The 2026 Sedgwick County Manager's Recommended Budget of \$624.7 million has been developed in the context of ongoing economic and political uncertainty. In light of reductions in State and Federal funding, public calls to lower local property taxes, and the continued ripple effects of global events impacting inflation and supply chains, the Recommended Budget strategically prioritizes the County's fiscal and human resources toward its most essential and mission-critical services.

Similarly to the last several years, rising home prices have resulted in signifcant growth in the County's assessed value, much greater than the slow growth that occurred after the Great Recession and even more than the historical average of 5.5 percent prior to the Great Recession. While overall inflation has begun to moderate, many spending categories continue to see price increases due to anticipated tariffs and likely impacts to the supply chain. Additionally, low unemployment in the region continues to add pressures to maintain competitive compensation to compete for the qualified workforce necessary to provide service. At the same time, the Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) has clearly heard public demands to reduce property taxes. As a result, the BOCC identified some key priorities as the outset of the 2026 budget process: provide relief to taxpayers while ensuring fundamental services are protected. These goals are met with this budget, which focuses resources on mission-critical services with modest reductions to some areas of the budget that are more focused on quality of life, along with a significant mill levy rate reduction.

The County's 2024 and 2025 budgets built on prior year efforts to improve compensation with adjustments for employees across the organization, on all pay plans. Similarly, the 2026 Recommended Budget was developed to ensure that reasonable compensation adjustments could be implemented, as well as resources for increases in costs of doing business. It also includes strategic additions to departmental budgets and capital improvement funding. The table below provides a breakdown of the 2026 Recommended Budget by function and fund type.

		Property Tax Suppo			rted		Non-Property Tax Supported		Tatal All Once it		
	G	General Fund	Debt	Service Fund	Spec	cial Revenue**	Sp	ecial Revenue	Enterprise/ Internal Serv.	lota	I All Operating Funds
Revenues by Category											
Property Taxes	\$	171,424,386	\$	12,045,408	\$	42,543,032	\$	-	\$-	\$	226,012,826
Delinquent Property Taxes		2,266,691		125,652		496,768		-	-		2,889,110
Special Assessments		-		243,309		-		-	-		243,309
Motor Vehicle Taxes		18,964,796		1,052,571		4,036,454		-	-		24,053,821
Local Sales & Use Tax		41,176,238		-		-		-	-		41,176,238
Other Taxes		242,599		-		-		4,014,806	-		4,257,404
Intergovernmental		1,212,576		-		4,984,879		56,066,939	-		62,264,394
Charges for Services		36,583,449		-		835,962		57,242,360	57,163,342		151,825,112
Uses of Money & Property		13,503,928		-		343,451		352,562	-		14,199,941
Other Revenues		7,080,373		-		649,953		338,131	13,757,020		21,825,478
Transfers from Other Funds		162,390		2,455,653		-		3,326,088	4,436,202		10,380,333
Total Revenue		292,617,425		15,922,592		53,890,498		121,340,885	75,356,564		559,127,965
Expenditures by Functional Area*				-		-			-		
General Government		120,491,934		-		-		6,758,693	67,700,537		194,951,164
Bond & Interest		-		16,295,590		-		-	-		16,295,590
Public Safety		167,955,288		-		31,184,850		22,053,439	10,329,069		231,522,646
Public Works		24,723,445		-		12,956,658		2,886,676	-		40,566,779
Human Services		15,104,008		-		3,163,924		93,114,307	-		111,382,239
Culture & Recreation		12,921,782		-		-		77,138	1,750,000		14,748,920
Community Development		2,558,992		-		12,711,922		-	-		15,270,914
Total Expenditures		343,755,447		16,295,590		60,017,355		124,890,252	79,779,606		624,738,250
Full-Time-Equivalent Positions by F	unction	al Area									
General Government		384.49		-		-		75.50	21.95		481.94
Bond & Interest		-		-		-		-	-		-
Public Safety		1,286.66		-		152.50		168.20	50.00		1,657.36
Public Works		13.30		-		91.90		12.20	-		117.40
Human Services		102.06		-		9.71		683.44	-		795.20
Culture & Recreation		125.55		-		-		-	-		125.55
Community Development		1.00		-		-		-	-		1.00
Total FTEs		1,913.06		-		254.11		939.34	71.95		3,178.45
* Expenditures include Interfund Transfers	From a	nd To Other Fund	ls								
** WSU, COMCARE, EMS, Aging, Highw											



The actions included in the 2026 Recommended Budget result in a projected operating deficit of \$1.4 million in the County's property-tax-supported funds, which is the result of surpluses in some funds and intentional and strategic draw-downs of balances in other funds. This includes the use of fund balance in compliance with County policy and strategic uses of fund balances to reach targeted levels in the special revenue funds. The County's General Fund is projected to have a deficit of \$0.7 million with almost \$8.3 million in one-time capital improvement spending planned from the Fund in 2026.

