

MERRICK COUNTY

NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING AND BUDGET SUMMARY

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given, in compliance with the provisions of Section 13-501 to 13-512, R.R.S. 1943, that the governing body will meet on the 9th day of September 2025 at 1:30 PM at Merrick County Courthouse, 1510 18th Street for the purpose of hearing support, opposition, criticism, suggestions or observations of taxpayers relating to the following proposed budget. The budget detail is available at the office of the Clerk during regular business hours.

Funds	Actual Disbursements 2023-2024 (1)	Actual Disbursements 2024-2025 (2)	Proposed Disbursements 2025-2026 (3)	Necessary Cash Reserve (4)	Total Available Resources Before Property Taxes (5)	Total Real and Personal Property Tax Requirements (6)
COUNTY GENERAL	5,999,096.69	7,683,988.17	9,025,919.75	550,000.00	3,480,961.23	6,094,958.52
SPECIAL ROAD FUND	3,306,950.42	3,935,023.64	5,027,007.51	200,000.00	5,227,007.51	0.00
ROAD BUYBACK PROGRAM	0.00	0.00	1,314,112.36	0.00	1,314,112.36	0.00
Road Sinking Fund	0.00	0.00	349,674.75	0.00	349,674.75	0.00
LODGING TAX	14,804.42	7,203.68	9,580.71	0.00	9,580.71	0.00
P & M FUND	0.00	0.00	50,803.36	0.00	50,803.36	0.00
VETERAN'S RELIEF FUND	0.00	0.00	6,523.26	0.00	6,523.26	0.00
OPIOID RECOVERY FUND	12,228.68	12,257.52	26,132.91	0.00	26,132.91	0.00
JUVENILE DIVERSION OFCR GRANT	137,046.01	137,346.18	182,148.24	0.00	182,148.24	0.00
STOP FUND	2,300.00	0.00	14,070.77	0.00	14,070.77	0.00
DRUG LAW ENFORCEMENT & EDUCATION	0.00	0.00	11,253.15	0.00	11,253.15	0.00
DRUG TESTIN FUND - CO	0.00	275.85	564.15	0.00	564.15	0.00
ADULT DRUG COURT	788.88	948.16	5,008.69	0.00	5,008.69	0.00
COMMUNITY EDUCATION FUND	0.00	0.00	319.96	0.00	319.96	0.00
CANINE K-9	1,198.05	18,745.37	8,947.81	0.00	8,947.81	0.00
JUVENILE SERVICES GRANT	0.00	0.00	5,508.09	0.00	5,508.09	0.00
COVID AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN	568,606.06	7,695.00	536,796.99	0.00	536,796.99	0.00
LOCAL ASSIST & TRIBAL CONSISTENCY	0.00	25,403.38	79,775.80	0.00	79,775.80	0.00
INHERITANCE TAX	570,551.32	1,053,060.88	2,389,854.59	0.00	2,389,854.59	0.00
SHERIFF'S SINKING FUND	0.00	2,280.00	159,720.00	0.00	159,720.00	0.00
E911 EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT	6,891.00	9,829.07	38,650.69	0.00	38,650.69	0.00
LAW ENFORCEMENT FUND	0.00	0.00	100.00	0.00	100.00	0.00
SPECIAL RESPONSE TEAM	2,000.00	1,751.09	2,105.15	0.00	2,105.15	0.00
COMMISSARY FUND	1,960.92	561.00	37,445.73	0.00	37,445.73	0.00
COURTHOUSE BOND FUND	131,875.00	131,160.00	120,640.96	0.00	120,640.96	0.00
4H BUILDING P&I FUND	150,562.50	149,757.50	294,077.77	0.00	145,230.27	148,847.50
COURTHOUSE BUILDING	6,096.04	0.00	183,812.16	0.00	183,812.16	0.00
4H BUILDING	29,372.00	120,265.08	151,455.62	0.00	151,455.62	0.00
COUNTY SINKING FUND	0.00	26,732.00	63,367.39	0.00	63,367.39	0.00
GRAND TOTAL	10,942,327.99	13,324,283.57	20,095,378.32	750,000.00	14,601,572.30	6,243,806.02
Unused Property Tax Request Authority available for next year						44,143.67

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NOTICE OF SPECIAL HEARING TO SET FINAL TAX REQUEST

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given, in compliance with the provisions of State Statute 77-1632, that the governing body will meet on the 9th day of September 2025 at 1:40 PM at Merrick County Courthouse, 1510 18th Street for the purpose of hearing support, opposition, criticism, suggestions or observations of taxpayers relating to setting the final tax request at a different amount than the prior year tax request.

	2024	2025	Change
Operating Budget	19,367,718.16	20,095,378.32	3.76%
Property Tax Request	5,931,127.54	6,243,806.02	5.27%
Valuation	2,238,711,340.00	2,383,011,233.00	6.45%
Tax Rate	0.000000	0.262013	0.00%
Tax Rate if Prior Tax Request was at Current Valuation	0.248892		