

# Johnson County FY2023 Budget Hearing

March 15, 2022  
5:30 p.m.

**JOHNSON COUNTY MISSION:**

*To enhance the quality of life for the people of Johnson County by providing exceptional public services in a collaborative, responsive and fiscally accountable manner.*



# OVERVIEW

1. FY2022 County Highlights
2. Property taxes paid by class and taxable value growth
3. Tax Increment Financing (TIF) – bonding/debt strategy
4. Highlights of the FY2023 County budget
5. Conservation bond levy and projects
6. Estimated FY2023 property tax bills for selected tax districts



# FY2022 COUNTY HIGHLIGHTS

Historic Poor Farm construction  
Clear Creek Trail construction  
Herbert Hoover Highway construction



# FY2022 COUNTY HIGHLIGHTS

- Social Services General Assistance (\$906,826)
- Provided support to 44 community partners, including local non-profits, social service providers & other local governments (\$6,733,092)
- Contributed funding for local affordable housing efforts (\$680,000)

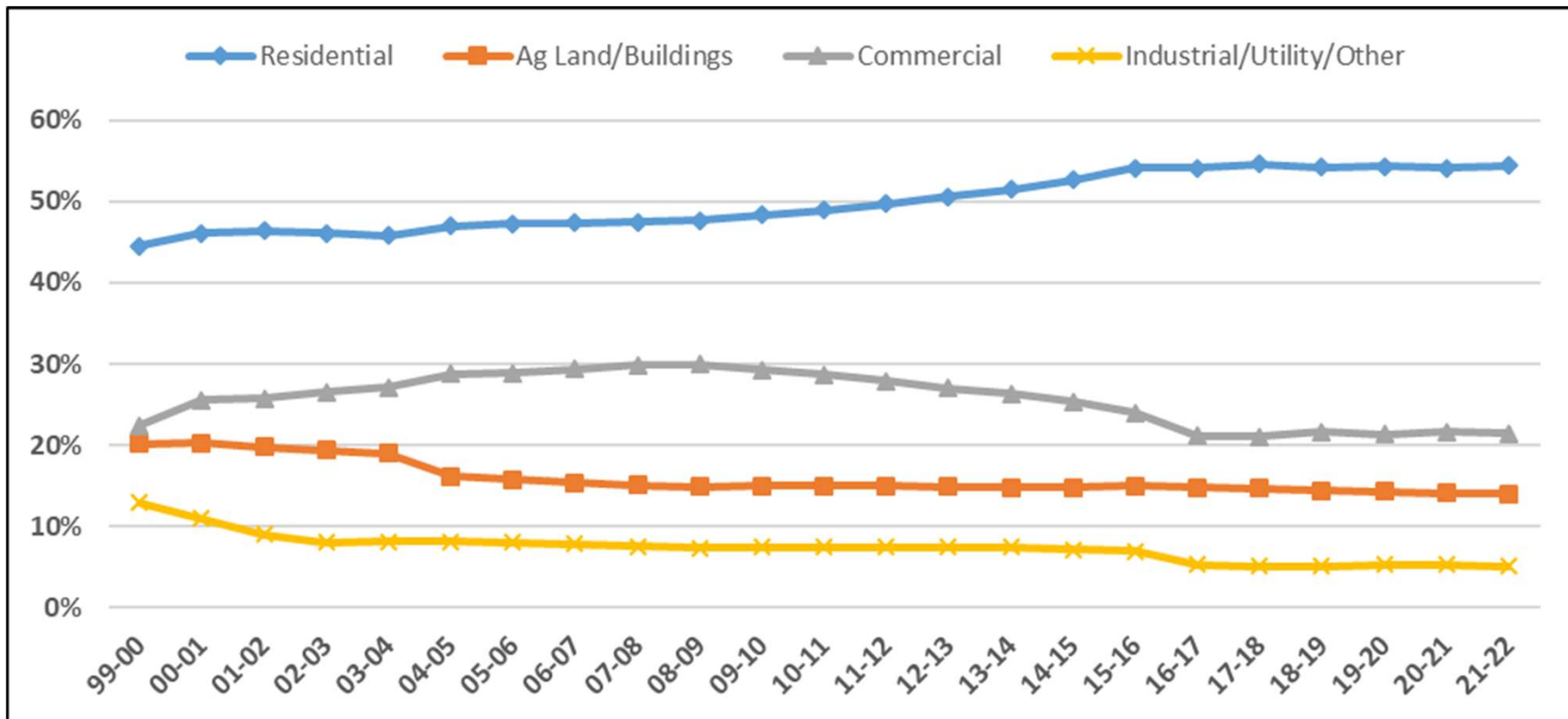


# FY2022 COUNTY HIGHLIGHTS

Being a growing community provides economic and social vibrancy and increases demands for public services.

