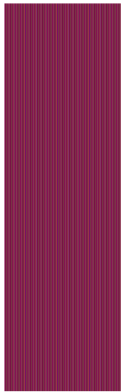


# HORRY COUNTY DEPARTMENTAL DIRECTORY

Department	Function	Phone	Address
Administrator	Manages entire County operations	915-5020	Government & Justice Center, 1301 Second Ave., Conway
Division Directors			
Administration	Manages departments within the Administration Division	915-5020	Government & Justice Center, 1301 Second Ave., Conway
Public Safety	Manages departments within the Public Safety Division	248-1393	M.L. Brown Jr. Public Safety Building, 2560 Main St., Conway
Infrastructure & Regulation	Manages departments within the Infrastructure & Regulation Division	365-2097	Public Works Facility, 4401 Privetts Rd., Conway
Airport	Plans, develops, and safely operates the County's airports	448-1580	Myrtle Beach International Airport, 1100 Jetport Rd., Myrtle Beach
Assessor	Determines County tax base, appraises and lists real property for taxation	915-5040	Government & Justice Center, 1301 Second Ave., Conway
21st Ave. Complex		444-6125	1201 21st Ave., Myrtle Beach
Mobile Home Dept.	Reviews and processes applications for mobile home licenses and/or moving permits	915-5041	Government & Justice Center, 1301 Second Ave., Conway
Budget/Revenue Mgmt.	Prepares annual budget and has general oversight responsibilities	915-5060	Government & Justice Center, 1301 Second Ave., Conway
Code Enforcement	Issues building permits and inspects new construction and additions; determines flood plains	915-5090	Government & Justice Center, 1301 Second Ave., Conway
E911	Assists emergency and non-emergency callers; provides pre-arrival medical instruction	915-5100	Technology Center, 103 Elm St., Conway
Emergency Management	Develops emergency plans; develops and conducts disaster training	248-1225	M.L. Brown Jr. Public Safety Building, 2560 Main St., Conway
Engineering	Reviews and approves subdivision plans, inspects approved road construction, local RIDE program	365-2097	Public Works Facility, 4401 Privetts Rd., Conway
Road & Drainage Hotline	Assists callers by documenting concerns regarding County roads and/or drainage systems	381-8000	Public Works Facility, 4401 Privetts Rd., Conway
Environmental Services	Animal control, litter patrol, beach cleaning, and mosquito control for unincorporated Horry County.	369-3898	2101 Industrial Park Rd., Conway
Finance	Develops, maintains, and administers all programs related to general accounting functions	915-5180	Government & Justice Center, 1301 Second Ave., Conway
Accounts Receivable	Manages billing for Horry County EMS	915-5182	Government & Justice Center, 1301 Second Ave., Conway
Fire/Rescue	Provides fire protection for unincorporated Horry County and emergency medical care for all citizens	248-1223	M.L. Brown Jr. Public Safety Building, 2560 Main St., Conway
Human Resources	Recruits new employees, trains current employees, administers employee benefits	915-5230	Government & Justice Center, 1301 Second Ave., Conway
IT/GIS	Maintains County computer system, trains employees, manages GIS	915-5240	Technology Center, 103 Elm St., Conway
Libraries	Loans library materials, provides programs of interest, provides Internet access		
Administration		248-1545	1008 5th Ave., Conway
Conway		248-1543	1008 5th Ave., Conway
Aynor		358-3324	500 9th Ave., Aynor
Bucksport		397-1950	7657 Hwy 701 S., Conway
Green Sea/Floyds		392-0994	5331 Hwy 9, Green Sea
Loris		756-8101	4316 Main St., Loris
North Myrtle Beach		249-4164	799 2nd Ave., North Myrtle Beach
Socastee		215-4700	141 -707-Connector Rd., Myrtle Beach
Stephens Crossroads		399-5541	107 Hwy. 57 N. Little River
Surfside Beach		238-0122	410 Surfside Beach
Medically Indigent (MIAP)	Assists indigent residents with in-patient hospital bills	915-7032	Government & Justice Center, 1301 Second Ave., Conway
Museum	Protects, preserves, and teaches the history of Horry County	248-1282	438 Main St., Conway
Planning	Subdivision review, Comprehensive plan, multi-family/industrial/commercial site plan review	915-5340	Government & Justice Center, 1301 Second Ave., Conway
Addressing	Assigns and verifies 911 addresses, makes and installs street name signs	915-5345	Government & Justice Center, 1301 Second Ave., Conway
Police	Provides law enforcement services to unincorporated Horry County	248-1304	M.L. Brown Jr. Public Safety Building, 2560 Main St., Conway
Procurement	Supervises and procures supplies and services for County departments	365-8509	3230 Hwy 319, Conway
Public Information Officer	Processes Freedom of Information Act requests, spokesperson for County government	915-5390	Government & Justice Center, 1301 Second Ave., Conway
Public Information Booth	Assists with general information about County government offices and services	915-5000	Government & Justice Center, 1301 Second Ave., Conway
Public Works	Constructs, repairs, and maintains all County roads and drainage systems	248-1358	Public Works Facility, 4401 Privetts Rd., Conway
Recreation	Provides recreation programs for children, adults, and seniors	248-1864	307 Smith St., Conway
