

**Minnehaha County Finalizes Fiscal Year 2024 Provisional Budget**

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The Minnehaha County Commissioners finalized the 2024 provisional budget today and will hold a public hearing regarding the final budget on September 5, 2023. The provisional budget totals \$168.5 million including \$1.5 million of opt out dollars. General funds make up the largest portion of the budget, at \$86.2 million. Highway funds account for \$17.6 million, capital projects funds are \$47.1 million, and debt service is \$7.9 million. The capital projects fund is notably higher from the 2023 budget since the Commission passed a \$50 million bond for the Juvenile Justice Center on February 7, 2023.

Public safety expenses make up the majority of county expenses. The expenses related to booking, prosecution, public defense, courts, and prisoner housing are all the responsibility of the county. New positions are also significantly driven by public safety and include an investigator within the Public Defender, one deputy state's attorney within the State's Attorney, one legal office assistant within the Public Advocate, two corporals and 12 correctional officers within the Jail, and one non-public safety related position for an appraiser in training with Equalization.

The County Commission will continue to monitor budget trends and make adjustments as needed before the final budget is approved in September.

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