The County's forecast is one of the primary tools used in budget development, as it outlines anticipated actual revenues and expenditures for the current year and five years in the future for County property-taxsupported funds. It outlines whether County leadership may expect revenues to exceed, meet, or fall short of anticipated expenses for each year, which allows appropriate actions to be taken. The forecast should be distinguished from the budget, which sets the maximum amount of spending for one year. An additional distinction is that the budget typically includes contingencies to provide additional budget authority for use in times of unanticipated events. While budgeted, contingencies typically are not anticipated to be spent in the forecast, so the budget generally is greater than the forecast. For 2026, more than \$46.7 million is budgeted in contingencies.

The 2026 budget development process began in February 2025, when Commissioners held their annual financial workshop. At that meeting, staff presented a financial forecast for 2026 that included a projected deficit of \$6.3 million for the County's property-tax-supported based on one-time revenues and expenses.

Following the workshop, department managers and elected officials submitted budget requests that met prescribed budget targets, along with requests for additional funding needed to enhance services or sustain current service levels due to increased demand or higher costs for 2026. Across all divisions, 42 requests totaling \$14.5 million were submitted for consideration.

Based on the goals, challenges, and other priorities identified by the BOCC and departments early in the process, staff told Commissioners that the projected operating deficit in County property-tax-supported funds had become a \$6.1 million deficit for 2026 in May 2025.

The 2026 Recommended Budget is based on the evaluation of services and additional funding requests, along with the goals and priorities identified by the BOCC related to property tax funding. Funding for increased costs of doing business were added, as well as the strategic addition of positions for departments including the County Manager's Office, the Division of Information Technology, Emergency Communications, the Department of Aging and Disabilities, COMCARE, and the Sedgwick County Zoo, and funding for additional phone consoles and a tracking system for Emergency Communications.

Additional information on the County's financial forecast can be reviewed in the financial forecast section of this document.

As stated earlier, forecasted deficits in comparison to budgeted deficits will be different due to budgeted contingencies for unexpected events that generally are not forecasted to be expended.



The 2026 Recommended Budget includes significant changes from the 2025 budget as outlined in the "2026 Significant Budget Adjustments" table near the end of this section. Examples include:

- Addition of 20.0 FTEs to separate call taking and dispatching for Emergency Communications
- Addition of 1.0 FTE Accreditation Manager position for Emergency Communications
- Addition of funding for public education and recruitment for Emergency Communications
- Addition of 0.75 FTE Communication Specialist position for the County Manager's Office
- Addition of 2.0 FTE Zookeeper positions for the Sedgwick County Zoo

Allocating public resources impacts those living and doing business in and with the County. Sedgwick County government will continue to allocate public resources to fund essential services to assist citizens in need, provide cultural and recreational opportunities for families, maintain and improve transportation infra-structure, and provide for a safe community.

Examples of services delivered by departments in 2024 include:

- Sedgwick County Fire District 1 responded to 10,864 alarms and saved 81.0 percent of affected property
- EMS responded to 71,604 calls and transported 46,437 patients
- Public Works maintained almost 583 miles of road and 605 bridges
- Household Hazardous Waste recycled or reused 1,055,194 pounds of material
- COMCARE Intake and Assessment Center completed 2,167 new patient intakes for adults

The 2026 Recommended Budget of \$624.7 million represents a decrease from the 2025 revised budget of 9.9 percent. Property tax rates are estimated at 27.881 mills for Sedgwick County and 16.750 mills for Fire District 1, which are both less than the 2025 budget rates.



The 2026 operating budget is comprised of five fund types. They include the General Fund, Debt Service Fund, Special Revenue Funds (both property-tax and non-property-tax-supported), Enterprise Funds, and Internal Service Funds. Revenues among all operating funds total \$559,127,965. Among the five fund types, the largest is the General Fund, with an estimated property-tax rate of 23.537 mills for the 2026 Recommended Budget. The General Fund is the primary funding source for the majority of services financed with local resources, including the BOCC, Sheriff, District Attorney, the Elections Office, the Health Department, and the Community Developmental Disability Organization. Beginning in 2022, the General Fund also became the primary source for EMS, Noxious Weeds, and some elements of COMCARE.