Registration & Election	Administers Federal, State, County, and City elections	915-5440	Technology Center, 103 Elm St., Conway
Stormwater	Establishes and enforces stormwater regulations, conducts maintenance on County drainage system	365-2097	Public Works Facility, 4401 Privetts Rd., Conway
Zoning	Administers and enforces Zoning ordinances & assists in the permitting process	915-5490	Government & Justice Center, 1301 Second Ave., Conway
<b>Elected Officials:</b>			
Auditor	Establishes fair market value, prepares, lists and receives personal property taxes	915-5050	Government & Justice Center, 1301 Second Ave., Conway
Homestead Exemption	Administers Homestead Exemption program locally	915-5051	Government & Justice Center, 1301 Second Ave., Conway
21st Ave. Complex		444-6144	Olin I. Blanton Building, 1201 21st Ave., Myrtle Beach
Stephen's Crossroads		399-5564	Ralph H. Ellis Complex, 107 Hwy 57 North, Little River
South Strand		915-5052	South Strand Complex, 9630 Scipio Ln., Myrtle Beach
Clerk of Court	Processes passports, selects jurors, manages Family Court system & maintains court records	915-5080	Government & Justice Center, 1301 Second Ave., Conway
Child Support Hotline	Checks the status of child support and alimony payments	915-5081	Government & Justice Center, 1301 Second Ave., Conway
South Strand		915-5082	South Strand Complex, 9630 Scipio Ln., Myrtle Beach
Coroner	Arranges autopsies and conducts inquests	248-1210	M.L. Brown Jr. Public Safety Building, 2560 Main St., Conway
County Council	Holds public meetings, sets ordinances and policies	915-5120	Government & Justice Center, 1301 Second Ave., Conway
Delegation	Liaison between County and State government, provides Notary applications	915-5130	Old County Courthouse, 1201 Third Ave., Conway
Probate Judge	Issues marriage licenses, hears cases involving commitment, wills, and trusts	915-5370	Government & Justice Center, 1301 Second Ave., Conway
Ralph Ellis		399-5533	Ralph H. Ellis Complex, 107 Hwy 57 North, Little River
South Strand		915-5371	South Strand Complex, 9630 Scipio Ln., Myrtle Beach
Sheriff	Court security and judicial protection, manages local Sex Offender registry, prisoner transfers	915-5450	Government & Justice Center, 1301 Second Ave., Conway
Detention	Incarcerates those awaiting trial, houses inmates sentenced and serving less than 90 days	365-9222	4150 J. Reuben Long Ave.
Juvenile Detention	Incarcerates juveniles charged with criminal offenses	365-5396	4155 J. Reuben Long Ave.
Solicitor	Prosecutes General Sessions and criminal juvenile cases	915-5460	Government & Justice Center, 1301 Second Ave., Conway
Treasurer	Bills and collects real and personal property taxes, holds sales for delinquent taxes	915-5470	Government & Justice Center, 1301 Second Ave., Conway
21st Ave. Complex		444-6117	Olin I. Blanton Building, 1201 21st Ave., Myrtle Beach
Stephen's Crossroads		399-5550	Ralph H. Ellis Complex, 107 Hwy 57 North, Little River
Delinquent Tax		915-5470	Government & Justice Center, 1301 Second Ave., Conway
South Strand		915-5471	South Strand Complex, 9630 Scipio Ln., Myrtle Beach
Business License	Processes applications, renewals, and appeals for unincorporated Horry County	915-5620	Thompson Building, 211 Beaty St., Conway
Hospitality	Bills, collects, and reviews businesses for Hospitality fees	915-5220	Thompson Building, 211 Beaty St., Conway
<b>Appointed Officials:</b>			
Circuit Court	General Sessions (criminal) and Common Pleas (Civil)	915-5075	Government & Justice Center, 1301 Second Ave., Conway
Magistrates	Hears cases of less than \$7500, litigates between landlords and tenants, hears misdemeanors		
Stephen's Crossroads		399-5543	Ralph H. Ellis Complex, 107 Hwy 57 North, Little River
Myrtle Beach		444-6127	Olin I. Blanton Building, 1201 21st Ave., Myrtle Beach
Loris		756-7918	James P. Stevens Building, 3817 Walnut St., Loris
Aynor		358-6320	W.G. Hucks, Jr. Building, 460 9th Ave, Aynor
Green Sea		392-1219	5527 Hwy 9, Green Sea
Conway		915-5290	Old County Courthouse, 1201 Third Ave., Conway
South Strand		915-5291	South Strand Complex, 9630 Scipio Ln., Myrtle Beach
J. Reuben Long (Night Court)		365-9222	4150 J. Reuben Long Ave., Conway
Central Jury Court	Hears Magistrate and Traffic Court cases where a jury trial is requested	915-5065	Old County Courthouse, 1201 Third Ave., Conway
Central Traffic Court	Hears cases involving traffic citations issued by Horry County Police and the SC Highway Patrol	915-5070	Old County Courthouse, 1201 Third Ave., Conway
Master in Equity	Decides issues involving real estate, conducts foreclosure sales	915-5310	Government & Justice Center, 1301 Second Ave., Conway
Register of Deeds	Records documents concerning land transfers, liens, plats, and other important records	915-5430	Government & Justice Center, 1301 Second Ave., Conway
Veteran's Affairs	Assists veterans of the U.S. military by administering Federal benefits	915-5480	Technology Center, 103 Elm St., Conway