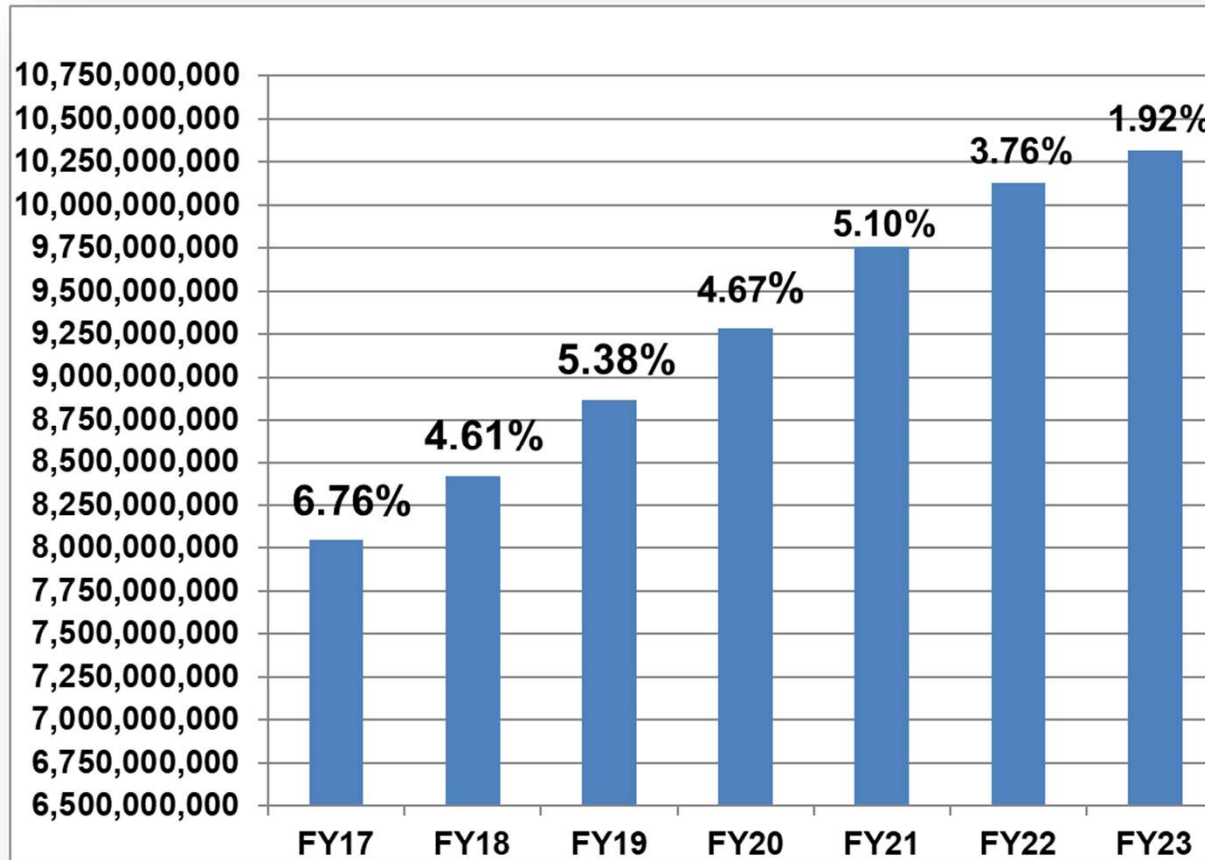


# IOWA PROPERTY TAX PAID – PERCENT OF TOTAL BY PROPERTY CLASS



# TOTAL TAXABLE VALUE IN JOHNSON COUNTY

with percent change per year (includes TIF increment)



# USING DEBT TO ACCESS TIF DISTRICTS

## A STRATEGY TO LOWER RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY TAXES

For FY2023, Johnson County has identified ~\$20.3 M of expenditures that qualify for financing via loans/bonding which include:

- \$12.2 M for all County & JECC insurance
- \$2.5 M for construction & renovations
- \$1.45 M for vehicles, equipment & technology
- \$2.15 M for conservation bond projects
- \$1.30 M for JECC communications equipment
- \$0.70 M for affordable housing support



These identified costs would have been a component of the FY2023 county budget, whether or not they were financed through the General Fund tax levy or through the use of the Debt Service Fund tax levy.



# **USING DEBT TO ACCESS TIF DISTRICTS**

## **A STRATEGY TO LOWER RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY TAXES**

By using the Debt Service tax levy for the qualified bonding opportunities in FY2023, the TIF areas within Johnson County will contribute ~\$1.9 million in taxes, that's about 49% of the diverted TIF taxes for Johnson County.

The TIF tax contribution will reduce the cost of a residential property owner's tax bill for these expenses by \$18.62 per \$100,000 of taxable valuation.



# JOHNSON COUNTY DEBT FY2023

Outstanding Debt on 7/1/2022: **\$9,602,400**

Add FY2023 Borrowings: \$ 20,293,000

Less FY2023 Principal Payments: \$(21,322,400)

Outstanding Debt on 7/1/2023: **\$8,573,000**

**Johnson County will end FY2023 with \$1,029,400 less debt outstanding than the prior year. This will be the 10th year in the last 11 years that Johnson County will experience a decrease in its outstanding debt obligation at fiscal year end, a nearly 11% reduction during the FY2023 budget year. The debt outstanding at year end represents 1.03% of the County's debt limit.**



# FY2023 BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS

- ~\$8.5 M in financial support for our non-profit partners, agencies and other governmental entities
- \$700,400 in funding for affordable housing
- \$1,852,500 in funding for the Historic Poor Farm projects and operations



# FY2023 BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS

- ~\$3.5 M in planned road construction and maintenance, ~\$483K in funding for the Guidelink Center's operations and staffing needs, another ~\$1.3 M investment in emergency communications infrastructure upgrades, ~\$5.1 M in a multi-year, multi-building, renovation project to the County's central campus buildings, ~\$2.1M for Clear Creek Trail construction.
- 11.68 total FTEs added in Ambulance, Board of Supervisors, Human Resources, Sheriff's Office, Finance, Physical Plant, Planning, Development & Sustainability, and Conservation.