The second largest fund type is Special Revenue Funds, which includes both property-tax and nonproperty-tax-supported funds. These funds were established to account for revenue sources which can only be expended for specific purposes. Some County services funded with Special Revenue Funds include aging services and highway funding, as well as Federal COVID-19 response and stimulus funding. For 2026, revenue collections in Special Revenue Funds are budgeted at \$175.2 million, of which a portion is generated from an estimated aggregate property-tax levy of 2.691 mills for County funds and 16.750 mills for Fire District 1.

With an estimated property-tax mill levy rate of 1.653 mills, the Debt Service Fund, also known as the Bond & Interest Fund, provides for the retirement of all County general obligation, special assessment, and Public Building Commission (PBC) bonds.



The final two fund types include Enterprise and Internal Service Funds. Enterprise Funds are used to budget for INTRUST Bank Arena and, beginning in 2024, the Code Inspection & Enforcement Fund for the Metropolitan Area Building and Construction Department (MABCD). Internal Service Funds are used to budget for employee benefits, Fleet Management, and Risk Management.

Property Taxes

Property taxes comprise 38.7 percent of the total revenues included in the 2026 Recommended Budget. Property tax revenues are primarily used to fund

services countywide in the General Fund and various Special Revenue Funds that do not

Property Tax Rates (in mills)						
	2025	2026*				
Jurisdiction	Budget	Budget				
 Sedgwick County 	28.701	27.881				
 Fire District 1 	17.000	16.750				
*Estimated						

have the capacity to self-finance their services, in addition to retiring the County's long-term debt on capital projects for facilities and infrastructure. This reliable revenue source has no attached mandates, as many State and Federal revenues often do, and is one of few revenue sources for which the governing body has legislative authorization to adjust the tax rate based on budgetary needs and community priorities.

In the State of Kansas, local government budgets are built on and adopted prior to the finalization of that tax year's property-tax digest. Instead of building the budget on the known valuation of assessed property, it is built on an estimate. As a result, after adoption of a budget, property tax rates, expressed in mills, can change as a result of a change in the assessed valuation, though the amount of dollars actually levied remains unchanged.



Like much of the country, Sedgwick County saw gradual improvement in assessed valuation after the Great Recession. In recent years, value growth has finally rebounded to pre-recession levels. Growth in assessed valuation to support the 2025 budget was 8.1 percent, while estimated growth for the 2026 budget is 8.6 percent due to unexpected, continued strength in the residential home market since 2022; it is estimated that this growth will begin to level off to more typical levels. However, projections for the outer years of the financial forecast anticipate that assessed value growth will be capped by State legislative action. The table below illustrates changes in Sedgwick County's assessed valuation since 2006.



Local Retail Sales and Use Tax

The second largest revenue source for Sedgwick County is local retail sales and use tax receipts, budgeted at \$41.2 million in 2026. Collections in 2022 saw a 10.4 percent increase over 2021 with growth returning to more typical levels starting in 2023.

Local retail sales tax is generated from a county-wide one-percent tax on retail sales approved in July 1985. Local use tax is paid on tangible personal property purchased in other states and used, stored, or consumed in Kansas where no sales tax was paid. State law requires that the County sales and use tax be shared with cities located in the county based on a formula considering population and the property-tax levy of all jurisdictions. This formula provides about 70 percent of the county-wide sales tax to cities and about 30 percent to fund the County budget.

Of the total retail sales and use tax receipts allocated to County government, the General Fund retains half, and half is transferred to other funds. The Bond and Interest Fund receives a set amount of \$1,597,566 to retire capital debt, and the Sales Tax Road/Bridge



Fund receives the remaining balance to finance highway construction and maintenance projects. These projects are outlined in the Capital Improvement Program (CIP) section of this document.

Motor Vehicle Taxes

Motor vehicle taxes, which include motor vehicle, recreational, 16/20M truck, and rental excise taxes, are collected in accordance with K.S.A. 79-5111, which requires those taxes be allocated to each fund with a property-tax levy in proportion to the property tax levied during the previous year's budget. For 2025, motor vehicle tax collections are estimated at \$24.1 million.