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*South Carolina*



## Annual Report Fiscal Year 03-04



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# A LETTER FROM YOUR CHAIRMAN

Throughout the 2004 fiscal year, Horry County realized an economic upturn after several struggling years. While many counties were forced to cut spending across the board and jeopardize services, Horry County remained not only stable and strong, but also progressive in many ways.

I am pleased to present this annual report and share with you the good news of how Horry County is working for you. We accomplished much in the way of public facilities. A South Strand Government Complex was opened, J. Reuben Long Detention Center completed a much-needed expansion, and our Environmental Services facility and Animal Shelter became a reality. The 23,000 square foot Socastee Library opened, and four fire stations were built. In addition, the M.L. Brown Jr. Public Safety Building in Conway added a drug lab to the police department and a redundant emergency 911 facility. All of this was accomplished with no



millage increase to property taxes, thanks to a fiscally conservative County Council and a senior staff and workforce committed to stretching every dollar and carefully managing individual department budgets.

As pleased as I am to be your Chairman, I am even more pleased with our strong Council team, our exceptional senior staff, and the hundreds of diligent, hardworking and caring employees of Horry County government. Even in the face of potentially serious challenges and hurdles, you have every reason to feel confident and secure with your local government, because I assure you, we are committed to working hard and serving well the good citizens of this great county.

