



# HARRIS COUNTY, TEXAS

## COMMISSIONERS COURT

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Ed Emmett  
*County Judge*

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*Commissioner, Precinct 1*

Sylvia R. Garcia  
*Commissioner, Precinct 2*

Steve Radack  
*Commissioner, Precinct 3*

Jerry Eversole  
*Commissioner, Precinct 4*

February 29, 2008

To: County Judge Emmett and  
Commissioners Lee, Garcia,  
Radack and Eversole

Re. **FY 2008-09 Budgets**

Enclosed are schedules and materials for the FY 2008-09 budgets which will be effective for the period of March 1, 2008 through February 28, 2009.

The county's general fund expenditures for the year ending February 29, 2008 are projected to be \$1,258,312,002, an increase of 11.1% compared to the previous year's expenditures of \$1,132,653,918.

The available cash balance in the general fund at February 29 is projected at \$258.9 million with \$46.9 million encumbered and \$212 million of expenditures, or 16.85%, unreserved. The Auditor's Office will provide final adjustments at a later date for cash and modified accrual fund balances.

The estimate by the Auditor of available resources for FY 2008-09, including the above balance, is \$1,575,236,965, which is 4.4% more than estimated actual resources for FY 2007-08 of \$1,509,015,365.

The following table shows the general fund resources by category based on the Auditor's revenue estimates.

<u>General Fund</u> (\$ millions)	FY 2007-08 Adjusted Estimate	FY 2007-08 Estimated Actual	FY 2008-09 Revenue Estimate
Beginning Cash	\$ 205.4	\$ 205.4	\$ 258.9
Taxes	771.3	852.3	889.6
Intergovernmental	37.2	40.7	33.6
Service Charges	185.0	197.7	199.3
Fines/Forfeitures	23.7	20.3	20.9
Reimbursements	23.3	29.5	30.1
Rentals/Concessions	4.6	4.9	4.8
Miscellaneous	6.9	13.2	8.2
Interest	8.5	14.3	9.8
Transfers/Property Sales	35.2	130.7	120.0
Revenues & Transfers	\$ 1,095.7	\$ 1,303.6	\$ 1,316.3
Total Resources	\$ 1,301.1	\$ 1,509.0	\$ 1,575.2

### **Flood Control**

The revenue estimate for the Flood Control operations and maintenance fund for FY 2008-09 is \$157.5 million, an increase of \$8.9 million compared to last year's estimated actual.

### **Debt Service**

Funds will be available for debt service expenditures for the fiscal year in the amount of \$143.1 million for the county, \$168.9 million for the Toll Road Authority, \$39.9 million for Flood Control, and \$32.5 million for the Port of Houston.

### **Departments and Policy Issues**

The tables that follow show budget amounts for departments. Adjustments have been made as necessary to accommodate decisions of the court and to balance against the Auditor's revenue estimate. A list of policy issues follows the budget materials.

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