



HARDIN COUNTY FOCUS



September 2011

Judge/Executive
Harry L. Berry

Your County Government Responds To the Economic Struggles of its Taxpayers

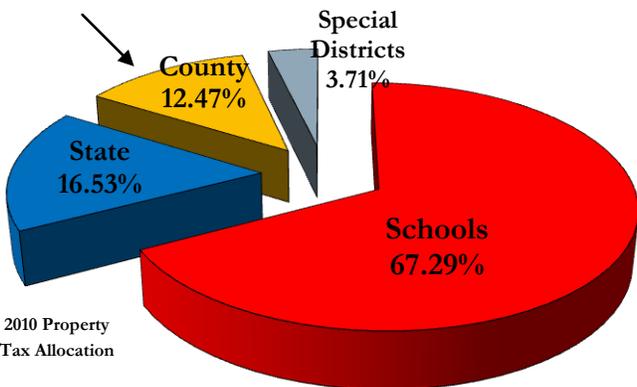
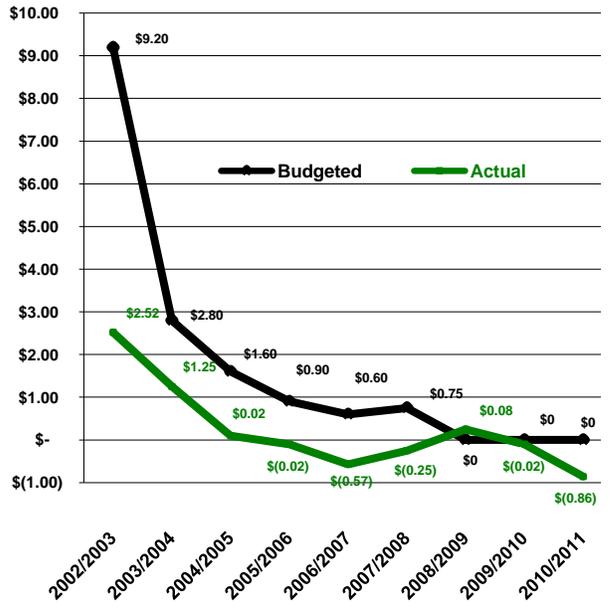
Hardin County Fiscal Court set the 2011 Real Property Tax on August 23 at the very same rate it has been for the last 3 years—**10.9%**. This means for every \$100 of Real Property valuation, you pay your county 10.9¢

It may seem unbelievable to some property owners in this time of ever-increasing costs, your Real Property Tax Rate is the very same rate you paid in 1990! Hardin County is one of the lowest-taxed counties in the Commonwealth.

Your County does not impose an Occupational Tax, Insurance Premium Tax, Public Library District Tax, Fire District Tax, Hotel Tax, local Sales Tax or Restaurant Tax. In addition to Real Property, it does impose a tax on Tangible Personal Property, Motor Vehicles/Watercraft/Aircraft, and Wooded Acreage.

Your County is budgeted to spend \$28,181,655 from July 1, 2011 to June 30, 2012. Real Property Taxes will contribute only 18.1% to the total revenue needed to operate the County, while Tangible Personal Property Taxes contribute 1.5% and Motor Vehicle/Watercraft/Aircraft Tax will contribute 2%. The County will receive the bulk or 78.5% of needed revenue from other sources such as the state and federal governments funding and fees for specific services.

Your County Government ended this fiscal year on June 30, 2011 with \$13,118,424 in Reserve. We do not project spending any of it in the coming year! The graph below shows the General Reserve (Savings) funds budgeted in **black** and the General Reserve (Savings) funds that were actually spent in **green**.



Note Your Year-End Tax Bill: The bill you receive at the end of this year will include additional taxes levied on you by other taxing authorities such as the **County School System, State Government, and Special Taxing Districts.** Fiscal Court does not control the tax rate of these districts. Please refer to the pie chart at your left and keep in mind, Hardin County Government operates only on a small percentage of the total taxes you pay.