Intergovernmental Revenue

Intergovernmental revenue accounts for receipts from other governmental entities, such as the State of Kansas. Of the total \$62.3 million budgeted in 2026, about 89.6 percent is generated within Federal/State Assistance Funds, approximately 7.8 percent is received from the State's Special City/County Highway Fund and deposited in the property-taxsupported Highway Fund, and the majority of the remaining portion is deposited in the General Fund. The majority of General Fund intergovernmental revenue is generated through State revenues related to the operation of the Juvenile Detention and Residential Facilities.

The County received its allocation of \$100.2 million in Federal American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funds in 2021 and 2022. Funds had to be committed by December 31, 2024, and spent by December 31, 2026. The County completed all ARPA spending by December 31, 2024.

Charges for Services

Charges for services account for receipts individuals and businesses pay for County services received, as well as cost allocations among various internal funds. In 2026, charges for services are budgeted to generate \$151.8 million, of which 38 percent is generated from Internal Service and Enterprise Funds, 25 percent from services supported in property-tax-supported funds, and 38 percent from program income generated by grant programs assigned to Federal/State Assistance Funds.

Budgeted Expenditures

The 2026 Recommended Budget of \$624.7 million for all operating funds represents a 9.9 percent decrease from the 2025 revised budget. The 2026 operating budget is divided into seven functional service sections based on the type of public service delivered. These functional services include: General Government, Bond & Interest-Debt Service, Public Safety, Public Works, Public Services, Culture & Recreation, and Community Development.

The table illustrates the funding amounts dedicated to each functional area in all operating funds.



Of the seven functional areas, the largest percentage increase from the 2025 revised budget, 24.4 percent, occurs in Bond & Interest, which results from changes to anticipated debt service schedules, due to the timing of debt issuances for the COMCARE Crisis Center expansion, the Juvenile Community-Based Services building for Corrections, and the expansion of the Household Hazardous Waste Facility.

The largest percentage decrease, 39.2 percent, occurs in General Government, due to funding for the State Mental Health Hospital that was received in 2025. The County received funding from the State's Strengthening People and Revitalizing Kansas (SPARK) funding to create a 50-bed mental health hospital operated in partnership with the Kansas Department for Aging and Disability Services (KDADS).

The remaining five governmental functions experienced a range of increases and decreases, from an increase of 7.3 percent in Community Development to a decrease of 1.5 percent in Public Safety.



The budget can also be presented based on types of expenses. The seven main expenditure categories are shown in the table below and total \$624,738,250.



Personnel

Of all the budgetary expenditure categories, the largest is personnel with a 2026 budget of \$305.1 million, a 0.6 percent increase from the 2025 revised budget. Some positions are being held in the budget; however, the County Manager will have the authority to unhold positions if certain parameters are met. In addition, the budget also includes:

- The implementation of a 1.0 percent scale adjustment and 3.0 percent general pay adjustment (GPA) for the General, COMCARE, DA, Corrections, and Emergency Communications pay plans
- Full funding of step plans for the Sheriff's • Office and EMS along with a 1.0 percent scale adjustment for those plans
- Full funding of the Fire District step plan
- A 5.0 percent budgeted increase in employer health/dental insurance premiums
- Decreases in retirement contribution rates • through the Kansas Police and Firemen's Retirement System (KP&F) and the Kansas Public Employees Retirement System (KPERS)

Traditionally, Sedgwick County has viewed personnel costs in terms of two primary areas: salary and wages and employee benefits. In 2013, the County elected to evaluate and make decisions on personnel costs in terms of total compensation – the total package of wages and salary along with all County-paid benefits. This approach attempts to ensure Sedgwick County's competitiveness with other employers in the marketplace. It also aligns with the County's goals to reward desired work performance and encourage healthy employee behaviors, which influence operating costs. Considering wages and salaries along with employee benefits allows for greater flexibility in determining employee total compensation.

Compensation Plan

Sedgwick County Because recognizes the contributions of its employees in delivering highquality public services, this budget presents personnel costs in terms of total compensation – the total package of wages, along with all County-paid benefits.

