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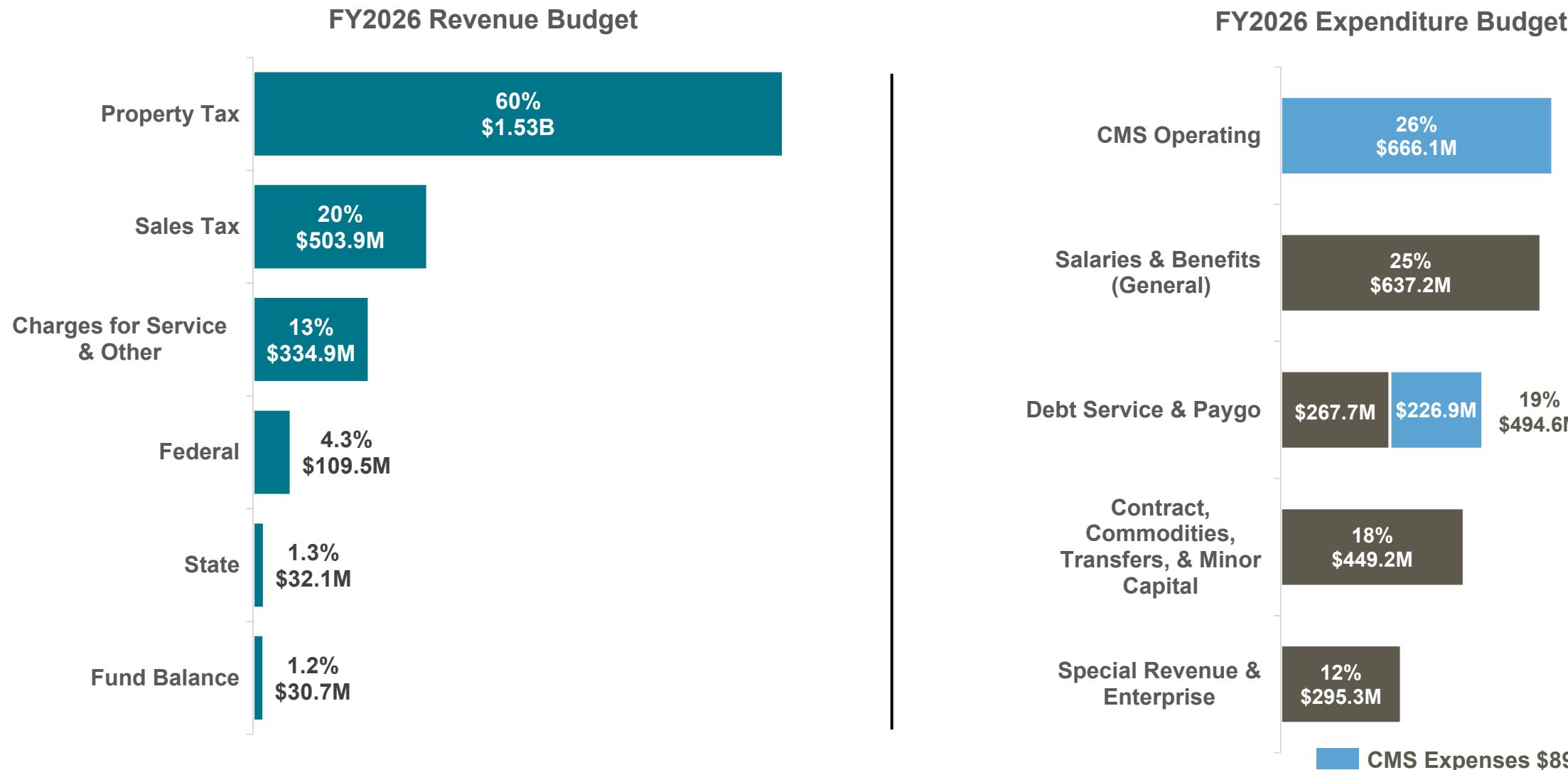
## FY2027

