

Contingency Reserves

Mission: To assure accurate financial reporting and informed planning and decision making through continuous employment of best practices to ensure effective and proper stewardship of public resources.

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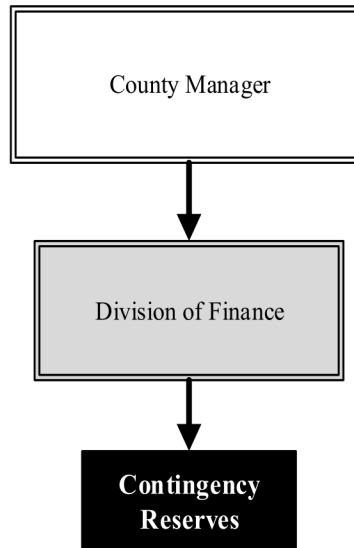
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Overview

Contingency Reserves are used to set aside funds for unexpected events or events not anticipated at the time of budget adoption. These events include unforeseen increases in expenditures or reductions in revenues, public emergencies, mandates, and disasters.

The Contingency Reserves are comprised of allocated funding assigned to five contingencies based generally on the organizational unit it is intended to support:

- Operating Reserve
- Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) Contingency
- Public Safety Contingency
- Rainy Day Reserve
- Technology Contingency



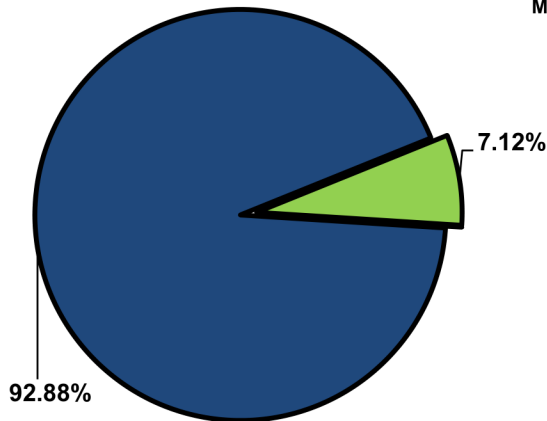
Significant Budget Adjustments

Significant adjustments to the contingency reserves' 2027 budget include an increase to restore the Rainy Day Reserve (\$10,300,000), an increase to restore the Operating Reserve (\$630,465), an increase to restore the Technology Contingency (\$264,278), and an increase to restore the Public Safety Contingency (\$250,903).

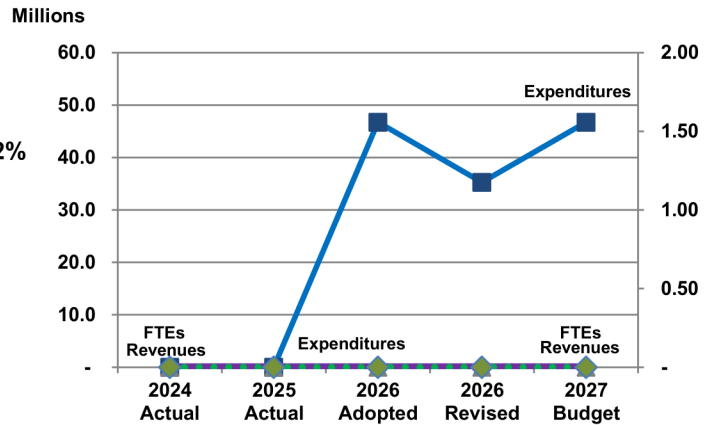


Departmental Graphical Summary

Contingency Reserves
Percent of Total County Operating Budget



Expenditures, Program Revenue & FTEs
All Operating Funds



Budget Summary by Category

	2024 Actual	2025 Actual	2026 Adopted	2026 Revised	2027 Budget	Amount Chg '26 Rev.-'27	% Chg '26 Rev.-'27
Expenditures							
Personnel	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Contractual Services	-	-	45,254,044	34,068,632	45,250,000	11,181,368	32.82%
Debt Service	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Commodities	-	-	750,000	485,722	750,000	264,278	54.41%
Capital Improvements	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Capital Equipment	-	-	750,000	750,000	750,000	-	0.00%
Interfund Transfers	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Expenditures	-	-	46,754,044	35,304,354	46,750,000	11,445,646	32.42%
Revenues							
Tax Revenues	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Licenses and Permits	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Intergovernmental	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Charges for Services	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
All Other Revenue	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Revenues	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Full-Time Equivalents (FTEs)							
Property Tax Funded	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Non-Property Tax Funded	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total FTEs	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Budget Summary by Fund