**Johnson County population has increased a total of 16.5% over the last 10 years while the County's number of full-time employees has only increased a total of 5.4% over the same period.**



# FY2023 BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS

## INCREASED AMBULANCE HOURS

- There has been a 5% increase in service calls over the last five years. Calls for the ambulance service are expected to increase by 4.5% to over 13,000 calls in FY 23
- With the approval of the Board of Supervisors, 3 staff members were added so that an additional 2 ambulances will be available for calls.



# FY2023 SECONDARY ROADS PROJECTS

- 120<sup>th</sup> Street NE from Hickory Hollow to Ely Road: \$3,100,000, estimated
- River Junction Road from Otter Creek Road to 1200 feet west: \$40,000, estimated
- Black Diamond Road SW from 450<sup>th</sup> St to Highway : \$160,000, estimated
- Hickory Hollow Road NE from Mohawk to 120<sup>th</sup> Street: \$120,000, estimated
- Oak Crest Hill Road from Washington County Line to F50 St SE: \$120,000, estimated



Visit the Secondary Roads website at [www.johnson-county.com](http://www.johnson-county.com). At the bottom of their page is the Five Year Road Construction Plan with more information.



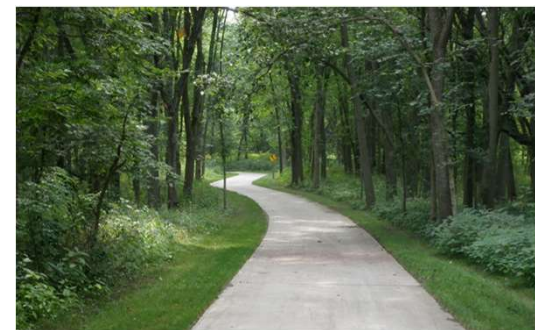
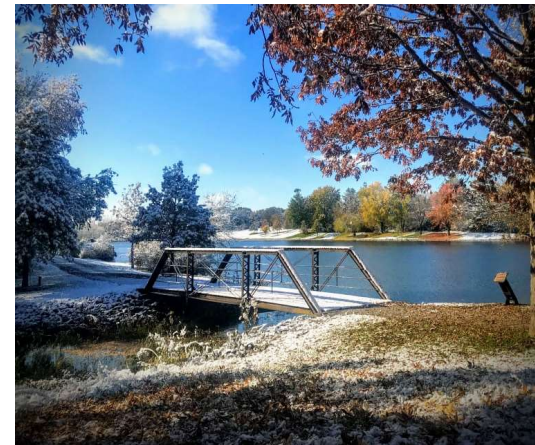
# FY2023 SERVICES TO RURAL RESIDENTS

- IC Animal Shelter \$161,818 for animal control services in the county's rural areas
- Eight local libraries are receiving total support of \$962,071 for rural resident's access
- Secondary Roads will receive the maximum allowable transfer from the Rural Basic fund of ~\$5.7 M. This is equal to ~81% of the levied taxes in the Rural fund. Secondary Roads will also receive the maximum transfer from the General Fund of ~\$1.58 M
- The Rural levy is \$3.69098 per \$1,000 of taxable property value, a decrease of ~8 cents. According to Iowa State Association of Counties (ISAC), Johnson County is ranked 66th out of 99 counties in regards to its total rural levy rate



# FY2023 CONSERVATION BOND & LEVY

- The County will borrow \$2.1 M for Conservation projects.
- This will fund Clear Creek Trail construction from Half Moon Ave to Kent Park.
- This will be the last of the 2008 Conservation Bond borrowing approved by county residents
- There will also be continued recreational trail construction and maintenance





# FY2023 America Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Projects

- Total ARPA Projects budget for FY2023 is ~\$6.2 M

Largest projects are:

- Direct Assistance: \$1,000,000
- Home repair and affordable housing programs: \$637,500
- Financing program for minority owned businesses: \$500,000
- Improve Historic Poor farm sewer and storm water: \$450,000
- Behavior health and substance abuse service provision at GuideLink Center: \$400,000 & \$350,000
- Infrastructure and capital needs for local non-profits: \$400,000
- Programs to address childcare accessibility and affordability: \$350,000