### Landscape

1/8/2026

# Total County Budget

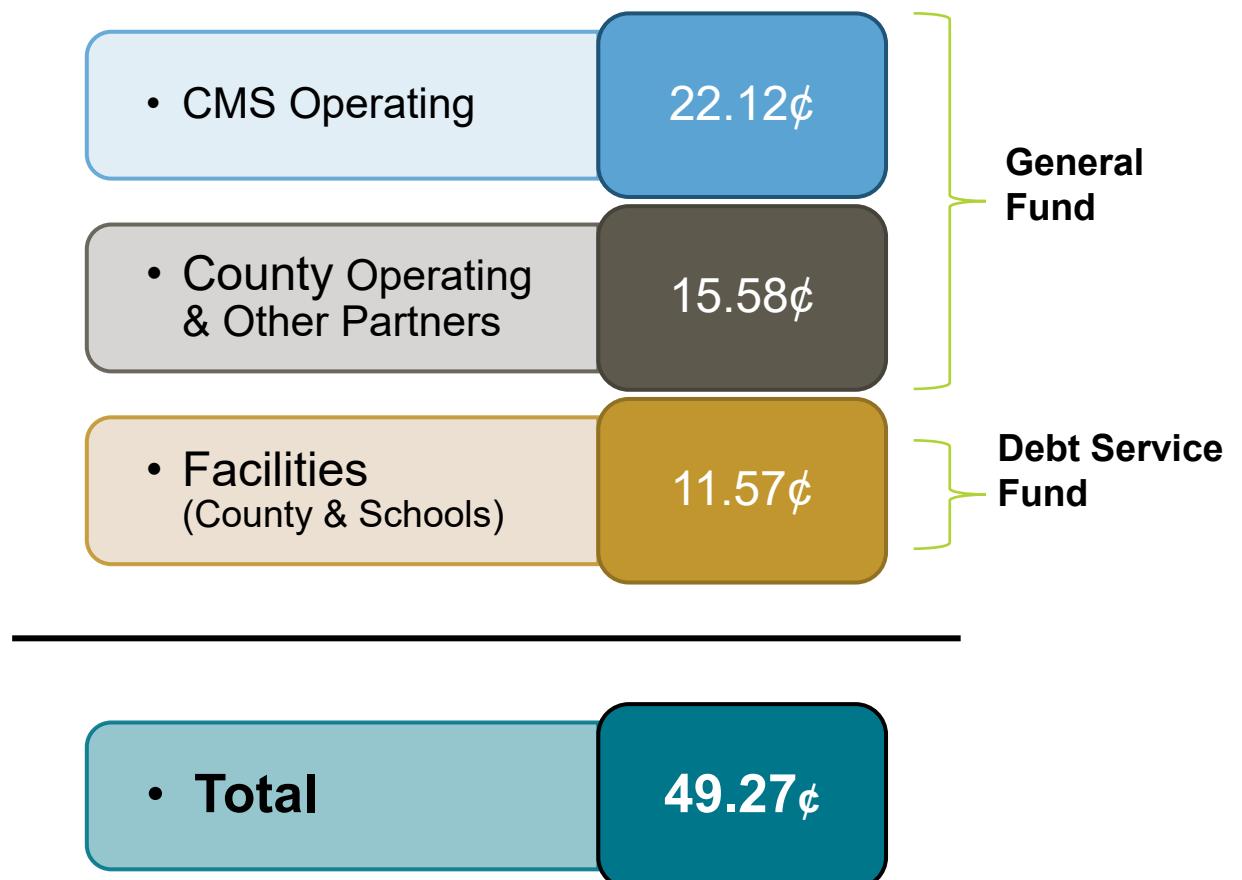
FY2026 Operating Budget \$2.5B



# Property Tax

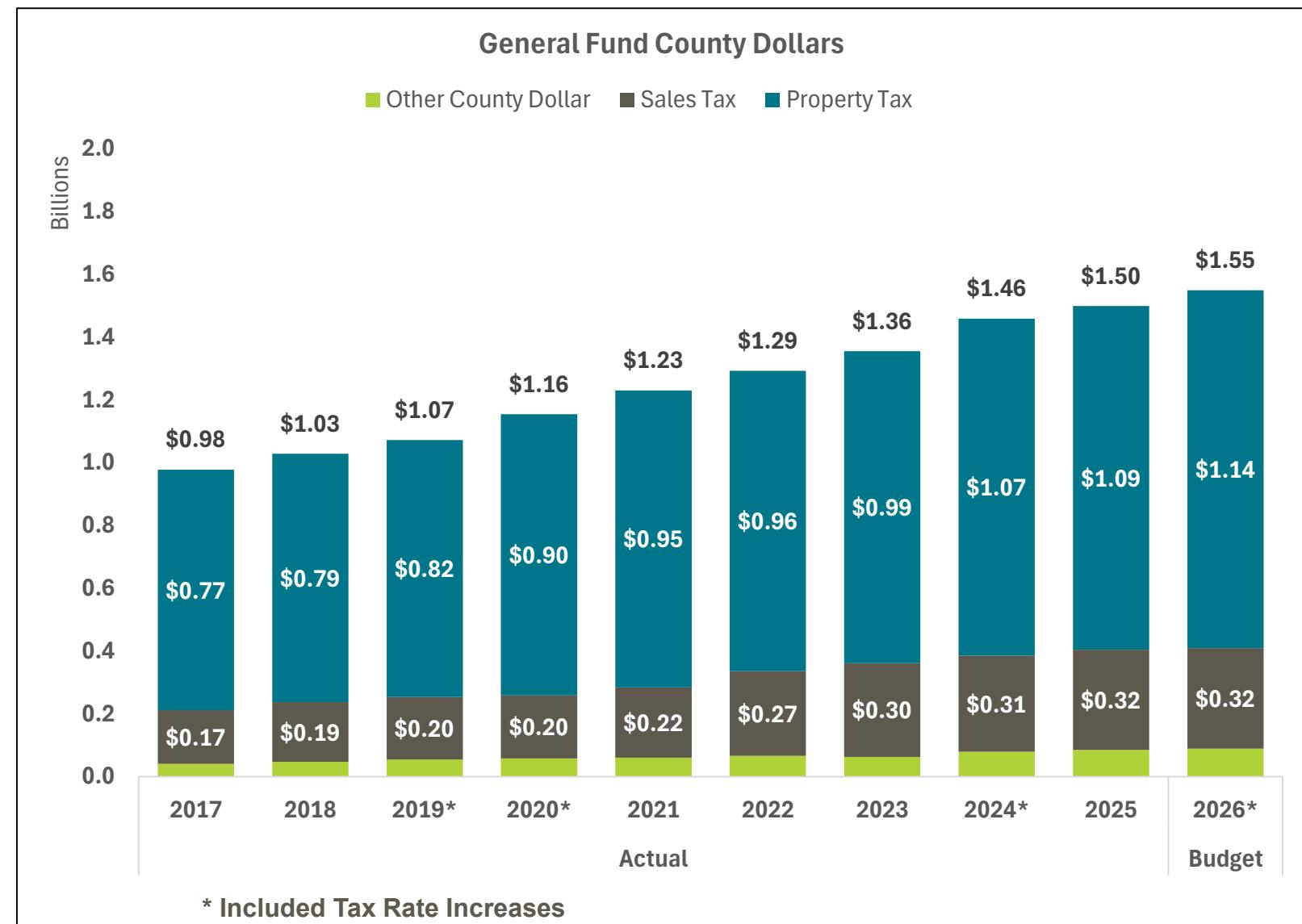
- The County Tax Rate is **49.27¢**  
(37.70¢ General & 11.57¢ Debt Service)
- **60%** of Total Revenue
- Average growth excluding property tax increases has been **\$33M** or **2.9%**

## How Property Taxes Are Used



# General Fund County Dollars

- County Dollars
  - Property taxes, sales tax, and other discretionary funds
- FY26 estimated County Dollar growth excluding impacts of fund balance or tax rate increases is **\$55.7M (3.8%)**
- Actual Annual growth since 2017 averages **3.4%**
  - Excluding:
    - Tax increases
    - Interest on investments
    - COVID surge in sales tax
    - Other one-time outliers



