

**WASHINGTON COUNTY COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 6, 2022**

The Regular Meeting of the Board of the Washington County Commission was called to order by Chairman Victor Iverson at 4:00 p.m. on September 6, 2022, in the Washington County Commission Chambers, and via Zoom 197 East Tabernacle, St. George, Utah. Those in attendance were Commissioner Victor Iverson, Commissioner Adam Snow, Commissioner Gil Almquist, Deputy County Attorney Devin Snow, County Administrator Nicholle Felshaw, and Deputy Clerk Cheyenne Bentley.

INVOCATION BY: Sharon Shores, Universal Life Church Ministries

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Jerry Curtis, American Legion Post 100

CONSENT AGENDA:

The Consent Agenda is a means of expediting the consideration of routine matters. If a commissioner requests that items be removed from the consent agenda, those items are placed at the beginning of the regular agenda. Other than requests to remove items, a motion to approve the items on the consent agenda is not debatable.

- Consideration of Auditor-Approved Claims for Payment for August 17, 2022 through September 6, 2022
- Consideration of Commission Meeting Minutes of August 16, 2022 and Work Meeting Minutes of August 23, 2022
- Consideration of Administrative Adjustments: Real Property
- Consideration of Administrative Adjustments: Personal Property
- Consideration of Application(s) for Property Tax Abatement (3): Russell Chidester, A/N 549363; Maxine Haws, A/N 75864; Edward Karchinski, A/N 869550
- Consideration of Interlocal Agreement Between the City of St. George and Washington County for the 2022 Byrne Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program Award
- Consideration of Amended Plat for Dixie Deer Estates Phase 4 Combining Lots 4 & 5
- Acknowledgement of Publication of Notice of Adoption for Ordinance No. 2022-1215-O, on Sunday, August 7, 2022

MOTION: Motion by Commissioner Almquist to Approve the Consent Agenda as Outlined. Motion seconded by Commissioner Snow and carried by unanimous vote, with Commissioners Iverson, Snow and Almquist voting aye.

REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION:

PRESENTATION: EMPLOYEE LONGEVITY AWARD

The Commissioners recognized Linda Martin for her twenty (20) years of service to the Washington County Council on Aging (COA).

PRESENTATION: HINTON BURDICK 2021 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Clerk/Auditor Susan Lewis introduced Steve Palmer from Hinton Burdick and expressed appreciation for a great working relationship with them.

Mr. Palmer reviewed the 2021 audit and stated that there were no internal control weaknesses or compliance issues found or reported.

The 2021 Audited Financial Statement is located on the County’s Website, as well as the financial statements from the past ten (10) years, at:

<https://www.washco.utah.gov/departments/clerk-auditor/audited-financial-statements/>

(See attached financial statements)

MOTION: Motion by Commissioner Almquist to Accept the 2021 Audit as Presented by Hinton Burdick. Motion seconded by Commissioner Snow and carried by unanimous vote, with Commissioners Iverson, Snow and Almquist voting aye.

CONSIDERATION OF PURCHASE REQUESTS

Assessor, Ford F-150, (trade-in)	(\$0.00)
Car Pool, Ford F-150 (2) (trade-in)	(\$0.00)
Commission, Ford F-150 (trade-in)	(\$0.00)
Sheriff’s Office, Ford F-150 (10) (trade-in)	(\$0.00)
Dixie Center, HVAC	(\$32,828.00)
Dixie Center, Asphalt Reconstruction	(\$85,964.31)
Emergency Services, Air Purifying Respirator	(\$81,382.40)
Emergency Services, GovCloud Licenses	(\$13,800.00)
Legacy Park, Wagon Train Event	(\$22,334.00)
Legacy Park, Restroom Partitions	(\$7,880.00)
Legacy Park, Bathroom Partition Install	(\$5,800.00)

All purchases are budgeted, bonded, or paid for through grant funds.

MOTION: Motion by Commissioner Snow to Approve the Purchase Requests as Outlined. Motion seconded by Commissioner Almquist and carried by unanimous vote, with Commissioners Iverson, Snow and Almquist voting aye.

CONSIDERATION OF PROCLAMATION NO. 2022-25, A PROCLAMATION DECLARING WASHINGTON COUNTY’S ADOPTION OF CONSTITUTION WEEK

Karen Mangano from the Daughters of the American Revolution explained that Constitution week begins September 17th and goes through September 23rd. She announced that St. George will celebrate Constitution Week at the Tabernacle in downtown St. George at 1:30 PM on September 17th.

MOTION: Motion by Commissioner Almquist to Adopt Proclamation No. 2022-25, A Proclamation Declaring Washington County's Adoption of Constitution Week. Motion seconded by Commissioner Snow and carried by unanimous vote, with Commissioners Iverson, Snow and Almquist voting aye.

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. R-2022-2989, A RESOLUTION APPROVING A CONSERVATION EASEMENT THAT IS BEING CONVEYED AS PART OF THE PINE VALLEY PRESERVATION PROJECT

Deputy Attorney Devin Snow explained that preservation and conservation measures are ongoing in the Pine Valley area and the property owner is ready to grant a conservation easement. The County will be a joint holder of the conservation easement of the Pine Valley Meadows Preservation Project along with the Virgin River Land Preservation Association.

MOTION: Motion by Commissioner Snow to Adopt Resolution No. R-2022-2989, A Resolution Approving a Conservation Easement that is being Conveyed as Part of the Pine Valley Preservation Project. Motion seconded by Commissioner Almquist and carried by unanimous vote, with Commissioners Iverson, Snow and Almquist voting aye.

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. R-2022-2990, A RESOLUTION APPROVING AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN WASHINGTON COUNTY AND THE STATE OF UTAH DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES, DIVISION OF STATE PARKS FOR TRT FUNDING TO IMPROVE AND EXPAND A PORTION OF ROAD INSIDE SAND HOLLOW STATE PARKS

Chairman Iverson explained that road improvements are being made in Sand Hollow State Park to allow for course modifications for the annual IRONMAN events. Improvements to the Sand Hollow Road will alleviate traffic congestion in the various areas of the County affected by the IRONMAN. Tourism Tax Revenue Tax (TRT) will pay for a portion of the project with the remaining balance being paid for by the State of Utah Facilities Construction and Management (DFCM).

MOTION: Motion by Commissioner Almquist to Adopt Resolution No. R-2022-2990, A Resolution Approving an Interlocal Agreement Between Washington County and the State of Utah Department of Natural Resources, Division of State Parks for TRT Funding to Improve and Expand a Portion of Road Inside Sand Hollow State Parks. Motion seconded by Commissioner Snow and carried by unanimous vote, with Commissioners Iverson, Snow and Almquist voting aye.