Fund	2024 Actual	2025 Actual	2026 Adopted	2026 Revised	2027 Budget	Amount Chg '26 Rev.-'27	% Chg '26 Rev.-'27
General Fund	-	-	46,754,044	35,304,354	46,750,000	11,445,646	32.42%
Total Expenditures	-	-	46,754,044	35,304,354	46,750,000	11,445,646	32.42%

Significant Budget Adjustments from Prior Year Revised Budget

	Expenditures	Revenues	FTEs
Restore Rainy Day Reserve for 2027	10,300,000		
Restore Operating Reserve for 2027	630,465		
Restore Technology Contingency for 2027	264,278		
Restore Public Safety Contingency for 2027	250,903		

Total 11,445,646 - -

Budget Summary by Program

Program	Fund	2024 Actual	2025 Actual	2026 Adopted	2026 Revised	2027 Budget	% Chg '26 Rev.-'27	26'-27' FTEs
Operating Reserve	110	-	-	20,004,044	19,369,535	20,000,000	3.25%	-
BOCC Contingency	110	-	-	250,000	250,000	250,000	0.00%	-
Public Safety Contingency	110	-	-	10,000,000	9,749,097	10,000,000	2.57%	-
Rainy Day Reserve	110	-	-	15,000,000	4,700,000	15,000,000	219.15%	-
Technology Contingency	110	-	-	1,500,000	1,235,722	1,500,000	21.39%	-
Total		-	-	46,754,044	35,304,354	46,750,000	32.42%	-

• Operating Reserve

The Operating Reserve sets aside funding to address potential changes in service delivery or emergency situations and establishes a funding source for services whose scope or full cost is undefined at the time the budget is adopted. It is allocated as a general contingency reserve to support County operations.

Traditionally, when budget authority allocated to the Operating Reserve is needed, funding is transferred to the appropriate department and then expended.

Fund(s): County General Fund 110

Expenditures	2024 Actual	2025 Actual	2026 Adopted	2026 Revised	2027 Budget	Amnt. Chg. '26 - '27	% Chg. '26 - '27
Personnel	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.0%
Contractual Services	-	-	20,004,044	19,369,535	20,000,000	630,465	3.3%
Debt Service	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.0%
Commodities	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.0%
Capital Improvements	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.0%
Capital Equipment	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.0%
Interfund Transfers	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.0%
Total Expenditures	-	-	20,004,044	19,369,535	20,000,000	630,465	3.3%
Revenues							
Taxes	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.0%
Intergovernmental	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.0%
Charges For Service	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.0%
All Other Revenue	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.0%
Total Revenues	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.0%
Full-Time Equivalents (FTEs)	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.0%

• BOCC Contingency

The Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) Contingency represents funding reserved to address unanticipated costs due to public emergency, service expansion, or State mandates.

Traditionally, when budget authority allocated to the BOCC Contingency is needed, funding is transferred to the appropriate department and then expended.

Fund(s): County General Fund 110

Expenditures	2024 Actual	2025 Actual	2026 Adopted	2026 Revised	2027 Budget	Amnt. Chg. '26 - '27	% Chg. '26 - '27
Personnel	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.0%
Contractual Services	-	-	250,000	250,000	250,000	-	0.0%
Debt Service	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.0%
Commodities	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.0%
Capital Improvements	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.0%
Capital Equipment	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.0%
Interfund Transfers	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.0%
Total Expenditures	-	-	250,000	250,000	250,000	-	0.0%
Revenues							
Taxes	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.0%
Intergovernmental	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.0%
Charges For Service	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.0%
All Other Revenue	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.0%
Total Revenues	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.0%
Full-Time Equivalents (FTEs)	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.0%

Public Safety Contingency

The Public Safety Contingency reserves funding for both unanticipated operating costs resulting from a public emergency or State mandates and funding for public safety services whose full cost cannot be precisely estimated due to uncontrollable variables or changes in service composition.