Employee Compensation - Sedgwick County

2022

- Reclassification of 1,637 positions County-wide based on internal equity and organizational market placement
- 2.0% pay adjustment for all positions not receiving a reclassification
- 2.0% mid-year pay adjustment for most employees hired 12/31/2021
- or earlier and 1.0% for most employees hired 1/1/2022 or later 2023

- Strategic pay adjustments for DA, Corrections, COMCARE, Facilities. and 911; movement of Corrections and COMCARE positions to new pay plans; Fire and EMS move to step plans
- 8.0% pay adjustment for all positions not moving to a step plan or receiving a targeted adjustment
- Addition of 3.0% Compensation Contingency to reserve funding for potential targeted or general compensation adjustments if economic conditions support additional adjustments

2024

- Implementation of a new General Pay Plan and adjustments for placement of employees onto that plan
- Full funding of step plans for the Sheriff's Office, EMS, and Fire along with a 2.0% pay structure adjustment for step plans
- 3.0% pay adjustment for all County employees not on a step plan
- 8.7% scale movement in January and 2.0% scale movement in the third quarter for the Sheriff's Office step plan
- Reinstatement of the Emergency Communications pay plan with a 5.0% scale adjustment and 1.0% for current employees on the plan
- Addition of 2.5% Compensation Contingency to reserve funding for potential targeted or general compensation adjustments if economic conditions support additional adjustments

2025

- 2.0% scale movement and 3.0% pay adjustment for the General, COMCARE, and DA pay plans
- 3.0% pay adjustment for the Emergency Communications pay plan
- Full funding of step plans for the Sheriff's Office, EMS, and Fire
- 7.0% scale movement and 1.0% pay adjustment for the Corrections 1 pay plan and 5.0% scale movement and 1.0% pay adjustment for the Corrections 2 pay plan
- 7.6% scale adjustment for attorneys on the DA pay plan
- Market scale adjustments for the EMS step plan
- 2.0% scale movement for the Sheriff's Office and Fire step plans
- Addition of a Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA) contingency for
- changes that were to go into effect January 1, 2025

2026

- 1.0% scale movement and 3.0% pay adjustment for the General, COMCARE, DA, Corrections, and Emergency Management pay plans
- Full funding of step plans for the Sheriff's Office and EMS along with a 1.0% scale movement
- Full funding of the Fire step plan
- Elimination of the FLSA contingency due to changes not being implemented in 2025



Employee Benefit Costs

Employee benefit costs also influence personnel expenditures. The two most significant benefit costs – retirement and health benefits – continue to be driven by factors that are beyond the County's exclusive control though the health benefit plan was significantly changed for the 2020 budget.

In 2026, decreases are anticipated in KPERS rates and KP&F rates. The table below shows historical employer contribution rates to the retirement systems.

2021	2022	2023	2024		
. –		1010	2024	2025	2026
irement R	lates				
9.87%	9.90%	9.43%	10.26%	10.71%	10.59%
ement Ra	ites				
22.80%	22.99%	22.86%	23.10%	25.67%	25.00%
22.80%	22.99%	22.86%	23.10%	25.67%	25.00%
22.80%	22.99%	22.86%	23.10%	25.67%	25.00%
	9.87% rement Ra 22.80% 22.80%	9.87% 9.90% ement Rates 22.80% 22.99% 22.80% 22.99%	9.87% 9.90% 9.43% rement Rates 22.80% 22.99% 22.86% 22.80% 22.99% 22.86% 22.86%	9.87% 9.90% 9.43% 10.26% rement Rates 22.80% 22.99% 22.86% 23.10% 22.80% 22.99% 22.86% 23.10%	9.87% 9.90% 9.43% 10.26% 10.71% rement Rates 22.80% 22.99% 22.86% 23.10% 25.67% 82.80% 22.99% 22.86% 23.10% 25.67%

The 2026 Recommended Budget also includes employer contributions to employee health insurance, which is provided through a self-funded health plan. Rather than using a fully insured model, where defined premiums are paid to an insurance provider who manages the plan and pays all claims, the County moved to a self-insured model in 2015, where the County itself is responsible for claims payment through a third-party administrator. Over time, the expectation is that the County achieves cost savings by not paying an increased amount in premiums to cover profits for the provider of the fully insured plan. While other entities report premium increases of 10.0 percent or more, the 2026 Recommended Budget includes an increase in premium costs of 5.0 percent. The health plan continues to be structured so that it aligns with the County's goal to encourage employees to take responsibility for their health to help reduce future increases in benefits costs. In 2020, Sedgwick County shifted to three health plan options, instead of the single option offered in 2019.

Contractual Services

Contractual expenditures are the second largest expenditure category. They include services purchased from and delivered by an external entity, along with internal service costs, like departmental charges for fleet maintenance and administrative charges based on the cost allocation plan. In 2026, budgeted contractual expenditures of \$235.3 million represent a 10.4 percent increase from the 2025 revised budget, mainly due to an increase in budgeted contingencies to right-size the contingencies based on the size of the 2026 budget.