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. R-2022-2991, A RESOLUTION REGARDING BUDGETARY AND INFLATIONARY PRESSURE

Chairman Iverson stated that ongoing economic effects are being felt within Washington County including increases in energy prices, food costs, and general inflation. The County will be

analyzing all cost-cutting measures to continue to function efficiently in order to relieve inflationary pressure and the negative effects of any potential recession.

Commissioner Snow stated that the County is working to establish a culture of cost cutting from within while also maintaining a competitive level of service with the outside market.

Commissioner Almquist mentioned there are significant differences between government and private businesses and stated that the state tax rate varies from time to time but the mill levy rate has been frozen for several years which causes taxes to rise which increased property valuation.

MOTION: Motion by Commissioner Snow to Adopt Resolution No. R-2022-2991, A Resolution Regarding Budgetary and Inflationary Pressure. Motion seconded by Commissioner Almquist and carried by unanimous vote, with Commissioners Iverson, Snow and Almquist voting aye.

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. R-2022-2992, A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ADDITIONAL SERVICES FOR THE PROPOSED WESTERN FIRE SPECIAL SERVICE DISTRICT

Attorney Snow stated that the resolution clarifies the authorized services provided by the proposed Western Fire Special Service District. The newly consolidated district would have parks and recreation service for the Dammeron Valley park.

MOTION: Motion by Commissioner Almquist to Adopt Resolution No. R-2022-2992, A Resolution Authorizing Additional Services for the Proposed Western Fire Special Service District. Motion seconded by Commissioner Snow and carried by unanimous vote, with Commissioners Iverson, Snow and Almquist voting aye.

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. R-2022-2993, A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN ADDITIONAL SERVICE FOR THE PROPOSED MOUNTAIN FIRE SPECIAL SERVICE DISTRICT

This Resolution provides the same purpose as above for the proposed Mountain Fire Special Service District.

MOTION: Motion by Commissioner Almquist to Adopt Resolution No. R-2022-2993, A Resolution Authorizing an Additional Service for the Proposed Mountain Fire Special Service District. Motion seconded by Commissioner Snow and carried by unanimous vote, with Commissioners Iverson, Snow and Almquist voting aye.

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. R-2022-2994, A RESOLUTION APPROVING A PROFESSIONAL SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH AVENUE CONSULTANTS TO PREPARE THE WASHINGTON COUNTY TRANSPORTATION MASTER PLAN AND ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION PLAN

Commissioner Almquist explained that Avenue Consultants will provide assistance of transportation and engineering experts to create a cohesive Master Transportation Plan and Active Transportation Plan for Washington County.

MOTION: Motion by Commissioner Snow to Adopt Resolution No. R-2022-2994, A Resolution Approving a Professional Service Agreement with Avenue Consultants to Prepare the Washington County Transportation Master Plan and Active Transportation Plan. Motion seconded by Commissioner Almquist and carried by unanimous vote, with Commissioners Iverson, Snow and Almquist voting aye.

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. R-2022-2995 A RESOLUTION APPROVING JUVENILE PUBLIC DEFENDER AGREEMENTS

County Administrator Nicholle Felshaw explained that legal representation is provided for indigent criminal defendants and indigent parents/guardians in child welfare proceedings as well as youth with indigent parents/guardians in delinquency proceedings for cases in the Utah 5th District Court and Juvenile Court in Washington County. These newly updated contracts will replace and supersede the existing contracts for the juvenile defenders

MOTION: Motion by Commissioner Almquist to Adopt Resolution No. R-2022-2995 A Resolution Approving Juvenile Public Defender Agreements. Motion seconded by Commissioner Snow and carried by unanimous vote, with Commissioners Iverson, Snow and Almquist voting aye.

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. R-2022-2996, A RESOLUTION APPROVING AN AMENDMENT TO THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN WASHINGTON COUNTY AND BOWEN, COLLINS & ASSOCIATES, INC. FOR THE WARNER DRAW WATERSHED ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT PROJECT AND ADDING FIVE ADDITIONAL SUN-PROJECTS

Public Works Director Ron Whitehead explained that the Natural Resources Conservation District (NRCS) provides watershed plan environmental assessments or environmental impact statements pursuant to the watershed protection and flood prevention acts. The original agreement is being amended in order to expand the scope of work.

MOTION: Motion by Commissioner Almquist to Adopt Resolution No. R-2022-2996, A Resolution Approving an Amendment to the Agreement Between Washington County and Bowen, Collins & Associates, Inc. for the Warner Draw Watershed Environmental Assessment Project and Adding Five Additions

sun-Projects. Motion seconded by Commissioner Snow and carried by unanimous vote, with Commissioners Iverson, Snow and Almquist voting aye.

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. R-2022-2997, A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE ISSUANCE OF A COMMENT LETTER TO THE BLM REGARDING A PROPOSED INTEGRATED WEED MANAGEMENT PLAN IN THE BEAVER DAM WASH AND RED CLIFFS NATIONAL CONSERVATION AREAS

Attorney Snow explained that the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) issued a draft programmatic environmental assessment regarding a proposed integrated weed management plan which has been reviewed by public works and the Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP) offices. A comment letter in regards to weed management in the Beaver Dam Wash and Red Cliffs Conservation areas will be submitted for the draft EA.

MOTION: Motion by Commissioner Snow to Adopt Resolution No. R-2022-2997, A Resolution Approving the Issuance of a Comment Letter to the BLM Regarding a Proposed Integrated Weed Management Plan in the Beaver Dam Wash and Red Cliffs National Conservation Areas. Motion seconded by Commissioner Almquist and carried by unanimous vote, with Commissioners Iverson, Snow and Almquist voting aye.

COMMISSIONERS' REPORT

Mr. Whitehead stated that the road crew is working in the New Harmony and Black Ridge areas continuing with chip sealing projects. He cautioned drivers to be mindful of road workers while traveling on the highways.

Chairman Iverson reported that UDOT will begin widening the freeway between Exit 10 and Exit 13 along with the addition of the new interchange into Washington.

Commissioner Almquist mentioned the County Beautification crew is continuing to collect trash and debris in the medians across the County.

Commissioner Snow thanked the Sheriff's Office as some of the deputies were recently commended on their response to citizens

Having no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:25 p.m.