Yours truly,  
Liz Gilland  
Horry County Council Chairman



## Horry County Council

Pictured left to right:

W. Paul Prince, *District 9*; James R. Frazier, *District 7*; Howard D. Barnard III, *District 5*; John C. Boyd, *District 11*; Liz Gilland, *Chairman*; Harold G. Worley, *District 1*; Kevin J. Hardee, *District 10 (Vice Chairman)*; Carl Schwartzkopf, *District 8*; Mark Lazarus, *District 2*; Gene R. Smith, Jr., *District 6*; Michael L. Ryan, *District 4*; and Marion Foxworth, III, *District 3*.

## Council /Administrator Form of Government

Horry County has been operating under this form of government since 1975. Under this type of government each member of council is elected from the district in which he/she lives and a chairman is elected at large. The council consists of a chairman and 11 council members; each elected for four-year terms. The Council appoints a Clerk to Council, Register of Deeds Director and an Administrator.

### Mission Statement:

Providing a community environment in which the citizens and visitors of Horry County can enjoy the highest quality of life.

### Motto:

Striving for Excellence

### Core Values:

Openness/Open Government  
Fairness and Consistency  
Honesty  
Hard Work  
Customer Service (User Friendly)  
Stewardship (Financial Responsibility)

Common Sense  
Responsiveness  
Integrity/Ethics  
Goal Orientation  
Team Work  
Innovation

## Horry County Comprehensive Local Road Improvement Program

Horry County Council adopted the local road plan and began its implementation in fiscal year 1997/1998. The purpose of the plan was to develop a more efficient and effective method of improving the County's unimproved road network while at the same time initiating a pavement management program for the County's paved roads. The new program pooled the road maintenance fees and designated a portion of the new hospitality fee for the road plan. Other funding sources included in the plan have been the business license fee, the video poker fee, and County Transportation Committee funds (% of the gasoline tax).

Prior to the plan the County paved an average of six miles annually of County dirt roads with its in-house crew and did not have a formal resurfacing program in place. The new plan proposed the expansion of the in-house crew along with the utilization of private contractors. The efficient use of available revenue sources created the ability to increase the level of road improvements completed by Horry County. The five-year plan projected 16 miles of paving dirt roads, five to seven miles of resurfacing, 18-24 miles of gravel stabilization, and annual funding for replacement of the County's timber bridges.

ROAD PLAN	PROGRAMMED	COMPLETED
Paving Dirt Roads	117 miles	95 miles
Resurfacing	42 miles	78 miles
Gravel / Coquina	168 miles	185 miles
Bridges Replaced	20	20

The plan has been so successful that County Council reauthorized the plan in fiscal year 2002/2003 for an additional five years. The plan has averaged approximately 14 miles annually, over two times as many miles as was previously completed prior to the plan's implementation. In year eight of the plan, increased utilization of private contractors is planned and will be funded with savings accrued over the prior seven years of the plan. The table illustrates the programmed mileage of improvements compared to the actual mileage completed.

## Public Safety

### Redundant E911 Center

In May 2004, Horry County completed the Redundant E911 Center, which provides the County with the capability of responding in the event that the primary E911 Emergency Dispatch Center becomes non-functioning. The Redundant Center was utilized during several hurricane activations and during the spring motorcycle rallies.

### Street Crimes Unit

The Horry County Police Department, under new Chief Johnny Morgan, formed a "Street Crimes Unit." This unit has been extremely successful in providing a quick reaction force in different parts of the County, supplementing the efforts of the uniformed patrol.

### Advanced COBRA Team



Horry County has continued the development of the Advanced COBRA Team, capable of responding and managing incidents involving Weapons of Mass Destruction. This team has representatives from the fire service, law enforcement, communications and other disciplines.