# Conceptual Budget Outlook

## Revenue

Expenses	<b>County Dollar Revenue Estimate</b> Based on average growth (3% - 4%)	<b>\$46.5M - \$62.0M</b>
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<b>Funding to CMS</b> Same percent as FY2026 (4.4%)	<b>\$29.3M</b>
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<b>Increase County Salaries</b> Same percent as FY2026 (5.5%)	<b>\$28.3M</b>
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<b>Baseline County Salaries &amp; Benefits</b> Preliminary estimates	<b>\$15.6M</b>
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<b>Reduction in Reimbursement for SNAP Administration</b> Decrease from 50% to 25% of costs beginning 10/01/2026	<b>\$7.8M</b>
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## Gap

<b>Funding to CPCC</b> Same percent as FY2026 (3.6%)	<b>\$1.8M</b>
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<b>Budget Gap</b>	<b>(\$36.3M - \$20.8M)</b>
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These are not official budget estimates for FY2027  
Estimates will be shared at the annual retreat

# Other Potential Costs On The Horizon

- New Main Library (6 months)
- Other CIP Operating Costs
- Facility Based Crisis Center (year-one)
- Other Contractual Increases & Utilities
- Temporary Relocation of Staff for Wilson Center Upgrades
- Growing Jail Population
- Other Impacts of Iryna's Law
- Other Impacts of Federal Budget
- MEDIC Emergency Response Study Recommendations

# County Expenses Due to A Void in State Funding

FY2026	
CMS - Operating Support	\$ 429,674,870
CPCC Supplemental Wages & Benefits	10,340,239
Court Support	8,484,502
District Attorney:	\$4,301,012
Public Defender:	\$2,159,036
Trial Court Administrator:	\$1,421,334
Clerk of Court:	\$603,120
Behavioral Health Support	18,376,066
Scrap Tire Disposal	675,244
NC Pre-K Supplement	1,600,000
Foster Care (Raise the Age Impact)	737,000
State/County Special Assistance Program	3,646,544
In-Home Aide Services	3,121,201
Adult Day Care Services	3,457,690
Gun Permit & Sex Offender Registration	1,910,861
Juvenile Detention	2,215,983
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$484,240,200</b>

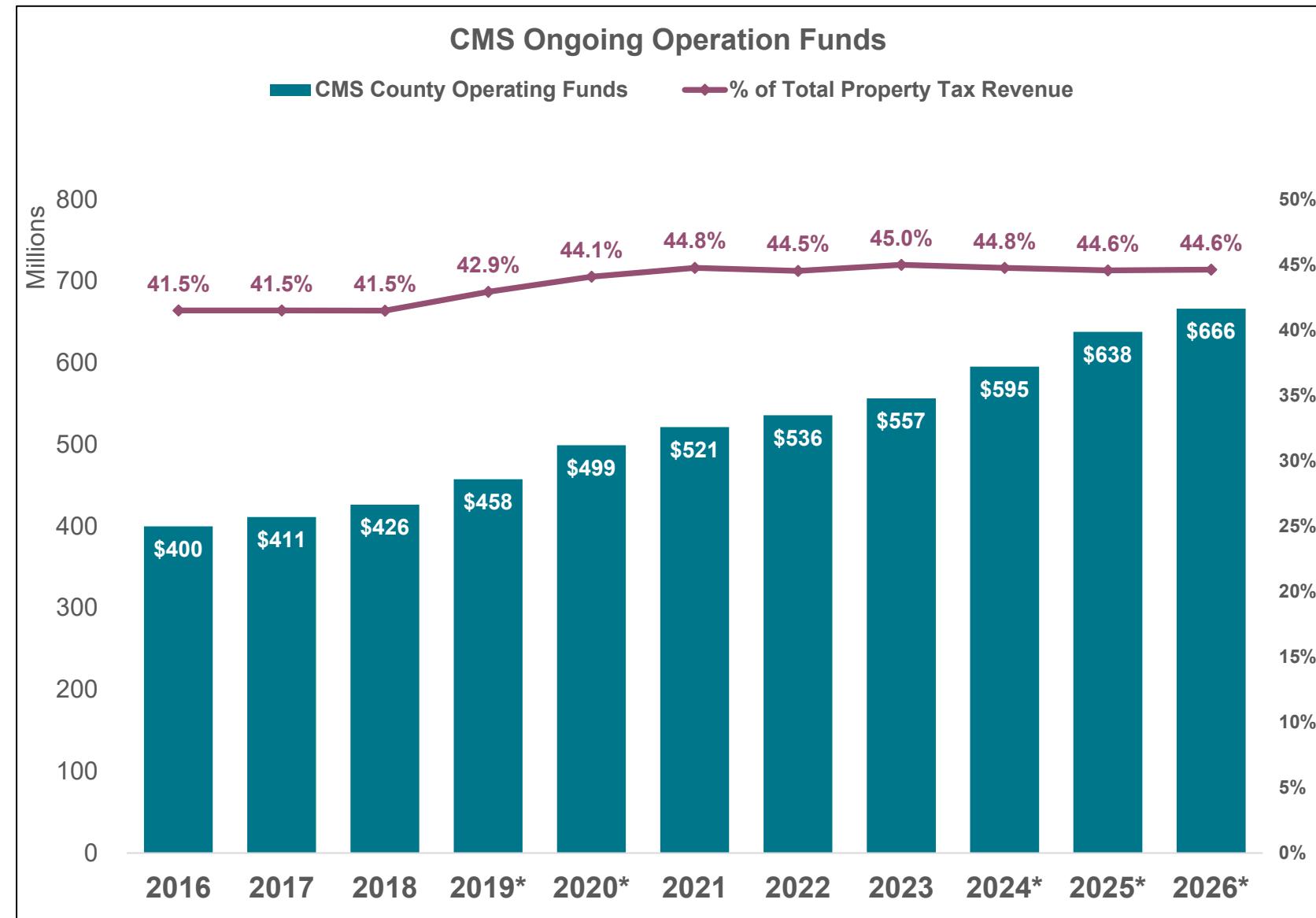
**\$484M** of funding in FY2026 that is needed due to mandates or a lack of sufficient funding from the State