CHEYENNE BENTLEY
DEPUTY CLERK



VICTOR IVERSON
CHAIRMAN

Account

Number	Tax ID No.	Tax Year	Owner	Pre Adj Taxes	Post Adj Taxes	Difference	Comments	MeetingDate
85327	LV-26-B-1	2021	REYNOLDS LACEY	3,102.71	1,706.49	-1,396.22	Assessment level changed to primary	9/6/2022
427867	SG-SJP-3-27	2021	CARDON BRANDON R & AIMEE M	3,847.38	2,116.06	-1,731.32	Assessment level changed to primary	9/6/2022
780903	SG-TUNH-2-202	2021	TRACY LAWRENCE D / TRACY JANICE A	4,185.78	2,302.18	-1,883.60	Assessment level changed to primary	9/6/2022

**Board of Equalization
Personal Property
Commission Meeting
09/06/22**

Appellant	Reason For Appeals	Refund Due
Martin Grossman	Vehicle was totaled two days after renewing registration (within registration month).	\$80.00
Lauri Karratti	Traded vehicle within registration month	\$10.00
Arthur Letkey	Entitled to a veteran's exemption	\$110.00
Kathryn Talon Tolleson	Renewed registration for a vehicle that had been sold.	110.00
Richard R Todd	Entitled to a veteran's exemption	110.00
		\$420.00

**Board of Equalization
Personal Property
Commission Meeting
09/06/22**

Appellant	Reason For Appeals	Refund Due	Adjustment Only
J & G CONCRETE PUMPING	Unable to locate business. Has never filed a signed statement. Taxes are from 2021. Phone number is invalid. The post office has returned all mail.		\$141.88
GADGETECH	Business hasn't filed a signed statement in two years. Business license expired in 2020 and wasn't renewed. Drive by shows location is closed.		\$284.29
ALEXIO HOMES LLC	Business license is expired and address is a rental home. Unable to locate contact information for the business owner. Adjust non-filing penalty.		\$25.00
THC PAINTING INC	Home business. Painter. Search for license shows it expired and wasn't renewed. On line advertising shows permanently closed.		\$141.88
		\$0.00	\$593.05



HINTON BURDICK
CPAs & ADVISORS

We are **PATHFINDERS**

Selected Financial Data

Washington County, Utah

For the five years: 2017 to 2021

PREPARED BY:

MANAGER: Viktoryia Yahorava, CPA

PARTNER: Steven D. Palmer, CPA

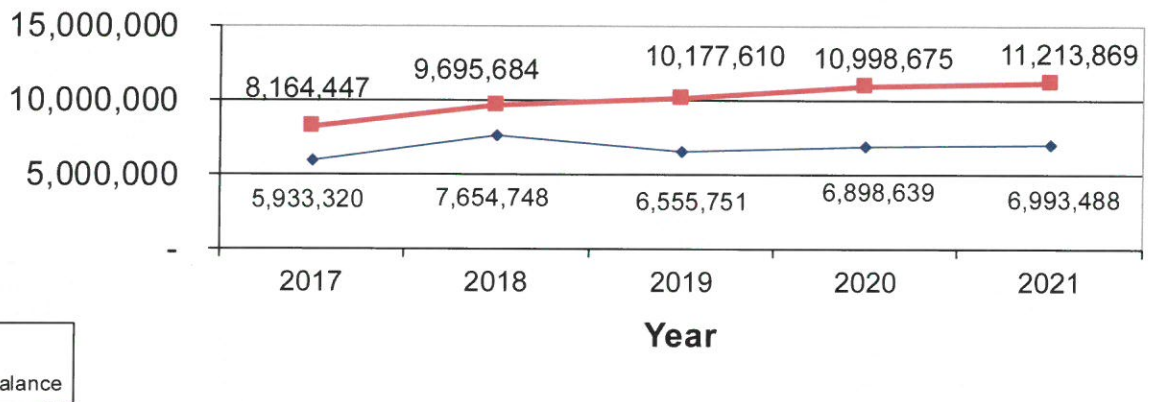
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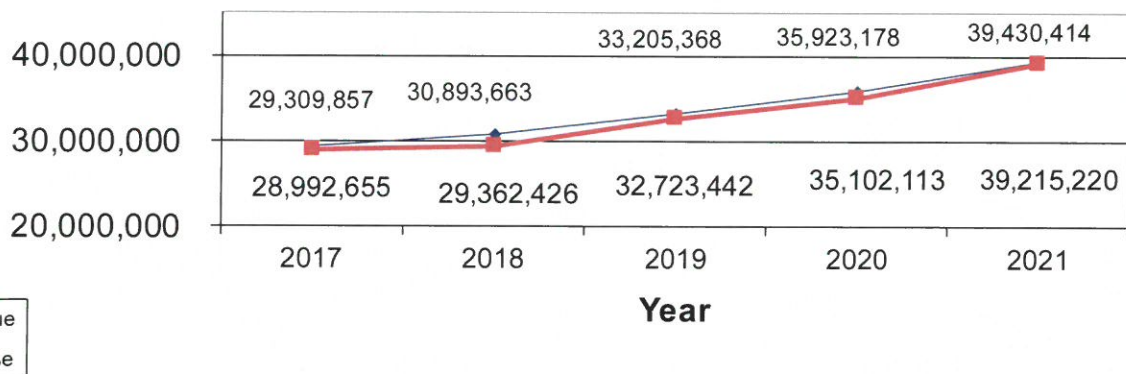
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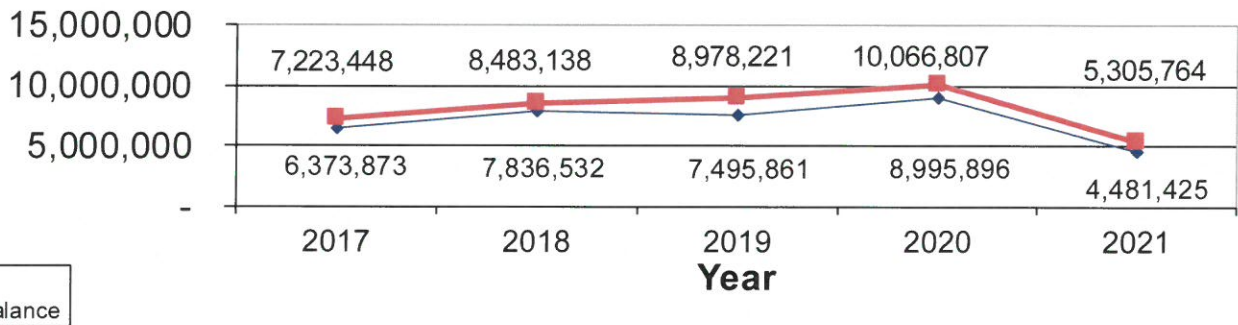
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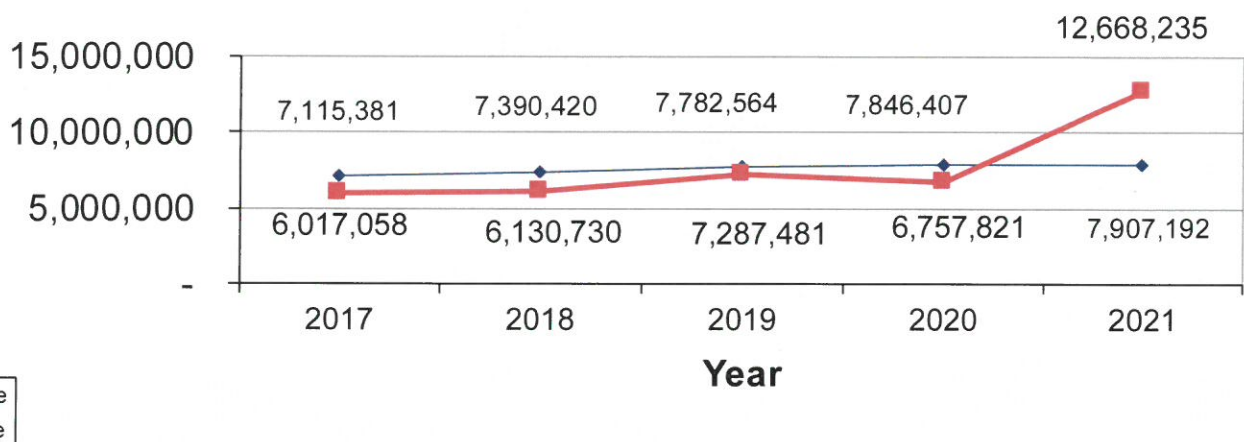
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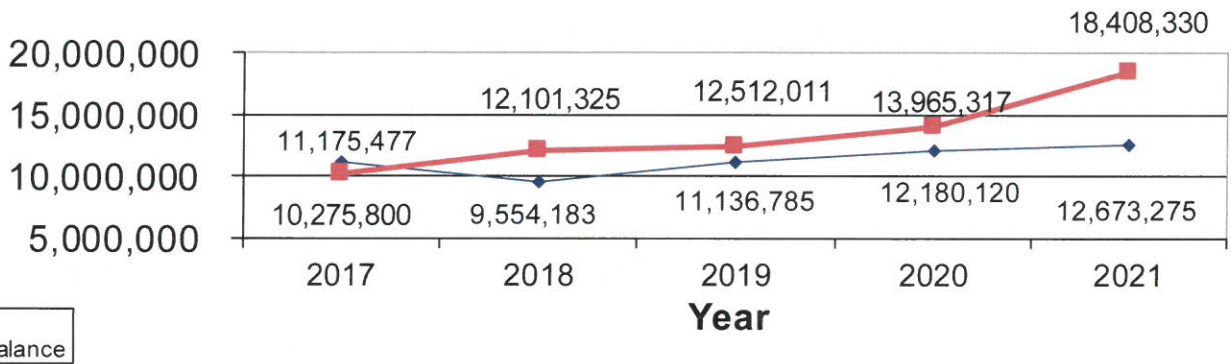
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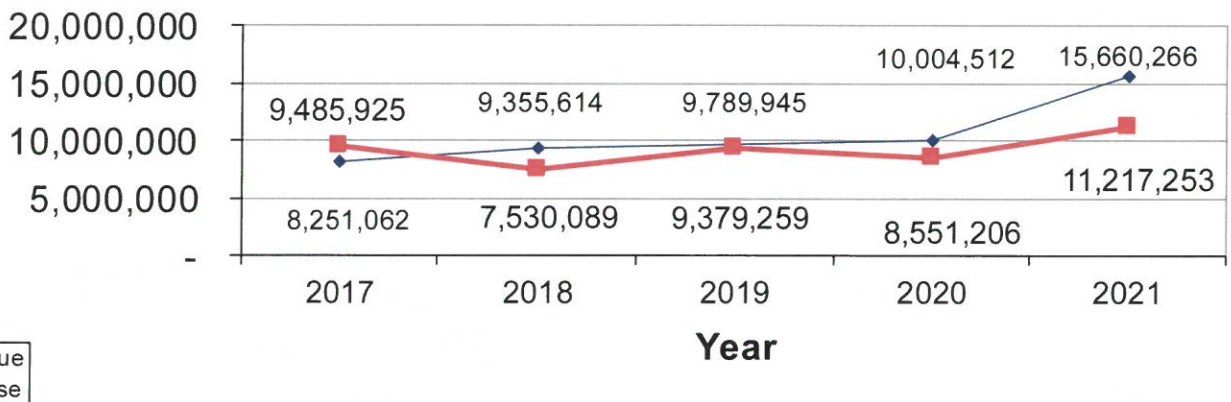
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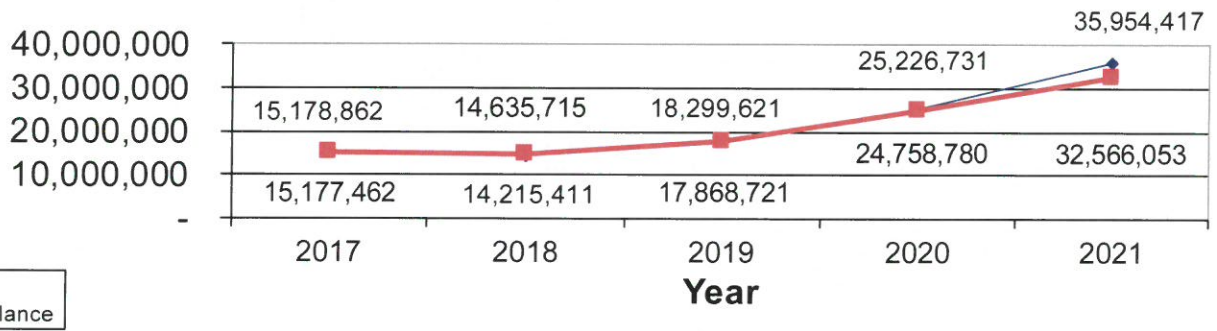
Washington County TRAVEL BOARD FUND CASH and FUND BALANCE TREND



