to increase landfill tonnage by 100,000 tons this calendar year. While striving to increase revenue, we also reduced landfill costs resulting in a \$233,000 net gain for the last six months.

Other areas we watch closely are: fuel, asphalt, personnel, and Detention Center costs. As of December 31, we spent approximately \$4 million to operate our Detention Center, \$1.6 million to operate our Road Department, and \$1.9 million to provide ambulance service. These areas along with our county landfill are the most costly.

Fiscal Court approved Phase II of courthouse renovations to include desk monitors, four 55-inch wide-screen monitors, and three remote-controlled cameras to broaden the visual experience of government meetings. The desk monitors will be used by court members to closely view courtroom presentations. Two wide-screen monitors will be placed on the wall behind the court for use by the audience and the press and the other two will be placed on the wall behind the audience for those individuals sitting along the sides of the courtroom. The three wall-mounted remote-controlled cameras for use by Hardin County Educational Television to record the government's meetings taking place in the courtroom will be installed soon. These technology upgrades will cost \$19,000. During the initial Phase I of the Courthouse renovations, we spent \$25,000 to install wiring for the new technology, new carpet in the court chamber, and additional seating for the eight magistrates.

Hardin County Government will maintain its current level of service to its residents. We will continue to offer our very popular recycling program, annual E-Scrap Event, Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day, and County Landfill Free Service days. These Free Service Days were recently set by Fiscal Court for 2011 as: April 16, June 18, August 20 and October 22.

Recycling Locations: [Elizabethtown](#) at 2322 Ring Road and the Farmers' Market on Leitchfield Road, [Vine Grove](#) on South Mill Street, [Rineyville](#) Community Park and in [Sonora](#) across from Post Office