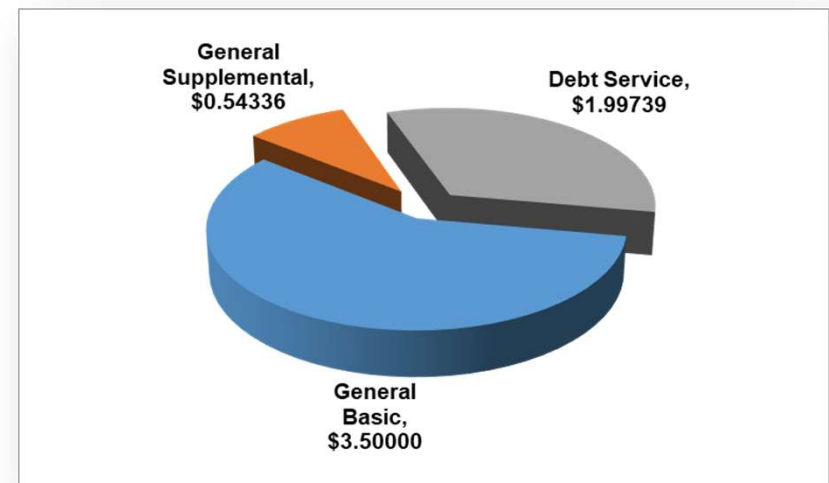


# COUNTYWIDE LEVY RATE COMPOSITION

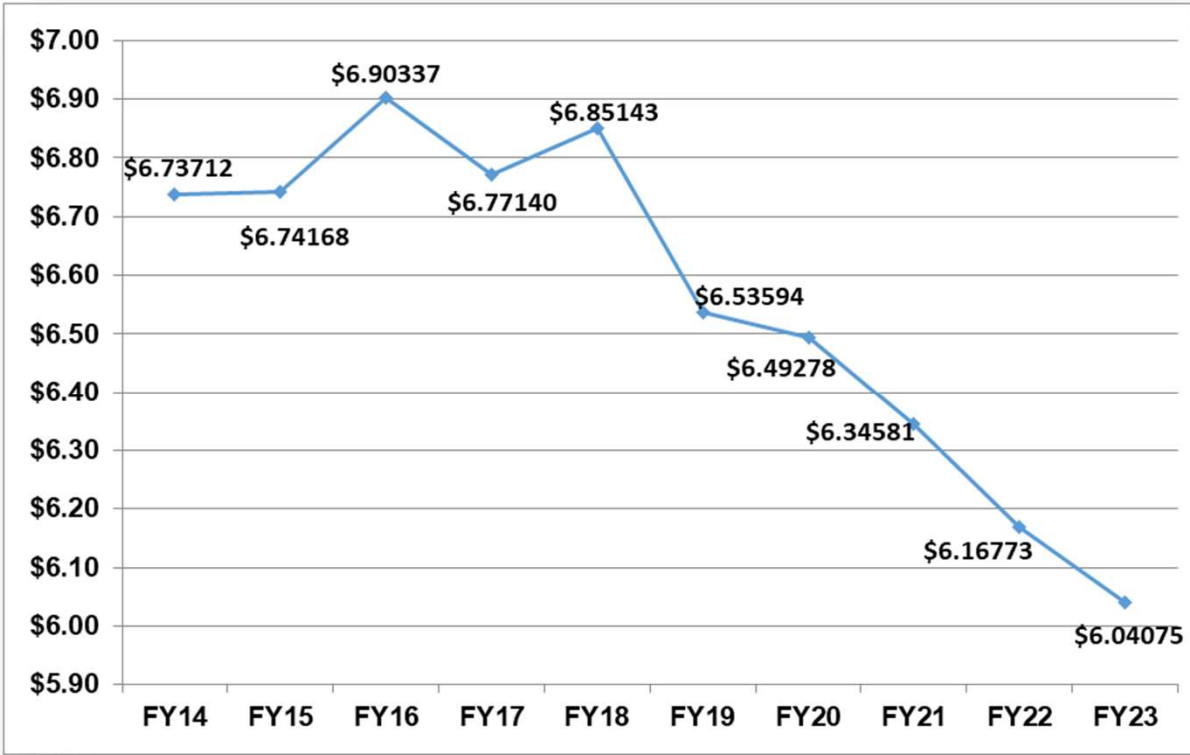
## \$6.04075

The countywide levy rate is declining ~12.7 cents in FY23, while the rural levy is decreasing ~ 7.6 cents.

The countywide levy rate has decreased in each of the last five consecutive fiscal years and is down 69 cents (-10%) since FY14.