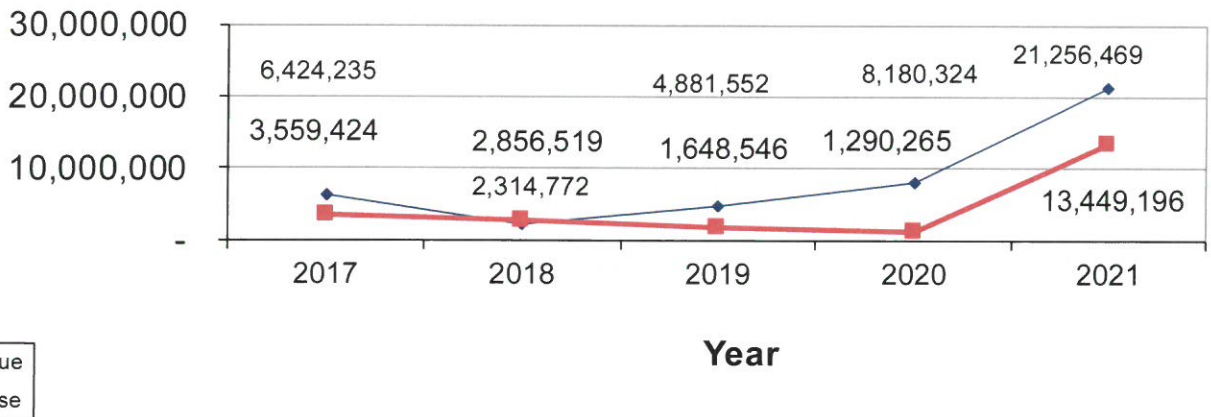
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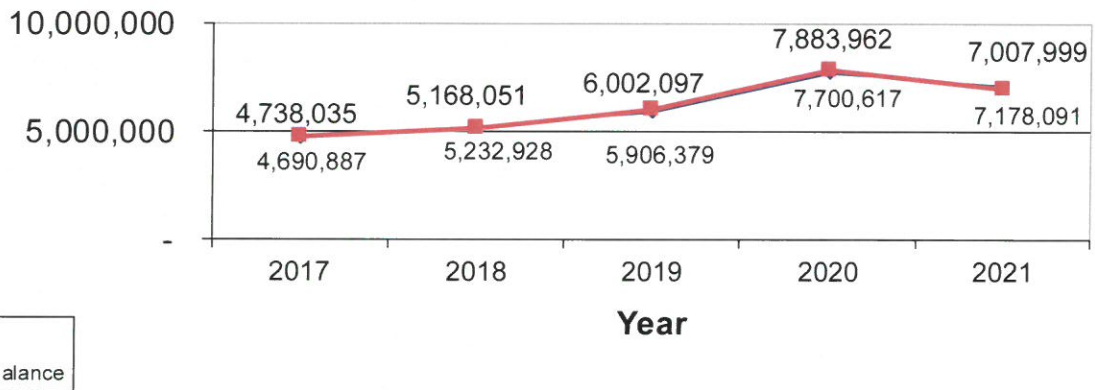
Washington County CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND CASH and FUND BALANCE TREND



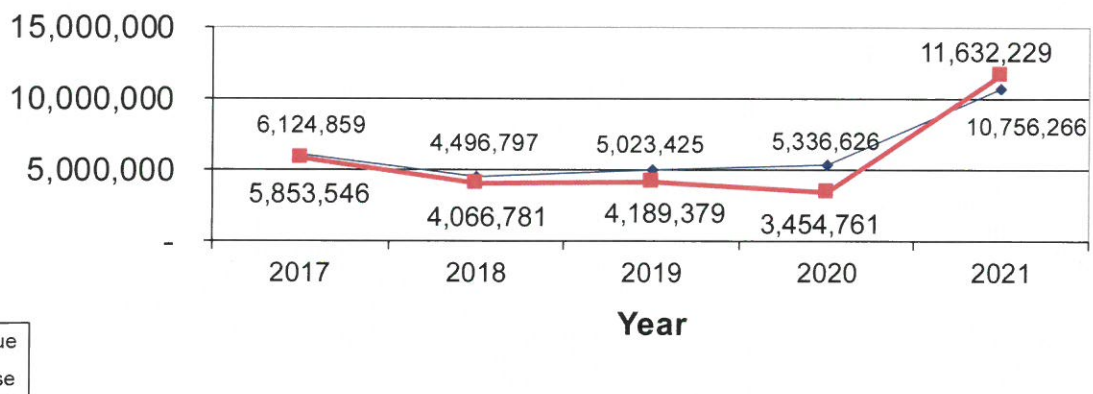
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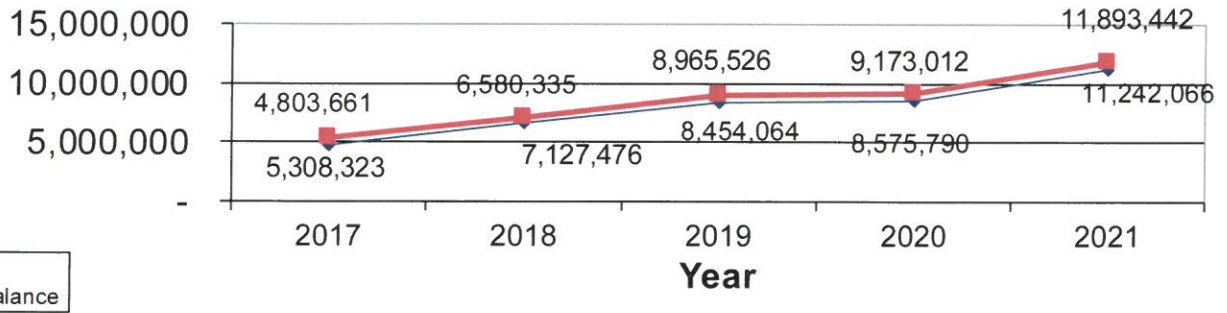
Washington County MUNICIPAL SERVICES FUND CASH and FUND BALANCE TREND