**16.08¢** of the Property Tax Rate

**\$2.99B** over 7 years since FY2020

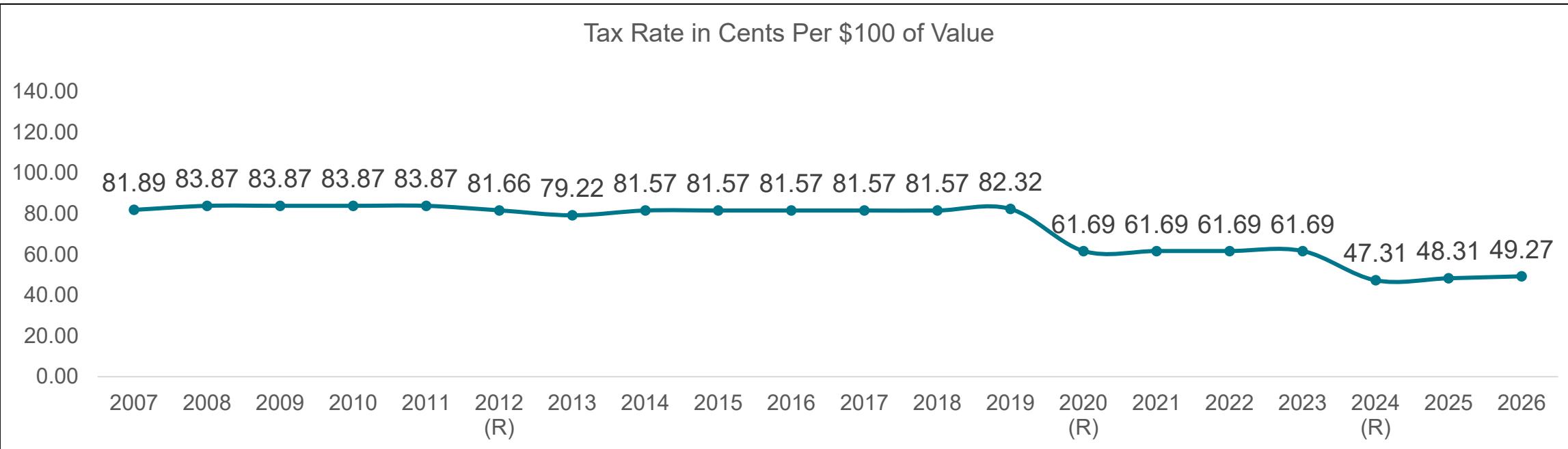
# CMS Ongoing County Operating Funds

- Ongoing County operating funding to CMS has increased an average of **5.3%** annually over the last 10 years
- County funding has equaled **45%** of total property tax since FY2021