## Horry County Awards and Recognitions

- 2003 Certificate of Excellence in Financial Reporting (Government Finance Officers Association)
- 2003 Distinguished Budget Presentation Award (Government Finance Officers Association)
- 2004 County Government Regional Cooperative Award (South Carolina Association of Counties)
- 2003 General Aviation Airport Management of the Year Award (Federal Aviation Admin. Southern Region Airports \Division)
- 2004 Engineering Excellence Award for Carolina Bays Parkway (ACEC American Council of Engineering Companies)
- 2003 DESIGN-BUILD EXCELLENCE Civil over \$15 million Carolina Bays Parkway (National Design Build Award Competition by the Design Build Institute of America)
- 2003 Outstanding Environmental Leadership Award (South Carolina Litter Control Association)
- 2004 Emergency Management Appreciation Award (Grand Strand Optimist)
- 2004 Webber Seavy Award for Horry County Police Department's CAMP Pride Project (International Association of Chiefs of Police)



## New Airport Terminal Complex Under Construction

One of the largest initiatives taken by County Council is the building of a new airport terminal for the Myrtle Beach International Airport, which after an extensive review of several alternative site concepts, will be developed on the westerly side of the airfield.

On May 5, 2004, Horry County and the City of Myrtle Beach held a joint signing ceremony and ground-breaking for the new airport terminal complex. They adopted resolutions approving a City of Myrtle Beach Ordinance creating a Planned Unit Development (PUD) known as the Myrtle Beach International Airport Terminal PUD and created a development agreement relating to the PUD. The inter-governmental agreement with the City of Myrtle Beach also established the use of funds received by the City from lease proceeds on the Seacoast property, known as the Aviation Trust Fund.

The new terminal complex will incorporate state-of-the-art equipment and building technology to ensure safety, security,

and operational viability while maintaining the potential for generating a significant level of revenue. The terminal will feature 14 aircraft gates (with passenger boarding bridges) and will have the capability to accommodate a wide mix of aircraft in the airline's fleet including commuter jets as well as the larger aircraft, including the capability to service wide-body aircraft such as the B747.

The building's upper-level will be utilized for departing passengers and the lower-level for those arriving and will provide for the comfortable and expeditious movement of both domestic and international passengers and other users of the facility within a safe and secure environment.



The new terminal complex program is slated for completion in 2007-08 and will cost an estimated \$200 million. Funding will be derived from local reserves, Passenger Facility Charges, user fees and charges, federal / state grants, and the issuance of up to \$70 million in General Airport Revenue Bonds.

## South Strand Complex Opens

The Horry County South Strand Government Complex, which opened the first of 2004, is a convenient location for residents who reside in Murrells Inlet, Garden City Beach, Surfside Beach, and Socastee to conduct county business. The South Strand Complex, located at 9630 Scipio Lane off of Holmestown Road, features an Auditor's Office, Treasurer's Office, Probate Court, Clerk of Court, and a Magistrate.

Due to significant growth on the South Strand, County Council saw the need for a County satellite office in that area so residents and business owners could conduct business without having to

travel to Myrtle Beach or Conway. The complex is over 24,000 square feet and had a construction budget of \$4.3 million.

The Horry County Government & Justice Center, located at 1301 Second Avenue in Conway, is the County's main office and courthouse. Other County Satellite Offices are located in the following areas:

Ralph Ellis Building  
107 Highway 57  
Little River, SC 29566

Olin I. Blanton Building  
1201 21st Avenue North  
Myrtle Beach, SC 29577

## Reassessment Postponed to Tax Year 2005

Horry County Council made the decision to postpone reassessment for one year, which will affect the October 2005 tax bills and give home and business owners a one-year reprieve from updated property values. County Council was concerned about a proposal that would cap increases in real property at 20 percent during reassessment years, which was passed on the last day of the legislative session in June.

County Council endorsed a resolution opposing the bill, which would shift nearly \$4 million in taxes and cut property taxes for those properties that have increased significantly in value in the last five years and force other residents to make up the differ-

ence. The Governor vetoed the bill in December, but in the meantime the County decided to postpone reassessment because tax bills are mailed in October. If the County did not postpone reassessment and the Governor signed the bill, then the County would have to send out rebates to affected properties and figure out a way to keep its budget stable.