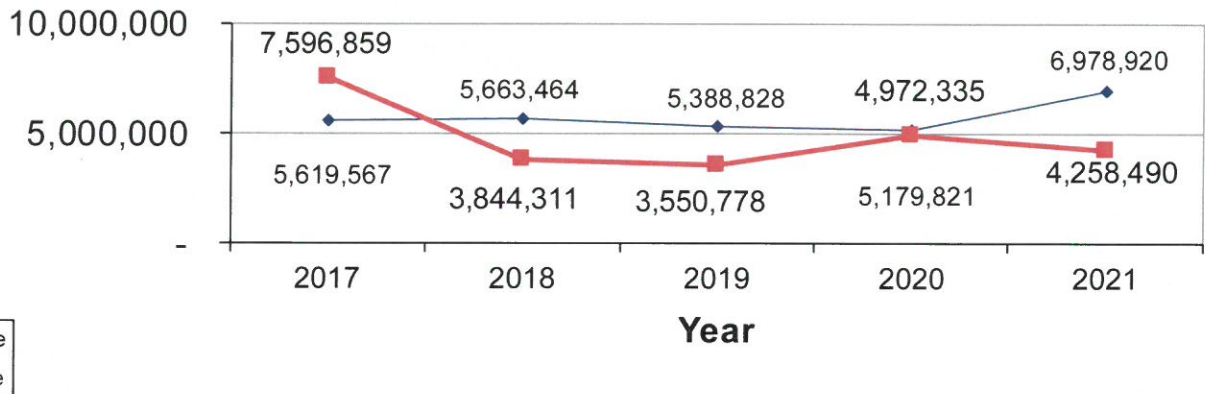
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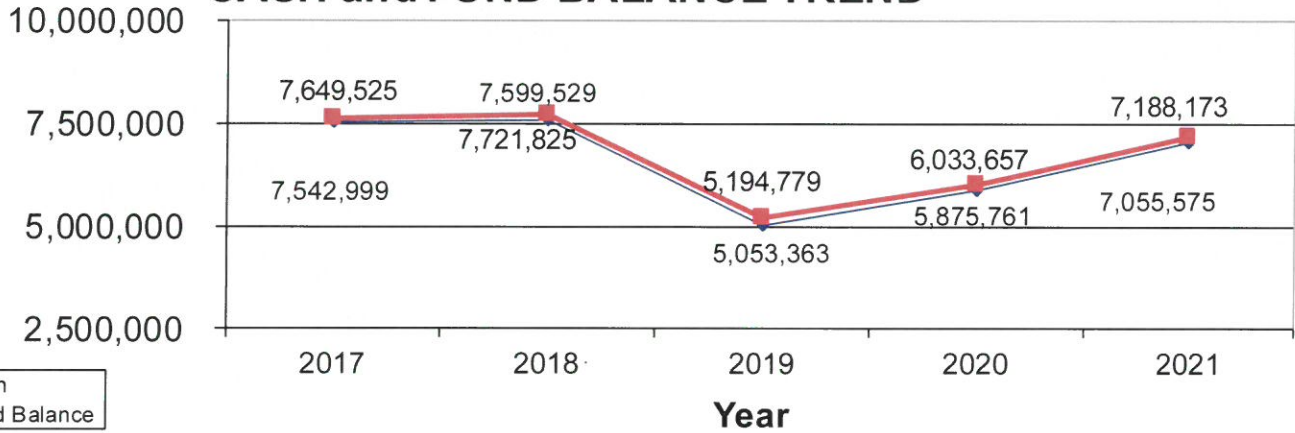
Washington County RECREATION FUND CASH and FUND BALANCE TREND



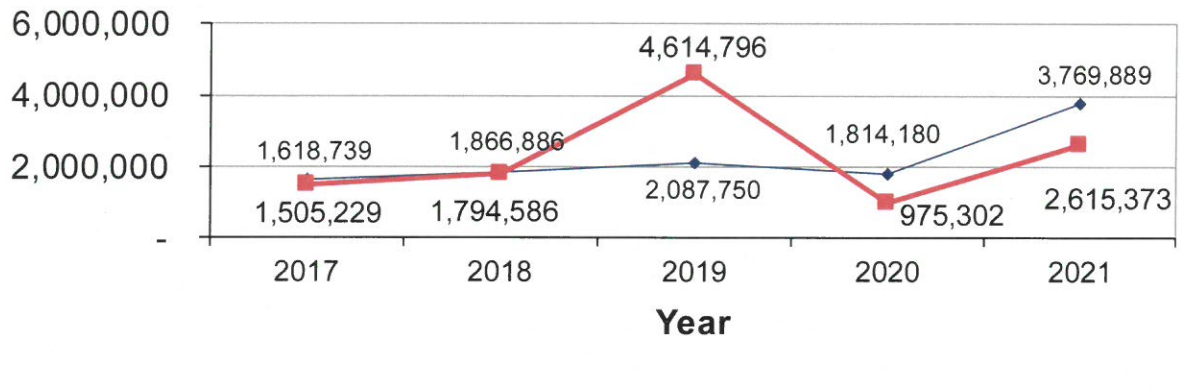
Washington County RECREATION FUND REVENUE/EXPENSE TREND (Including Transfers)



Washington County CORRIDOR PRESERVATION FUND CASH and FUND BALANCE TREND



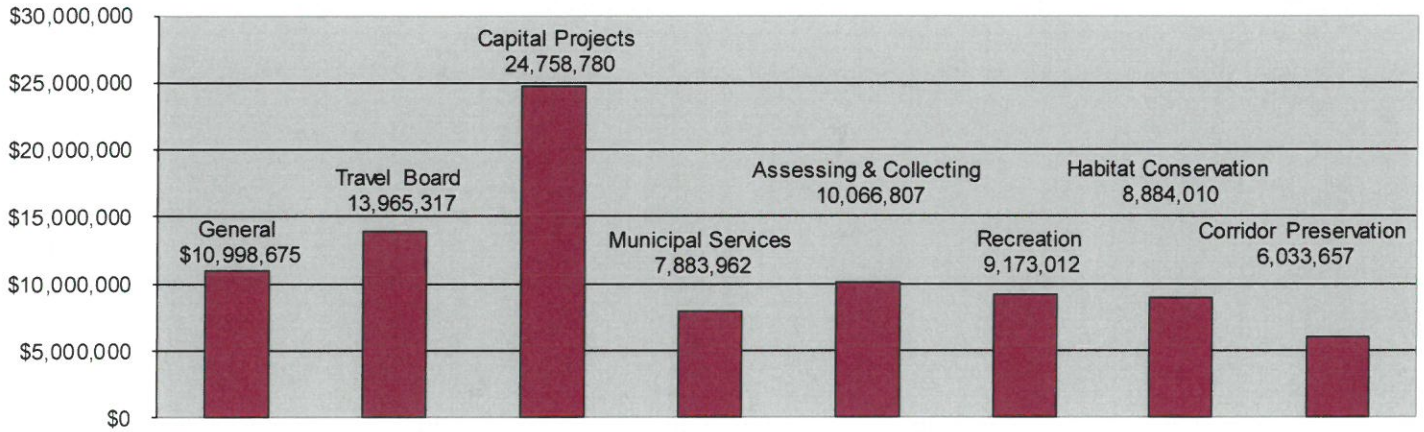
Washington County CORRIDOR PRESERVATION: REVENUE/EXPENSE TREND (Including Transfers)