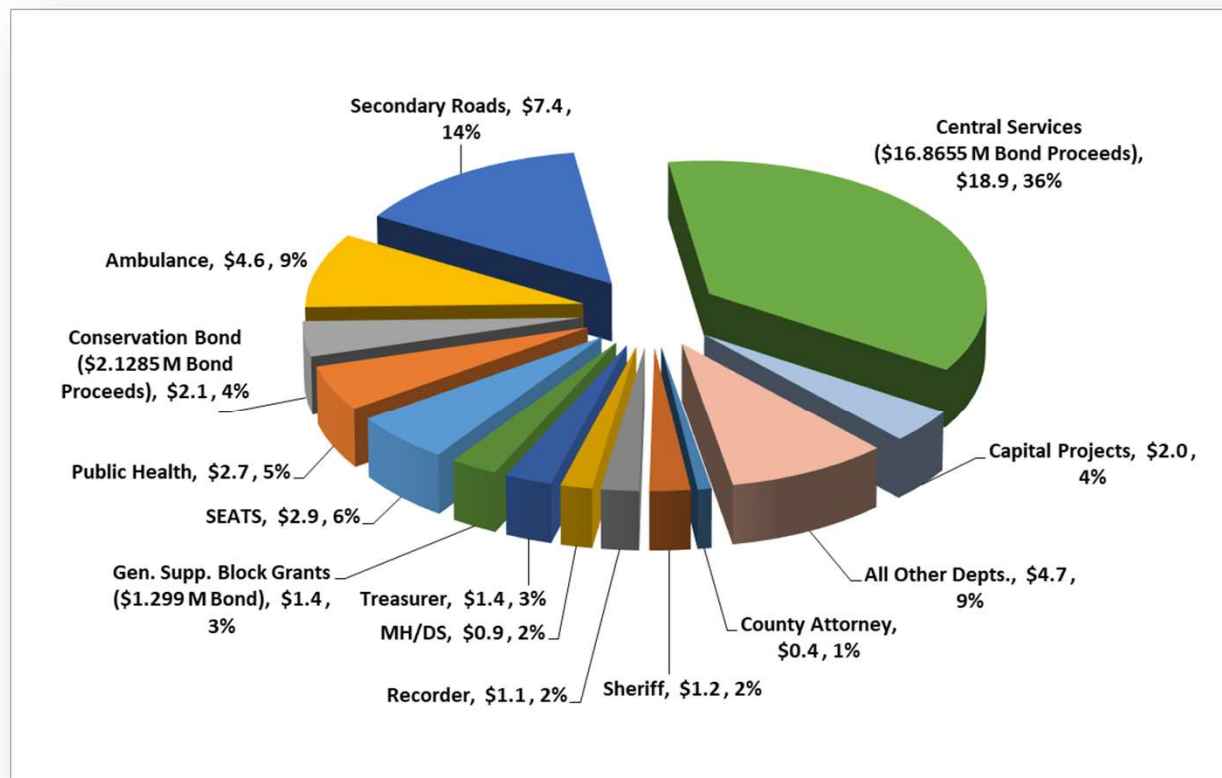


# COUNTYWIDE LEVY RATES FY2014 – FY2023



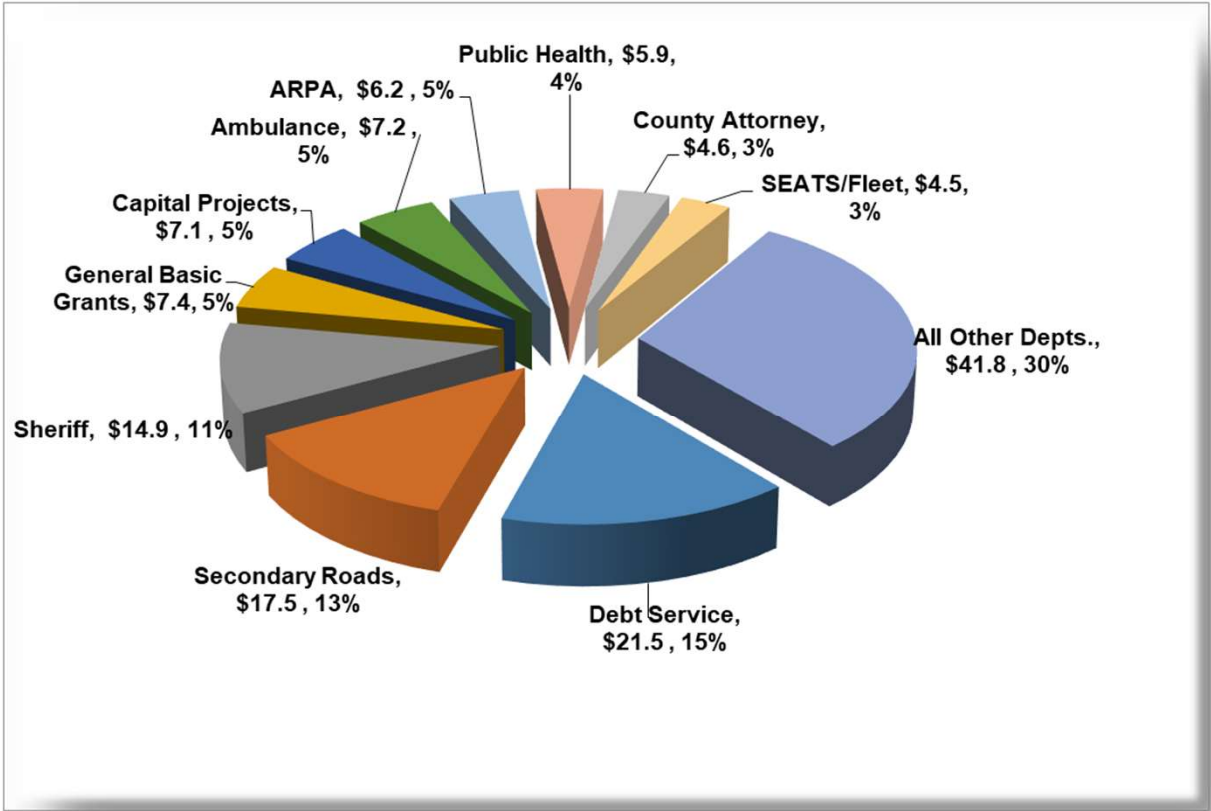
# FY2023 DEPARTMENTAL REVENUES

(\$ IN MILLIONS, EXCLUDES TAXES & CREDITS)



# FY2023 DEPARTMENTAL EXPENSES

(\$ IN MILLIONS)