During reassessment years, which occur every five years, governments must roll back their millage rates to offset the increases in the property tax base and correct inequities. Only real property values are affected and values of personal property such as cars, boats, and motorcycles are kept current through annual updates by the South Carolina Department of Revenue.

# UPCOMING PROJECTS FOR FISCAL YEAR 04-05

## Horry County Comprehensive Plan

The Horry County Comprehensive Plan is an important decision making tool that should be viewed as the framework to facilitate and encourage sustainable growth and development in the County. The comprehensive plan must be reviewed every five years and completely updated every 10 years. The plan was completely updated only five years ago in 1999 and since that time, phenomenal growth throughout the County has left the plan outdated in a number of areas. To meet the challenges that Horry County will face over the next 10 years, County Council has decided that the Horry County Comprehensive Plan should be fully updated in 2005.

The complete process of updating the plan should take approximately 18 months. There will be opportunity for public input in the beginning as the community is asked, in a series of public meetings, to help develop a vision of Horry County's future. The final product will be a set of clearly defined goals and objectives for each element of the plan, together with a workable implementation program that will allow the county to achieve the vision provided by the citizens of Horry County.

## Communications Upgrade Project

Horry County has completed the first major phase of the Communications Upgrade Project. As part of this project, the following has been completed:

- The E911 Emergency Dispatch Center has been totally remodeled and renovated.
- The Telephone System has been updated.
- 10 Additional Dispatch Consoles have been added.

When completed, the Communications Upgrade Project will provide a comprehensive, state-of-the art public safety communications system for the residents and visitors of Horry County.



Remodeled E911  
Emergency  
Dispatch Center

## Bomb Squad

In December 2004, the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) officially accredited Horry County Police Department's Bomb Squad. This team is capable of responding to explosive threats throughout the county, providing a much needed asset to our community.

## Veterinarian

Horry County Environmental Services hired a veterinarian to provide a higher quality of care at the Horry County Animal Shelter. The vet has already instituted many beneficial changes to our operations.

## Fiscal Year 04-05 Budget Highlights

### 2-Mil Unincorporated Tax Increase

This was added to all unincorporated homeowners to assist the County's garbage and convenience centers and to add a new center in the Carolina Forest area and at the Horry County South Strand Complex off of Holmestown Road. Funding has also made it possible for County residents to use the City of Myrtle Beach's recycling center on 10th Avenue North Extension starting in February 2005. A mini recycling center was also funded in the Lake Arrowhead area, which is scheduled to open in late spring 2005. It was also determined that the Aynor Recycling Center be relocated near S.C. 319.

• \$772,000	Software programs for County planners and engineers
• \$750,000	Phase 2 of the County's emergency 9-1-1 upgrade
• \$700,000	Register of Deeds computer index software
• \$612,000	Mosquito Abatement Program including ground and aerial spraying
• \$500,000	Aerial photography
• \$305,000	Additional public works equipment
• \$73,313	Horry County Museum upgrades and personnel

### New Positions Funded

1 library personnel	4 detention officers	9 police officers	*1 unfunded engineer was funded
1 position in the Treasurer's Office	8 9-1-1 dispatchers	and support staff	*5 unfunded public works
1 position in the Auditor's Office	1 deputy coroner	15 firefighters	employees were funded
1 administrative asst. in Emergency Man.	2 computer programmers		

# BUDGET SUMMARY - FISCAL YEAR 03-04

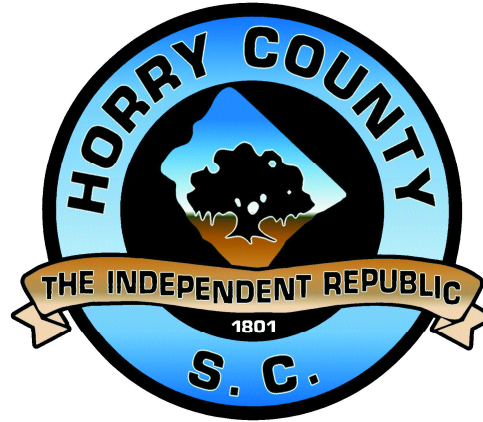
## Fiscal Year 03-04 Budget Summary

The fiscal year 2003-04 budget maintained the county-wide millage at 50.9 mills and the unincorporated fire district also received no millage increase above the 18.3 mills approved in the following year.