Debt Service

Sedgwick County continues to maintain a record of strong financial performance, as

Y	Bond Ratin	igs
)	Rating Agency	Rating
f	Standard & Poor's	AAA
1	Moody's	Aaa
S	Fitch	AA+

demonstrated by high bond ratings with the three major bond rating agencies. In 2026, budgeted debt service expenditures in all operating funds are \$18.8 million. This includes \$16.3 million in the County's Bond & Interest Fund, along with \$2.5 million in the Fire District's General Fund to repay vehicle leases. Because the County and Fire District are separate legal budgets under State law, debt service payments are budgeted in the appropriate fund for each unique entity.

In April 2024, the County Commission revised the debt policy to provide guidance to the governing body when making decisions on the issuance of capital debt. Targeted bonding is planned in the 2026-2030 Capital Improvement Plan.

Budgeted Fund Balances

The 2026 Recommended Budget includes the use of budgeted fund balances within each fund type to develop a balanced budget. However, actual deficits projected through the financial forecast in comparison to budgeted deficits will be different, largely due to budgeted contingencies not expected to be expended.

2026 Recommended - Budgeted Fund Balances				
Amount				
All Property Tax Supported Funds	57,637,876			
 Non-Property Tax Supported Funds 	7,972,409			
Total	65,610,285			

For major governmental funds, the largest budgeted use of fund balances in 2026 occurs in the General Fund at \$51.1 million. This budgeted draw on the fund balance is primarily related to budgeted contingency reserves of \$46.8 million within the General Fund. These reserves are intended to fund unexpected events and are largely not expected to be used.

The budget also includes a decrease of budgeted fund balances of \$6.5 million within Special Revenue



Funds supported by property taxes and a cumulative use of fund balances of \$3.5 million in Special Revenue Funds that are not property-tax-supported. Of these budgeted fund balance reductions, the largest reduction occurs within Fire District 1 (\$4.7 million) largely due to its \$5.0 million contingency.

In addition, a decrease in fund balance of \$4.4 million in the Enterprise/Internal Service Funds is budgeted largely due to the Fleet Management Fund with its \$1.5 million contingency and increased vehicle replacement in 2026 and the Code Inspection & Enforcement Fund that includes a \$0.5 million contingency.

Capital Planning and Budgeting

Sedgwick County's five-year Capital Improvement Program (CIP) includes the building, remodeling, and repairing of public facilities and infrastructure systems. This long-range CIP planning process began in 1982 with the goal of facilitating area-wide economic development by updating the County's roads, bridges, and drainage systems, as well as maintaining facilities.

County planned 2026 capital spending totals \$35.3 million. This spending is funded with \$27.3 million of cash (of which \$19.0 million is derived from local retail sales and use taxes anticipated to be collected in 2026), \$6.0 million to be funded with bond proceeds, and the remainder to be supported with funding from external partners. A portion of the funding for the CIP related to cash-funded capital projects is transferred to multi-year capital improvement funds from operating funds as summarized in the table below.

2026 - Cash Funded Capital Projects					
From Operating Funds Project		Amount			
 Road & bridge projects from local sales tax revenues 	\$	19,014,782			
 Building Automation System replacement 	\$	3,946,131			
 Public elevator upgrades 	\$	685,993			
Outdoor Warning Device replacements and new installations	\$	656,833			
 Replace roofs - County-owned buildings 	\$	588,538			
 Replace parking lots - County-owned building 	\$	516,299			
 Jail Annex technology upgrade 	\$	333,117			
Public Works open face vehicle storage building at three maintenance yards	\$	267,905			
 Main Courthouse perimeter security 	\$	253,348			
Adult Detention Facility domestic water heater replacement	\$	237,526			
 District Court gallery wall movement 	\$	71,989			
● D25 - Flood control system major maintenance and repair	\$	740,000			
Total	\$	27,312,461			

The 2026 CIP continues to support the County's commitment to maintain and improve its facilities and infrastructure, including roads, bridges, and drainage. A few of these projects include:

- Northwest Bypass Right of Way Acquisition (K-254)
- Replacement of a bridge on 21st St. North between 391st St. and 407th St. West
- Preventive maintenance on more than 100 miles of roads, 17.0 percent of the total County road system