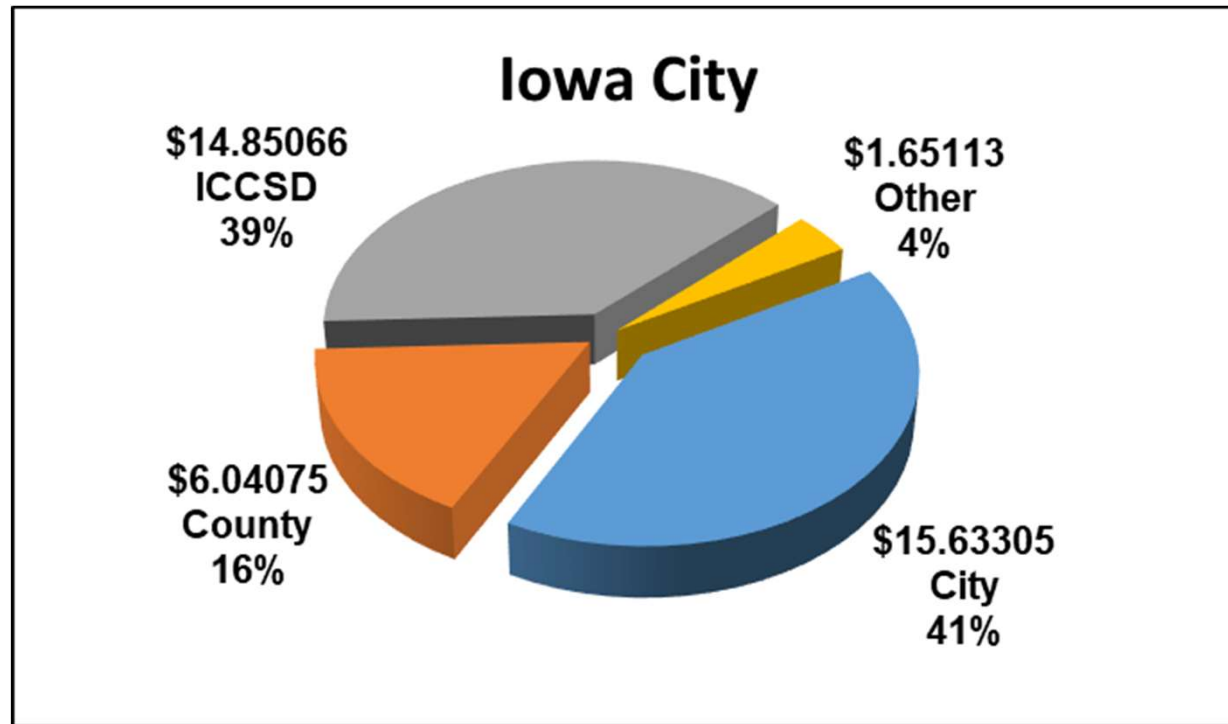
# COUNTYWIDE TAXPAYER EXAMPLES

- The following graphs are estimates (using the FY2022 effective levies or the FY2023 proposed levies) for the taxing authorities other than the County and illustrate the expected levy rates of each taxing authority in the taxpayer's district and also reflect the approximate percentage of the taxpayer's total property tax bill as estimated in FY2023.
- The following residential taxpayers are illustrated: Iowa City, Tiffin, Solon, Penn Township, Clear Creek Township, and Big Grove Township.



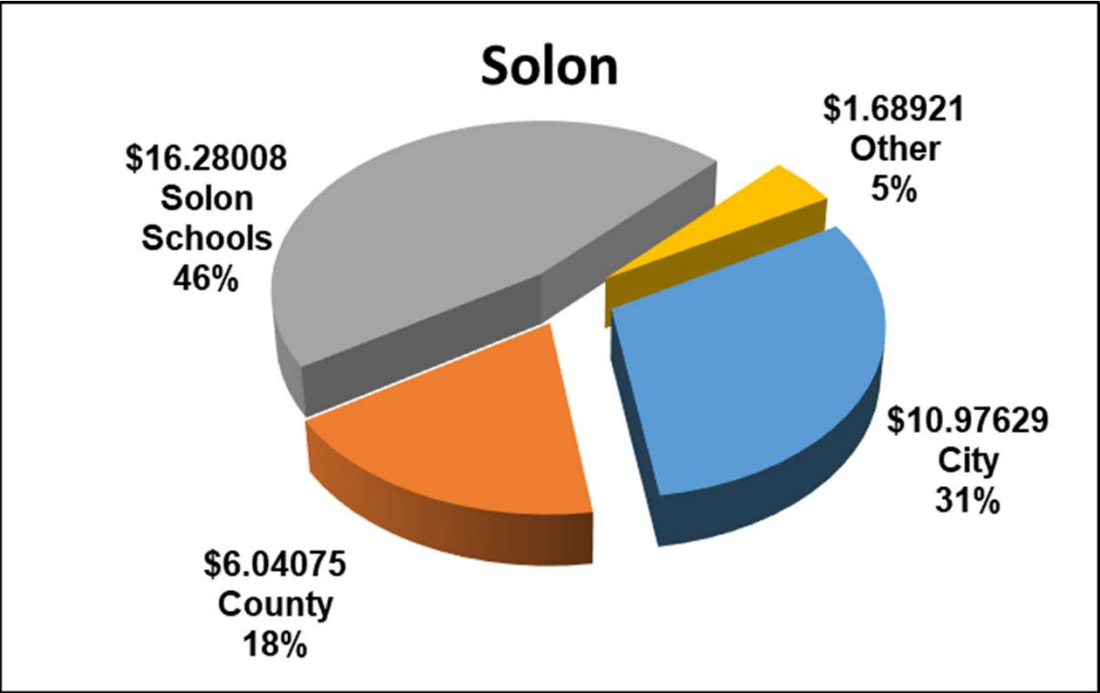
# IOWA CITY – ICCSD

(PORTION OF TOTAL TAX BILL PER \$1000 OF TAXABLE VALUE)



