

## Minnehaha County Commission Approves Fiscal Year 2022 Budget

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Sioux Falls, SD – The Minnehaha County Commission approved the FY 2022 budget during its meeting this morning.

The FY 2022 budget year runs from January 1, 2022 to December 31, 2022. New positions are limited to one Deputy Public Defender, two positions in the State’s Attorney’s office, and one Appraiser in Training within Equalization.

The FY 2022 totals \$104,333,445. A further breakdown includes \$72.8 million in General Funds, \$14.4 million in Highway Funds, and \$6.6 million for Building Projects. The growth from FY 2021 to FY 2022 comes from a 1.2% increase from the Consumer Price Index and a 2.62% increase from new growth.

The FY 2022 budget does not utilize any additional opt-out dollars. The levy for the General Fund, building Fund and Bond Redemption totals 3.249 which is the lowest levy rate since 2012. Counties receive approximately 21% of property taxes revenues with the remainder being distributed to schools, municipalities, townships, and other special taxing districts.

While public safety officials continue to closely monitor expenditures, public safety expenses continue to outpace inflation and drive budget increases. Once someone is arrested, the expense for booking, prosecution, public defense, courts, and housing of prisoners is a county responsibility according to state statute.

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