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	2026 Recommended Budget - Significant Adjustments from 2025 Revised Budg County and Fire Property-Tax-Supported Funds Only	et	
Department	Description	\$	FTE
- •	General Government	-	
Board of County	Elimination of 1.0 FTE Executive Secretary position	(61,679)	(1.00)
Commissioners	Board of County Commissioners Total	(61,679)	(1.00)
	Eliminate funding for live television and closed captioning with KPTS	(80,000)	. ,
County Manager	Addition of 0.75 FTE Communications Specialist position	64,723	0.75
	County Manager Total	(15,277)	0.75
	No reductions or additions in County property-tax-supported funds	-	-
County Counselor	County Counselor Total	-	-
	No reductions or additions in County property-tax-supported funds	-	-
County Clerk	County Clerk Total	_	-
	No reductions or additions in County property-tax-supported funds	_	_
Register of Deeds		-	-
	Register of Deeds Total	-	-
Election	Add funding for 2026 gubernatorial election	241,200	-
Commissioner	Election Commissioner Total	241,200	-
Human Resources	No reductions or additions in County property-tax-supported funds	(52,293)	(1.00)
	Human Resources Total	(52,293)	(1.00)
Division of	No reductions or additions in County property-tax-supported funds	-	-
Finance	Division of Finance Total	-	-
	Right-size Operating Reserve based on the size of the budget for 2026	5,160,376	-
Contingency	Right-size Public Safety Contingency based on the size of the budget for 2026	3,000,000	
Reserves	Elimination of the Mental Health Contingency	(1,000,000)	-
	Elimination of the FLSA Contingency	(810,493)	-
	Contingency Reserves Total	6,349,883	-
Budgeted	Increase to match expected demands on the program in 2026	500,000	-
Transfers	Budgeted Transfers Total	500,000	-
County Appraiser	No reductions or additions in County property-tax-supported funds	-	-
County Appraiser	County Appraiser Total	-	-
	No reductions or additions in County property-tax-supported funds	-	-
County Treasurer	County Treasurer Total	-	-
Metro. Area	Reduce funding to maintain equal City/County funding split	(22,202)	-
Planning Dept.	MAPD Total	(22,202)	-
	Add funding for utilities rate increases	228,505	-
Facilities	Add funding for building maintenance costs for new Elections building	184,793	-
Department	Facilities Department Total	413,298	-
	Add funding for 2026 gubernatorial election printing costs	100,000	-
Central Services	Central Services Total	100,000	-
	Add funding for increases in annual software maintenance fees	163,441	-
	Addition of 1.0 FTE IT Manager position	123,736	1.00
Information & Technology	Reduction due to a change in networking management tools	(25,000)	-
	Reduction due to a change in desktop support tools	(10,804)	-
	Reduction due to a change in the internet service provider	(10,000)	-
	Reduction due to a change to the management of GIS data	(8,103)	-
	Information & Technology Total	233,270	1.00
	No reductions or additions in County property-tax-supported funds		-
Fleet Management	Fleet Management Total	_	-
		7 696 000	(0.05)
	General Government Net Total	7,686,200	(0.25)



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Department	Description	\$	FTE
	Public Safety		
Office of the	No reductions or additions in County property-tax-supported funds	-	-
Medical Director	Office of the Medical Director Total	-	-
	Addition of 20.0 FTE Dispatcher II positions to separate call taking and dispatching	1,672,450	20.00
_	Addition of 1.0 FTE Accreditation Manager position	87,979	1.00
Emergency	Add funding for a new tracking system	20,000	-
Communications	Add funding for public education and recruitment	20,000	-
	Emergency Communications Total	1,800,429	21.00
Emergency	No reductions or additions in County property-tax-supported funds	125,000	-
Management	Emergency Management Total	125,000	-
	Add funding for billing contract costs	130,000	-
Emergency	Add funding for increased oxygen costs	54,992	-
Medical Services	Emergency Medical Services Total	184,992	-
	No reductions or additions in County property-tax-supported funds	-	-
Fire District 1	Fire District 1 Total	-	-
	Add funding for equipment maintenance contract increases	132,246	-
Regional Forensic	Add funding for drug identification forensic scientist position	18,300	
Science Center	RFSC Total	132,246	-
Department of	Elimination of 1.0 FTE Application Manager position	(50,980)	(1.00)
Corrections	Department of Corrections Total	(50,980)	(1.00)
	Add funding for increased inmate medical contract costs	242,040	-
Sheriff's Office	Add funding for increased inmate meals contract costs	69,508	-
	Sheriff's Office Total	311,548	-
	Add duty pay line item to the budget	-	-
District Attorney	District Attorney Total		
18th Judicial	No reductions or additions in County property-tax-supported funds		-
District	18th Judicial District Total	_	-
	Reduction to offset budget imbalance	(400.000)	-
Crime Prevention Fund	Crime Prevention Fund Total	(400,000)	-
		(400,000)	-
	Public Safety Net Total	2,103,235	20.00
	Public Works Reallocation to Economic Development for a project viability study of project R328 in		
Highways	2025	(100,000)	-
inginayo	Highways Total	(100,000)	-
	No reductions or additions in County property-tax-supported funds	-	-
Noxious Weeds	Noxious Weeds Total	-	-
	No reductions or additions in County property-tax-supported funds	-	-
Storm Drainage	Storm Drainage Total	-	-
Environmental	No reductions or additions in County property-tax-supported funds	-	-
Resources	Environmental Resources Total	-	-
	Public Works Net Total	(100,000)	-



