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# HARDIN COUNTY FOCUS



Judge/Executive  
Harry L. Berry

## Our FY 2011/2012 Budget Remains Balanced Keeping our Rainy Day Funds in the Bank

### Our Mission

*“To maximize all available resources to provide a well-planned, adequately resourced, professionally executed public programs, infrastructure, and services to the citizens of Hardin County.”*

A review of the first six months of our 2011/2012 \$29 million fiscal year budget reveals total revenues of \$16 million and total expenditures at \$14 million. It is a good position anytime you can have more revenue than expenditures in this economy.

<b>+Revenues</b>	<b>\$ 16 M</b>
<b>- Expenditures</b>	<b>\$ 14 M</b>
<b>=Balance</b>	<b>\$ 2 M</b>

We anticipate **revenue challenges** in the second half of our fiscal year in the following areas:

- ✓ EMS (Ambulance)
- ✓ E-911 Dispatch Center
- ✓ Detention Center
- ✓ Solid Waste Landfill Operations.

We plan to closely monitor these key **expense areas**:

✗**Asphalt:** The price of asphalt in December, 2007 was \$34.40/ton. Currently the price per ton hovers at \$47.89/ton or a 39% increase!

✗**Fuel:** For the first six months of 2007 the cost for fuel was \$216,083. This year the cost was \$262,509 or 21% more!

✗**Detention Center:** We experienced an \$88,751 decrease in revenue and a \$313,026 increase in expenses compared to the same period last year. Payroll and benefits along with building maintenance and repairs were the most significant areas contributing to these increased expenditures.

✗**County Landfill:** Our 2011/2012 budget is based on receiving a projected 155,000 tons of solid waste in our landfill. To date we have received 69,000 tons which is 2,345 tons more than the December 2010 level. Solid Waste revenue exceeded expenses by \$253,697 or \$20,375 more than last year!

**Green Energy:** We anticipate over \$100,000 in revenue from the sale of carbon credits generated from our landfill’s methane gas operation this year. This is a joint partnership with Eastern Kentucky Power to capture methane gas from the decomposition of the landfill’s solid waste and convert it to electricity.

## Summary

- ✓ Received 55.4% of revenue
- ✓ Spent 48.4%
- ✓ Revenue exceeded expenses by \$2 million
- ✓ Spent 54% of budgeted fuel expense
- ✓ Jail expenses are 7.8% more than last year
- ✓ Solid Waste Revenue is \$253,687 more than expenses
- ✓ **RAINY DAY FUNDS STILL IN THE BANK!**