# SOLON – SCSD

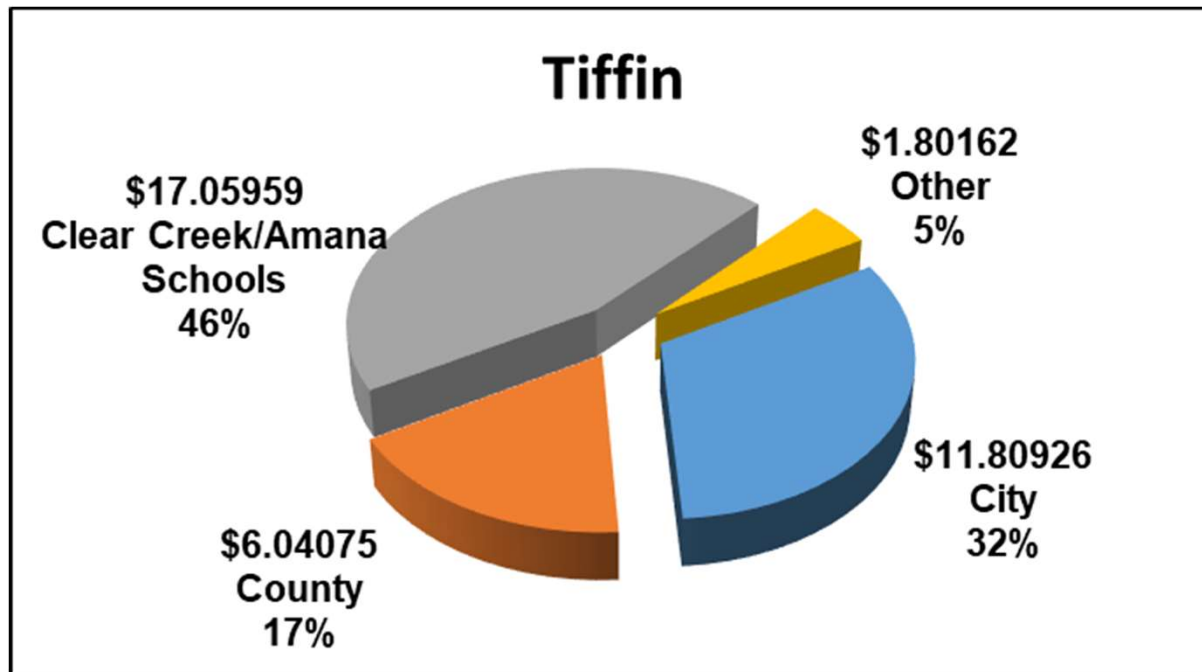
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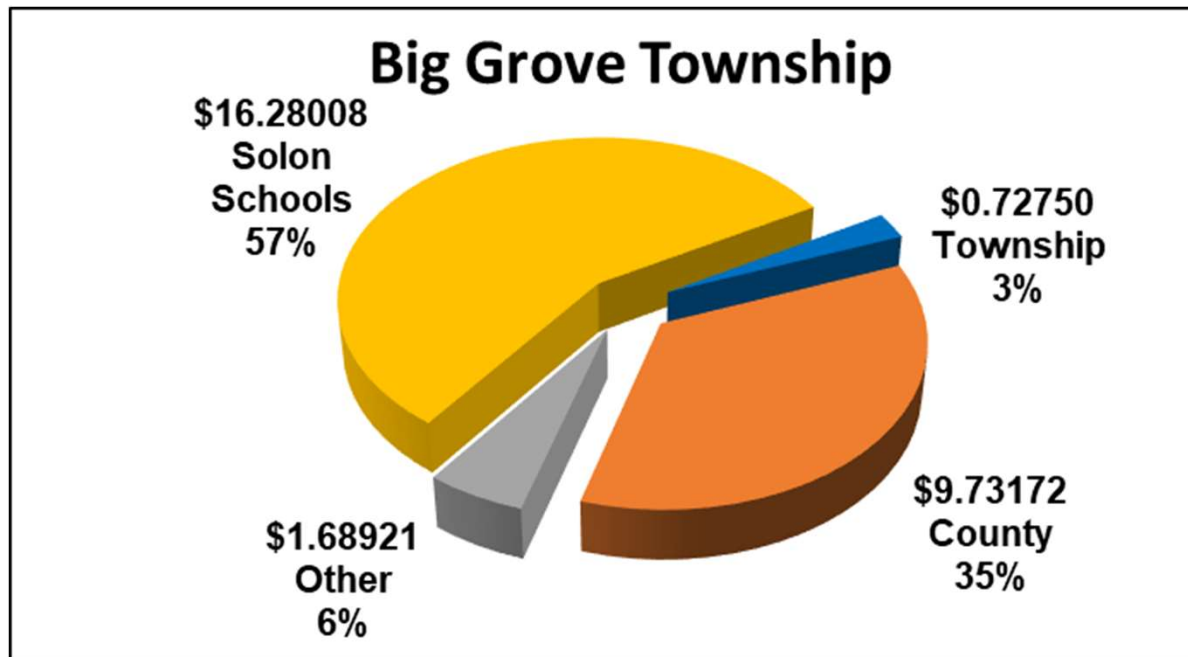
# TIFFIN – CCASD

