



# FY 24-25 Pender County Budget in Brief

## County Manager's Note

The Pender County Board of County Commissioners approved a \$106.3 million operating budget for the fiscal year (FY) 2024-2025, a 5.96% increase from the FY 2023-2024 approved budget. In addition, the Board approved a \$26.6 million budget for Pender County Utility Funds and combined Special Revenue Fund budgets of over \$44 million. The tax rate is unchanged at 0.7375 cents per \$100 of valuation. Pender County's growth is unquestioned, at a rate of 4.3% in the last year according to the US Census Bureau. It is important this budget facilitates and compliments the growth our area will continue to see.

The operating budget focuses on three main priorities: employees, maintaining tax rate, and reorganization of county departments to meet future opportunities, including the 2026 revaluation, expansion of federal and state mandates, and important capital projects.

Several key areas of importance to county management include contributions and additional positions for Public Safety, Education, Parks and Recreation, Tax Administration, and Water Operations. In total, 26.9 new positions in the General Fund and 5 new positions in the Utility Funds are included. The budget includes a 3.4% COLA for all employees and an adjusted salary schedule that offers additional opportunities for progression. Pender County has also committed additional operating funds to Pender County School System and maintenance of the capital contribution given in FY 23-24. The County will continue to prepare for future growth and capital projects while shifting additional funding for replacing aging assets. Sound fiscal policy has allowed Pender County to maintain an Aa bond rating with Standard & Poors and Moody's.

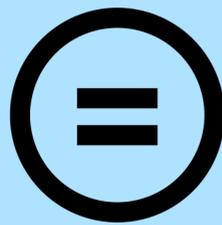
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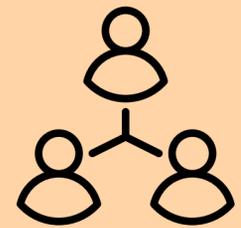
## Budget At A Glance



3.4% Employee COLA and salary table adjustments



73.75 cents per \$100 of value  
Maintained Tax Rate



26.9 General Fund positions  
5 Utility Fund positions



GENERAL FUNDS  
**\$128,578,983**

SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS  
**\$44,505,290**



UTILITY FUNDS  
**\$26,663,393**

To review the full FY 2024-2025 budget document and ordinance, please visit the [County budget portal](#).

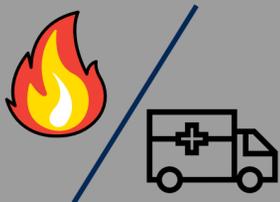


# General Fund Summary

General Fund Revenue Source	Adopted FY 24-25	% of Budget	General Fund Expenditure	Adopted FY 24-25	% of Budget
Ad Valorem Taxes and Penalties	72,134,032	67.8	Education	43,131,358	40.6
Sales Tax	19,109,038	18.0	Public Safety	25,608,650	24.1
Sales, Services, and other Revenues	7,119,129	6.7	General Government	19,617,846	18.4
Interest Earned	5,000,000	4.7	Health and Human Services	12,430,552	11.7
Intergovernmental Revenues	2,667,852	2.5	Cultural and Recreational	3,739,823	3.5
Loan Receipts	200,000	0.2	Economic Development	1,629,264	1.5
Sale of Surplus Property, Insurance/Property Loss	125,000	0.1	Debt Service	754,362	0.7
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>106,355,051</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>106,355,051</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

## Budget Highlights

+3 new positions in Water Operations 

 Fire & EMS Service  
\$22.5M budget

enhanced Tax Administration  
+3 new positions  
\$204,000 in software improvements 

commitment to Public Safety.  
  
+8 Sheriff's Deputies  
+1 Sheriff's Detective   
+4 Jail Detention Officers  
\$111,000 in radio improvements

\$2.57M in outside agency funding 