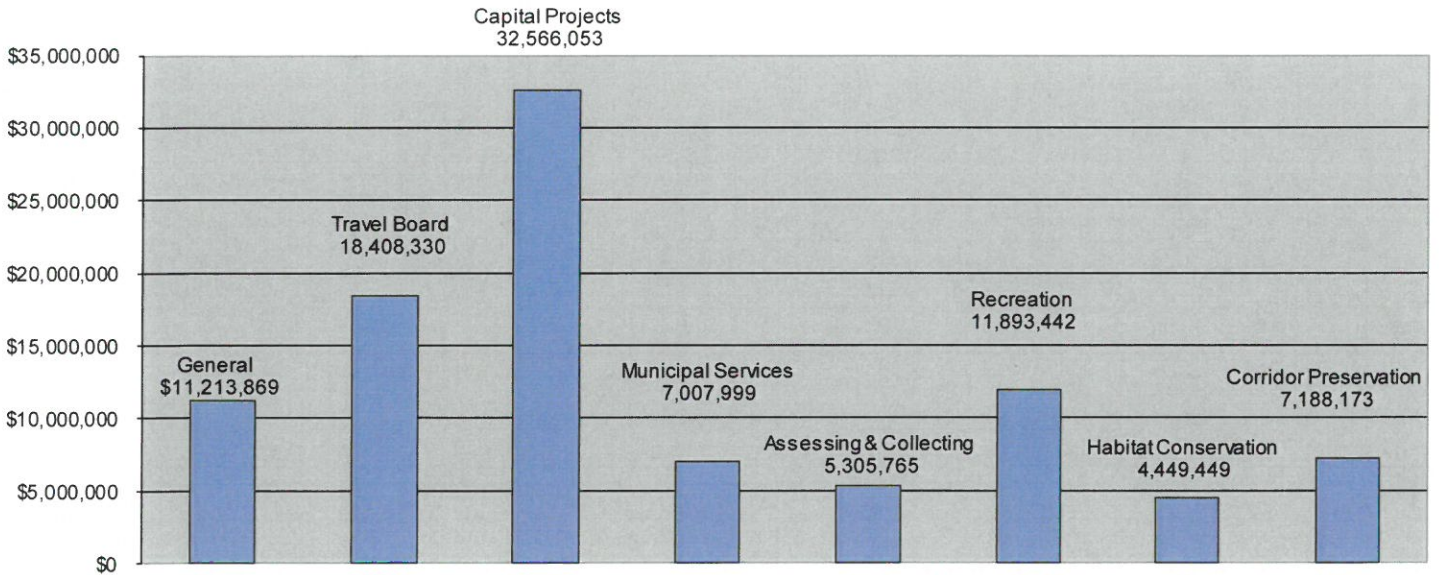
Long-term Liabilities

	<u>12/31/2020</u>	<u>12/31/2021</u>	<u>Increase (Decrease)</u>
Total bonds payable	13,715,537	11,668,619	(2,046,918)
Capital leases payable	4,190,727	2,410,727	(1,780,000)
Net pension liability	10,307,124	3,923,232	(6,383,892)
Accrued compensated absences	1,807,170	1,933,656	126,486
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Total long-term liabilities	<u>30,020,558</u>	<u>19,936,234</u>	<u>(10,084,324)</u>
 Recap of pension related accounts:			
Net pension liability	10,307,124	3,923,232	(6,383,892)
Deferred outflows related to pensions	6,336,261	6,697,011	360,750
Deferred inflows related to pensions	4,572,525	8,481,894	3,909,369
Net increase/(decrease) in equity as a result of pensions			<hr/> <u>2,113,773</u>

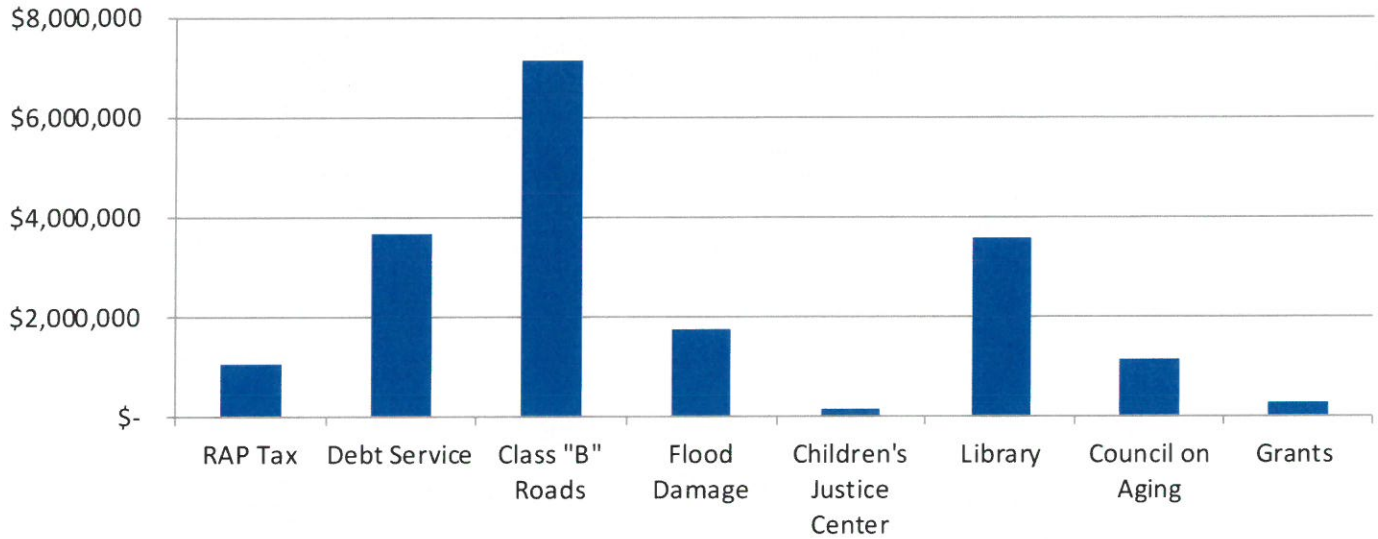
**Washington County
Fund Balances at December 31, 2020
Significant Funds**