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Department	Description	\$	FTE
	Public Services		
Public Services	No reductions or additions in County property-tax-supported funds	-	-
Community Prog.	Public Services Community Prog. Total	-	-
COMCARE	No reductions or additions in County property-tax-supported funds	-	-
-	COMCARE Total	-	-
Department of	Addition of 0.5 FTE Accountant position	39,572	0.50
Aging and Disabilities	Department of Aging and Disabilities Total	39,572	0.50
	Add funding for position reallocation	177,244	-
Health Department	Add funding for grant matches	40,275	-
	Health Department Total	217,519	-
	Public Services Net Total	257,091	0.50
	Culture & Recreation		
	Addition of 1.5 FTE Seasonal Parks Worker positions	54,276	1.50
Parks Department	Elimination of 1.25 FTE part-time Parks Workers positions	(48,924)	(1.25)
	Parks Department	5,352	0.25
Sedgwick County	Addition 2.0 FTE Zookeeper positions	147,846	2.00
Zoo	Sedgwick County Zoo Total	147,846	2.00
Community	Reduction to offset budget imbalance	(22,991)	-
Programs	Community Programs Total	(22,991)	-
	Reduction to offset budget imbalance	(100,000)	-
Exploration Place	Exploration Place Total	(100,000)	-
	Culture & Recreation Net Total	30,207	2.25
	Community Development		
	Reduction to offset budget imbalance	(37,147)	-
Extension Council	Extension Council Total	(37,147)	-
	Reallocation from Highways for a project viability study of project R328 in 2025	100,000	-
	Economic Development Total	100,000	-
Community	No reductions or additions in County property-tax-supported funds	-	-
Programs	Community Programs Total	-	-
	Community Development Total	62,853	-
Total - County an	d Fire Property-Tax-Supported Funds Only	10,039,586	22.50



Understanding the Budget Book Layout

The following pages outline how the departmental sections of the budget book are organized and the type of information included within those sections. These sections primarily include:

- A section for each functional service delivered by Sedgwick County, such as Public Safety
- Department narrative sections
- Summary budget for the entire department
- Fund center pages detailing the budget of the lowest level function(s) within the department for which a budget is adopted

Functional Areas

Functional areas are utilized to define a group of departments and programs within the County by the business activities they conduct or the services they provide. Classifying departments and programs according to these groups better summarizes what resources are being provided on these distinct sections for accounting purposes, grant applications, and for understanding by the public in the most transparent means possible. The eight functional areas used in this budget include General Government, Bond and Interest, Public Safety, Public Works, Public Services, Culture and Recreation, the Community Development, and Capital Improvement Plan. These functional areas may cross over the lines of the County organizational chart, with organization leaders some responsible for departments within different functional areas.

Department Narrative

Department narratives contain department contact information, an organizational chart to demonstrate how the department fits into the organizational structure of the County, and additional narrative outlining department responsibilities, goals, highlights, accomplishments, strategic results, and significant budget adjustments.

Summary and Program Budgets

Each departmental section includes a summary of its budget and, when appropriate, copies of the individual programs comprised within the department, often referred to as fund centers. Both the budget summary and fund center pages contain tables that outline actual and budgeted expenditures and revenues for two previous years, along with the current and budgeted year, as well as Full-Time Equivalent (FTEs) employee counts. The summary budget page contains narrative concerning any significant overall budget adjustments for the department over the previous year, while the fund center pages provide the most specific level of budget detail.