Although the County did not increase total tax millage for fiscal year 2003-04, the General Fund increased .8 mills while the General Debt Service Fund decreased .8 mills. In addition to the existing millage, the fiscal year 2003-04 revenue projections included additional revenues from building permit fees and Register of Deeds' copy fee increase.

Code Enforcement building permit fees were increased by a significant amount to generate an additional \$1 million in revenue and to better match the cost of the development related to departments of Planning, Zoning, and Building Inspectors. In addition, the road maintenance fee

assessed on each registered vehicle was increased from \$15 to \$20 to assist with the Local Road Plan.



The County tax revenue continues to grow at a rate of about 2.5 to 4.0 percent depending on the Fund. Revenues associated with property development and land transfer continue to exceed past performances.

Intergovernmental resources from the state have been returned to near the 2004 levels.

The countywide tax level of 50.9 mills will continue for fiscal year 2004-05. The millage for the County unincorporated garbage collection system increased by 2.0 mills, while all other special district millage remained the same.

The Code Enforcement and Register of Deed fees that were increased in fiscal year 2003-04, increased County revenues by about \$2.5 million and are anticipated to return a similar revenue level for fiscal year 2004-05.

## Revenue Sources

Taxes – the County's source of tax revenue is the real, personal and vehicle taxes levied against the citizens. Taxes are 46.8 percent of the general government revenue and are based on the assessed value of property. The County's estimated assessed value for all real property, personal property and vehicles as of June 30, 2003 was \$1,187,708,924. A taxpayer would multiply the appraised value by the assessment rate to determine the assessed value of property and the assessed rate of all property is determined by the state.

ASSESSED VALUES	
Primary Residence	4 percent of market value
Rental & Secondary Property	6 percent of market value
Agricultural Real Estate (privately owned)	4 percent of use value
Agricultural Real Estate (corporate owned)	6 percent of use value
Commercial Real Property	6 percent of market value
Manufacturing Real & Personal Property	10.5 percent of market value
Utility Real & Personal Property	10.5 percent of market value
Personal Property	10.5 percent of market value
Personal Vehicles (July to December 2003)	9 percent of market value
Personal Vehicles (January to June 2004)	8.25 percent of market value

The assessed value is then multiplied by the millage rate to determine the tax payment due to the County for County purposes only. The following example reflects the formula as applied to a \$100,000, primary residence in an incorporated area of the county including School taxes:

### EXAMPLE

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Fair Market Value of Home  
 Assessment Ratio (4% primary residence)  
 Assessed Value  
 Countywide Millage Rate (181.3 mills in FY 03-04)  
 (Countywide County Millage 50.9 and School Millage 130.4)  
**Taxes Due**  
 (does not reflect school tax relief or Homestead Exemption)

# BUDGET SUMMARY - FISCAL YEAR 03-04

The following example reflects the formula as applied to a \$100,000, primary residence in the unincorporated area of the County including School taxes:

## EXAMPLE

\$100,000	Fair Market Value of Home
x 4%	Assessment Ratio (4 % primary residence)
\$ 4,000	Assessed Value
x .2047	Unincorporated County Millage Rate (204.7 mills in FY 03-04) (Unincorporated Millage 74.3 and School Millage 130.4)
\$ 818.80	<b>Taxes Due</b> (does not reflect school tax relief or Homestead Exemption)

\*Although a taxpayer receives just one property tax bill, there are other agencies that utilize that one tax bill. These agencies are itemized on your bill, which include the School District, municipalities, special tax districts, etc. Any increase by any of these agencies will result in an increase to the overall tax bill.