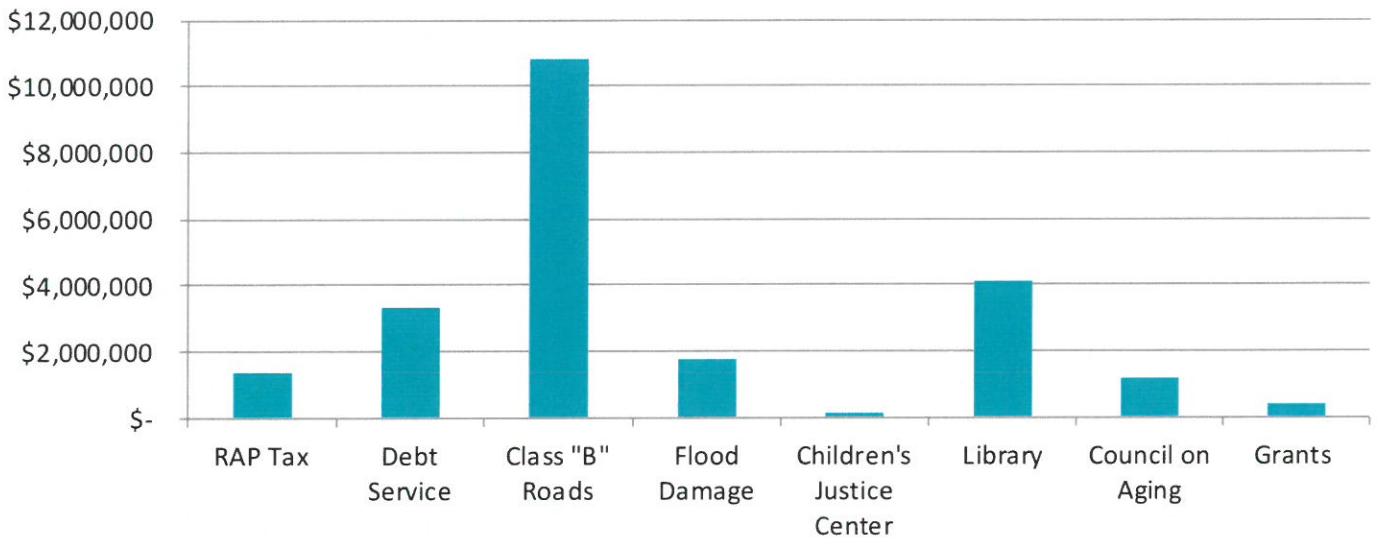
**Fund Balances at December 31, 2021
Significant Funds**



Fund Balances 2020 - Other funds



Fund Balances 2021 - Other funds



SAR Incident Synopsis

for July 18th, 2022 through August 15th, 2022

Sheriff Brooksby,

Below is the SAR Report from July 18th, 2022 through August 15th, 2022

August 2022 Report

Total calls this report – 8

Total SAR Incidents 2022 – 81

Total Man Hours this report – 205

Rescued Subjects

In County Residence – 6

Out of County (Utah) Residence - 2

Out of Utah – 2

International – 1

07/18/2022 @ 1850, Stranded Vehicle – Babylon – Man Hours – 4

SAR and Deputies responded to a stranded vehicle in Lower Babylon. The vehicle was within feet of the Virgin River. The vehicle was pulled out and the subjects escorted back to the main roadway. No medical was needed.

07/23/2022 @ 1130, UTV Accident – Sand Mountain – Man Hours – 24

SAR responded to a UTV rollover on Sand Mountain. A 43 year old male rolled the vehicle and was thrown out. He was in and out of consciousness and had possible internal injuries. Life Flight was called to respond. SAR and EMS responded up the dunes. Life Flight arrived on scene and assessed the subject. They loaded him in the helicopter and flew him to St George Regional hospital with serious injuries.

07/29/2022 @ 1500, UTV Accident – Sand Mountain - Man Hours – 30

SAR responded to a 54 year old male that rolled a UTV. The male was complaining of a severe arm pain. SAR and EMS located him and stabilized his arm. He was placed in a UTV and driven back to the IC. He was transported by EMS to SGRH for treatment.

08/04/2022 @ 1100, Ill Subjects – Upper Babylon – Man Hours – 45

SAR responded to three subject complaining of Heat Exhaustion. A 49 year old female and two males 18 and 15. The subjects had hiked in to get their motorcycle that was stuck in the sand from the previous day. SAR and EMS went in and located the subjects. They were all treated for heat exhaustion and brought out to the Incident Command. SAR also recovered their motorcycle.

08/05/2022 @ 1800, Unknown Suspicious – Sand Hollow Res. – Man Hours – 18

SAR responded to a suspicious circumstance and Sand Hollow State Park. A male subject said he was swimming at the Jumping Rocks and said he saw what looked like a foot and possibly a leg in a cove. The SAR Dive Team deployed and located the suspicious object. It was the bottom sole of a Barefoot water shoe.

08/09/2022 @ 1330, Jeep Accident – Sand Mountain – Man Hours – 42

SAR responded to a Jeep that rolled over on Sand Mountain. It was reported the Jeep was laying on a 78 year old male and a second person, a 73 year old male, was trapped inside the vehicle. Life Flight was launched. EMS and SAR went in on UTV's. SAR arrived and got both subjects free from the vehicle. Life Flight flew one male to SGRH. The second male was brought back to the IC in a SAR vehicle. He was taken to SGRH by ambulance.

08/10/2022 @ 0900, Mountain Bike Accident – Bear-Claw Poppy – Man Hours – 22

SAR was dispatch to a Mountain Bike crash on the Bear-Claw Poppy Trail. A 25 year old female wrecked and went unconscious. She regained consciousness, but had an altered mental status. SAR located her and stabilized her in a UTV. She was brought back to the IC and turned over to EMS. She was taken to SGRH by ambulance.

08/15/2022 @ 1345, Ill Hiker – Scout Cave Trail – Man Hours – 20

SAR responded to a 55 year old female hiker showing signs of dehydration. SAR deployed in Johnson Canyon and from the south toward Scout Cave. The subject was located up a wash on the south end of the trail. She was brought back to the Johnson Canyon Trail head. EMS checked her out and she was released.