Traditionally, when budget authority allocated to the Public Safety Contingency is needed, funding is transferred to the appropriate department and then expended.

Fund(s): County General Fund 110

Expenditures	2024 Actual	2025 Actual	2026 Adopted	2026 Revised	2027 Budget	Amnt. Chg. '26 - '27	% Chg. '26 - '27
Personnel	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.0%
Contractual Services	-	-	10,000,000	9,749,097	10,000,000	250,903	2.6%
Debt Service	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.0%
Commodities	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.0%
Capital Improvements	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.0%
Capital Equipment	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.0%
Interfund Transfers	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.0%
Total Expenditures	-	-	10,000,000	9,749,097	10,000,000	250,903	2.6%
Revenues							
Taxes	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.0%
Intergovernmental	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.0%
Charges For Service	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.0%
All Other Revenue	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.0%
Total Revenues	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.0%
Full-Time Equivalents (FTEs)	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.0%

Rainy Day Reserve

Sedgwick County has a minimum fund balance requirement set by County policy. The minimum unrestricted fund balance in the General Fund is set at 20.0 percent of budgeted expenditures. Unrestricted fund balance above the minimum requirement is considered the County's Rainy Day Reserve. County policy allows this excess to be budgeted, but only for the following specific purposes: cash-funded capital projects or equipment replacement originally intended to be funded with debt; expected claims associated with risk management or workers' compensation; one-time expenditures that reduce future operating costs; and start-up expenditures for new programs approved by the BOCC. The amount included in this budget is not related to any specific purpose. These funds will only be expended if consensus on a purpose is reached by the BOCC.

Fund(s): County General Fund 110

Expenditures	2024 Actual	2025 Actual	2026 Adopted	2026 Revised	2027 Budget	Amnt. Chg. '26 - '27	% Chg. '26 - '27
Personnel	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.0%
Contractual Services	-	-	15,000,000	4,700,000	15,000,000	10,300,000	219.1%
Debt Service	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.0%
Commodities	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.0%
Capital Improvements	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.0%
Capital Equipment	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.0%
Interfund Transfers	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.0%
Total Expenditures	-	-	15,000,000	4,700,000	15,000,000	10,300,000	219.1%
Revenues							
Taxes	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.0%
Intergovernmental	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.0%
Charges For Service	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.0%
All Other Revenue	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.0%
Total Revenues	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.0%
Full-Time Equivalents (FTEs)	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.0%

• Technology Contingency

The Technology Contingency is intended to provide a funding source for unanticipated technology costs. This may include costs to purchase replacements of failing hardware, software licensing to replace or upgrade necessary County systems, or to respond to other critical needs that cannot be delayed until a future budget cycle.

As with other contingencies, funding will be transferred from the Technology Contingency to the appropriate department and then expended.

Fund(s): County General Fund 110

Expenditures	2024 Actual	2025 Actual	2026 Adopted	2026 Revised	2027 Budget	Amnt. Chg. '26 - '27	% Chg. '26 - '27
Personnel	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.0%
Contractual Services	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.0%
Debt Service	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.0%
Commodities	-	-	750,000	485,722	750,000	264,278	54.4%
Capital Improvements	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.0%
Capital Equipment	-	-	750,000	750,000	750,000	-	0.0%
Interfund Transfers	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.0%
Total Expenditures	-	-	1,500,000	1,235,722	1,500,000	264,278	21.4%
Revenues							
Taxes	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.0%
Intergovernmental	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.0%
Charges For Service	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.0%
All Other Revenue	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.0%
Total Revenues	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.0%
Full-Time Equivalents (FTEs)	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.0%