Tax revenues are projected to increase steadily due to a 5 percent estimated rate of growth. One current collectable mill of tax was projected to generate \$1,210,5000 for fiscal year 2004 versus \$1,154,715 projected for fiscal year 2003.

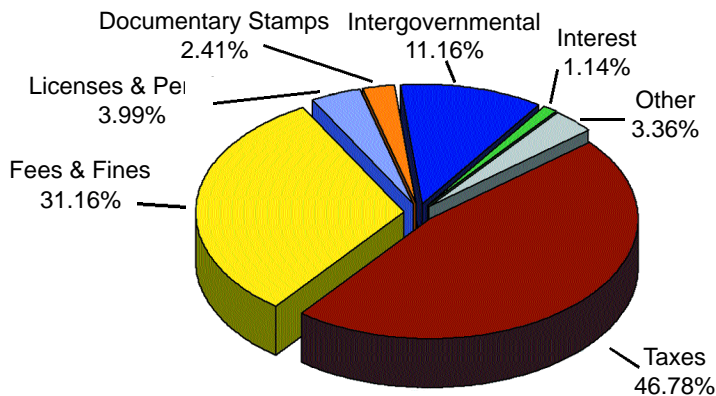
## Expenditure Highlights

The fiscal year 03-04 budget maintains the status quo on operating for most of the operating funds. The general fund level of personnel is maintained at basically the same level as fiscal year 02-03 other than the reinstatement of funding for three of the nine Infrastructure & Regulation positions not funded in fiscal year 02-03 and an additional two positions in Code Enforcement. Additionally, staffing was increased for the new South Strand Complex, which opened in January 2004. The 10 remaining un-funded positions in the Infrastructure & Regulation and Administration Division were not deleted and no one was laid off. However, the county administrator was precluded from refilling those vacancies without the approval of County Council.

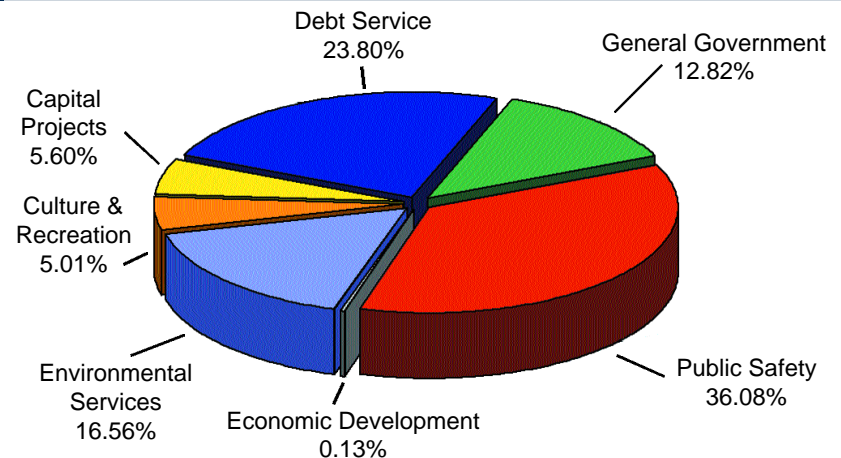
The fiscal year 03-04 budget included no cost-of-living adjustment or merit increase, but did include an annual step increase (2 percent of each position's entry-level salary) for all employees that received an annual performance review of satisfactory or better.

The Fire Fund millage was maintained at 18.3 mills to provide funds to continue to rebuild fund balance and provide debt service funding for a new bond to provide new stations and equipment in fiscal year 03-04. This millage also provided funding for additional incentives for volunteer firefighters.

General Government Revenues By Function FY 03-04



General Government Expenditures By Function FY 03-04



## Horry County Awards and Recognitions (continued from page 3)

- 2003 Buck-a-Cup Campaign for Horry County Police Department's Large Community with Highest Percent Increase (580%) (Easter Seals)
- 2003 Appreciation of Horry County Police Department's Services Render to the Citizens of Horry County (Cedar Grove Baptist Church)
- 2003 Recognition of Horry County Police Department's Color Guard (Parkway Community Baptist Church)