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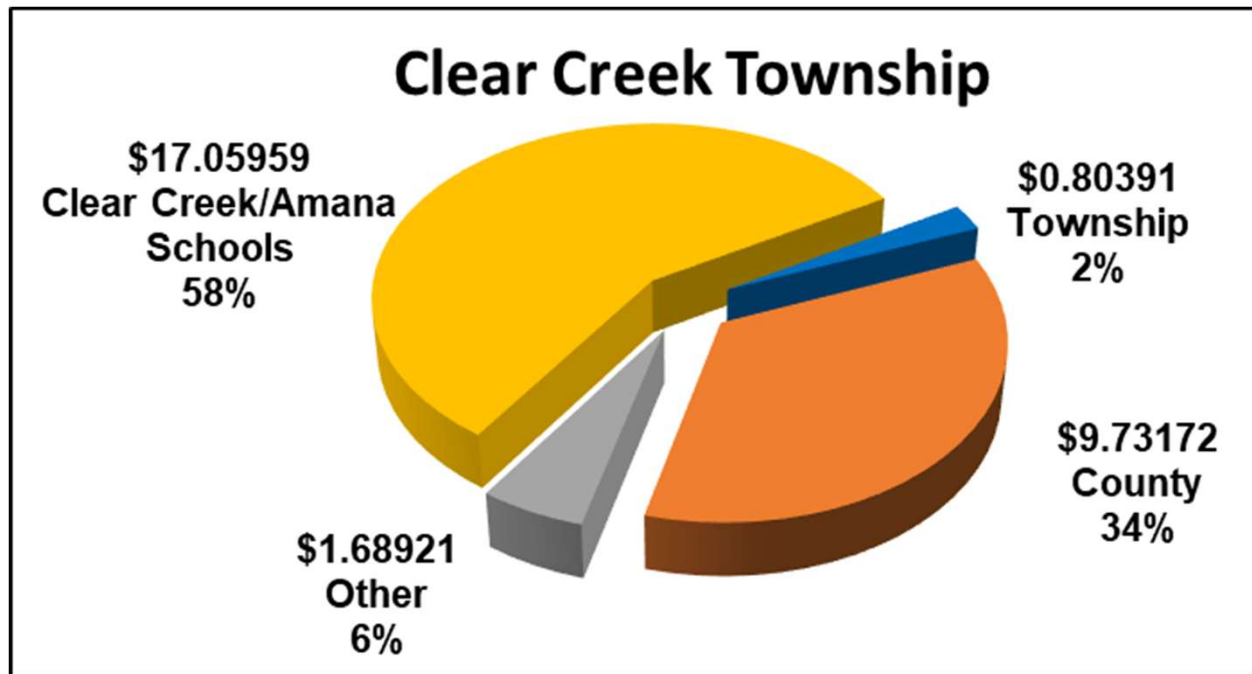
# BIG GROVE TOWNSHIP - SCSD

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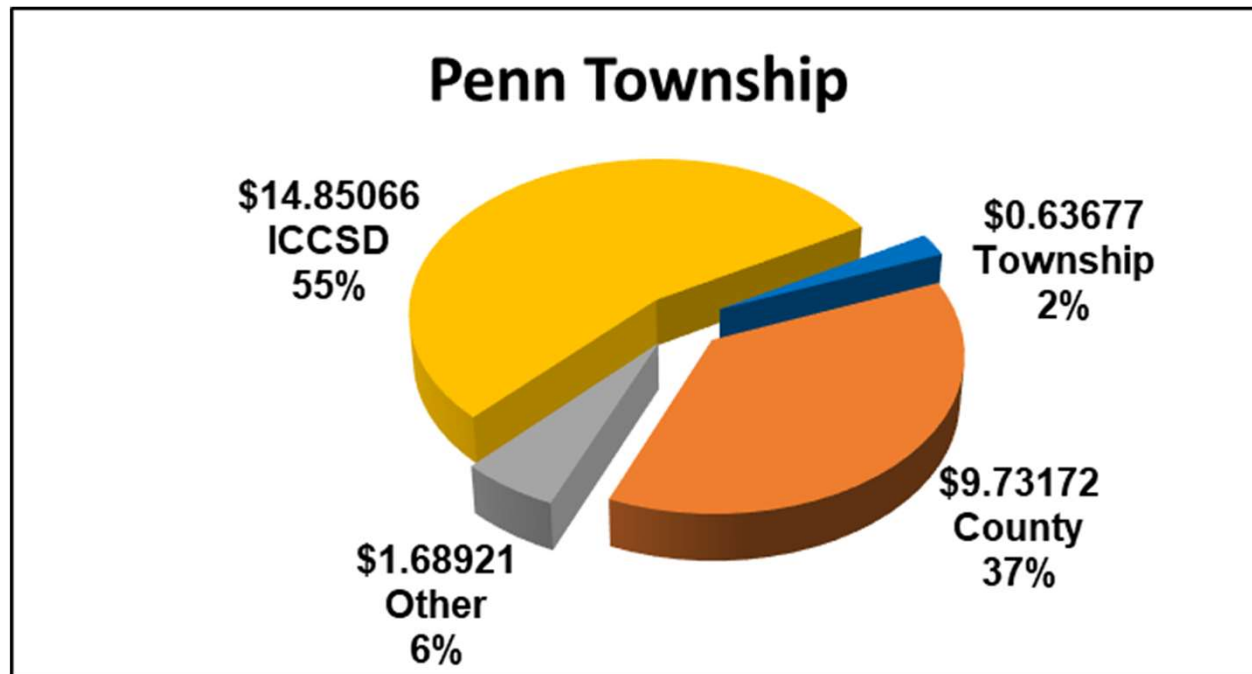
# CLEAR CREEK TOWNSHIP - CCASD

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# PENN TOWNSHIP - ICCSD

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# ADOPTION OF FY2023 COUNTY BUDGET

The Board of Supervisors is scheduled to have a final discussion and adoption of this proposed budget at the weekly formal meeting on Thursday, March 24, 2022. The public is invited to attend the meeting. The Board welcomes any questions or suggestions from the public prior to the meeting.

The public can access more detailed information on the FY2023 proposed county budget at: <https://www.johnsoncountyiowa.gov/finance/budget-documents>



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