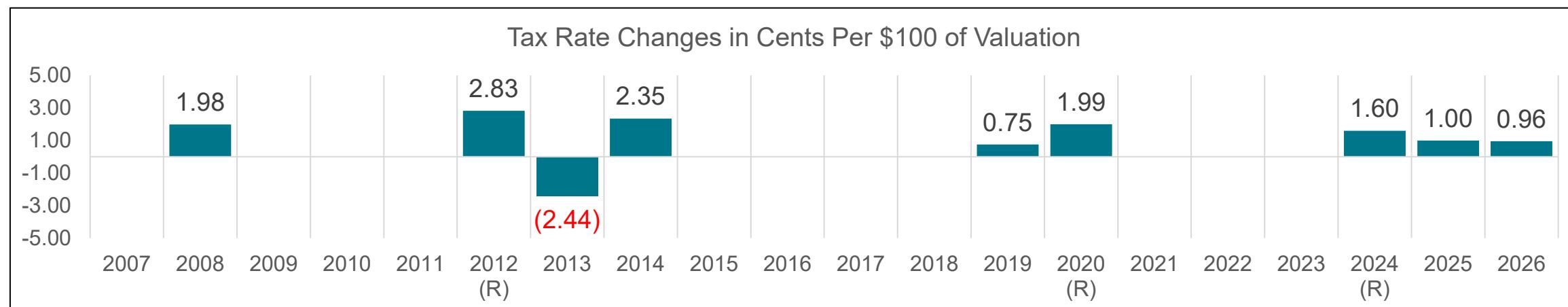


# Change in Tax Rate

Tax Rate in Cents Per \$100 of Value



Tax Rate Changes in Cents Per \$100 of Valuation



(R) – Budget impacted by revaluation, change in tax rate is reflected as the change from the revenue neutral Actual Rate Change (FY2012 **-2.21** | FY2020 **-20.63** | FY2024 **-14.38**). Next revaluation in 2027 will impact FY2028.

# Property & Sales Tax Impact

## County Property Tax



\$377,300  
(median)

County Property Tax  
49.27 ¢/ \$100 Value

\$1,859  
Or  
\$37.73 / Tax Rate ¢

Planned Future Tax  
Rate Increases for  
Debt

2027: 0¢  
2028: 2¢ (1¢ CMS)  
2029: 1¢ (All CMS)

## State, County & City Sales Tax

Based on Household Income of \$122K



Estimated  
Taxable Sales

\$21,855

FY2026  
Current Rate  
7.25 ¢/\$

\$1,584

FY2027  
Rate With New  
Transit Sale Tax  
8.25 ¢/\$

\$1,803

FY2027  
Increase

\$218 (12%)

## Household Impact 2027 - 2029

2027 Transit Sales Tax	\$218.00
2028 2¢ Property Tax	\$75.46
2029 1¢ Property Tax	\$37.73
<b>Total Annual Increase</b>	<b>\$331.19</b>

# FY2027 Budget - Key Dates

Date	Activity
<b>Jan. 8</b>	Board of Education & Board of Commissioners joint meeting
<b>Jan. 21</b>	Public hearing #1
<b>Jan. 28-30</b>	Board of Commissioners Annual Retreat
<b>May 6</b>	CMS presents its budget request to the Board of Commissioners
<b>May 12</b>	Central piedmont present its budget request to the Board of Commissioners
<b>May 14</b>	Presentation of Manager's FY2027 Recommended Budget
<b>May 20</b>	Detailed overview of the Manager's FY2027 Recommended Budget
<b>May 21</b>	Public hearing #2
<b>May 28</b>	Board of Commissioners take straw votes to adjust the Recommended Budget
<b>June 2</b>	Board of Commissioners scheduled to adopt the FY2027 Budget

