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FY2027

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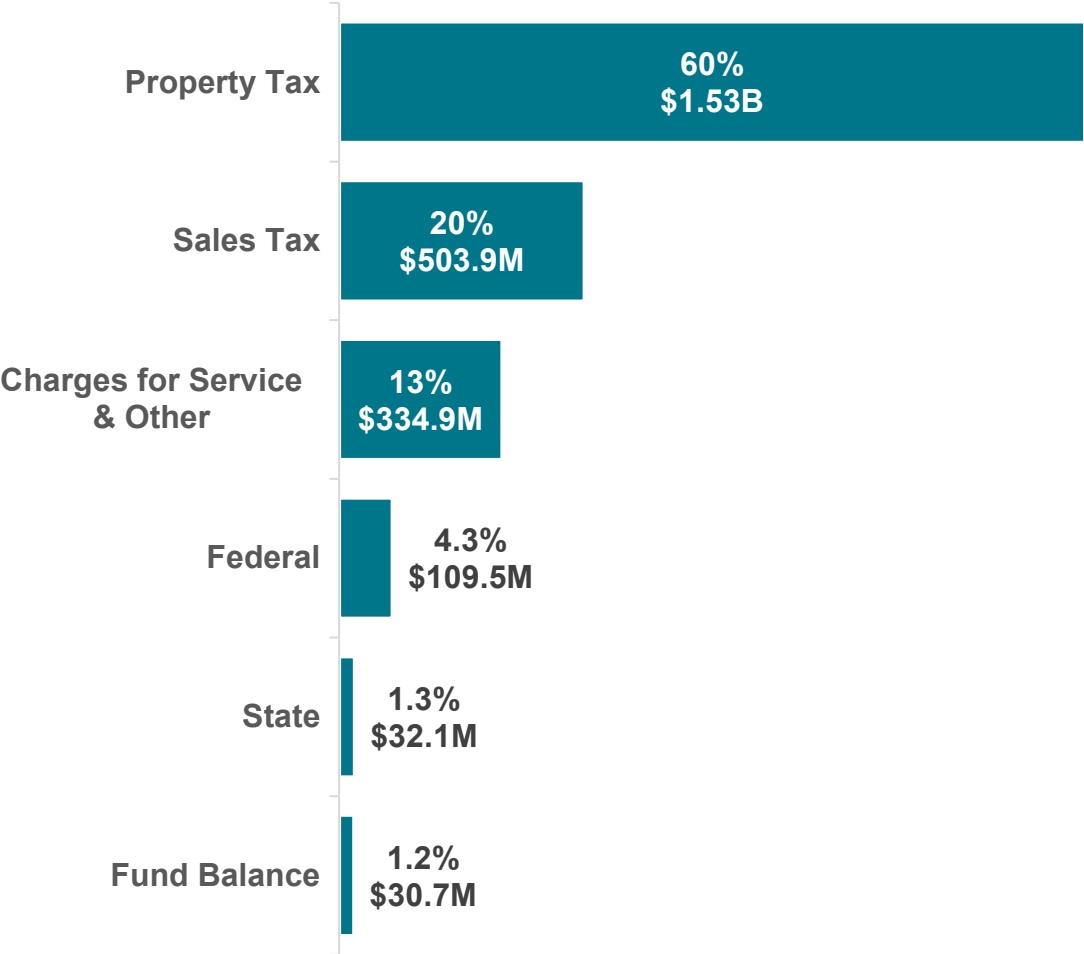
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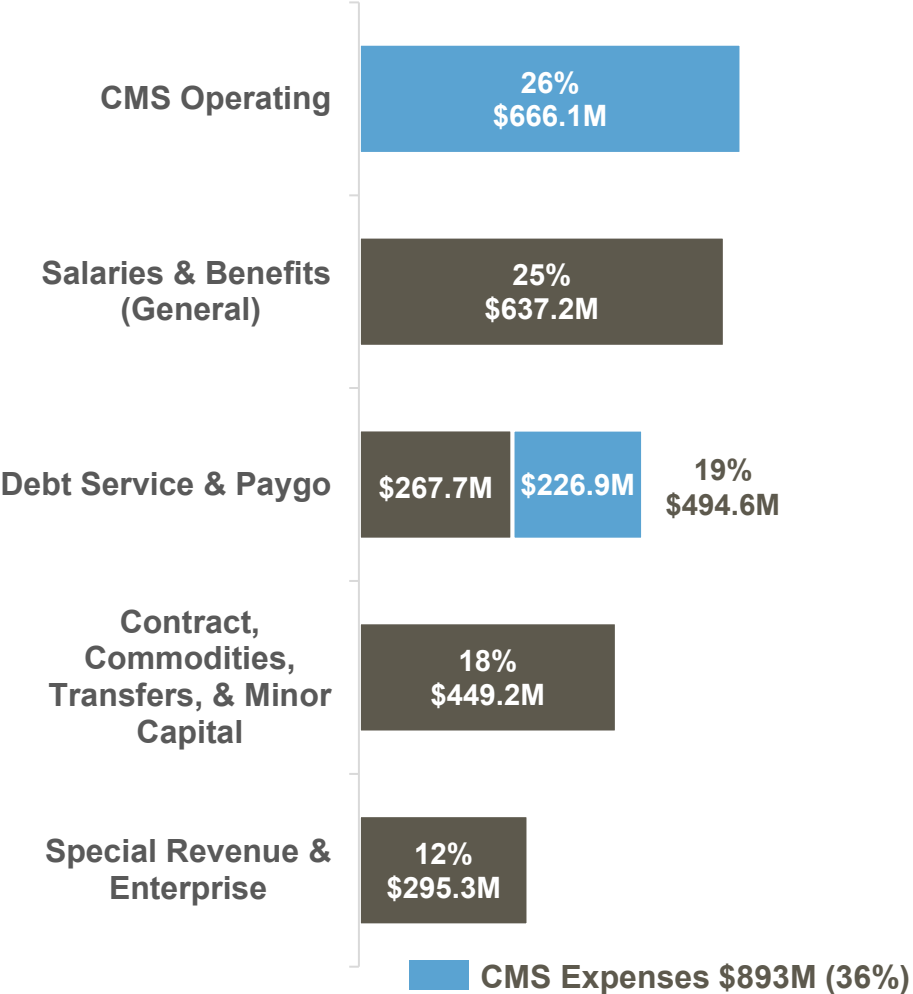
Total County Budget

FY2026 Operating Budget \$2.5B

FY2026 Revenue Budget



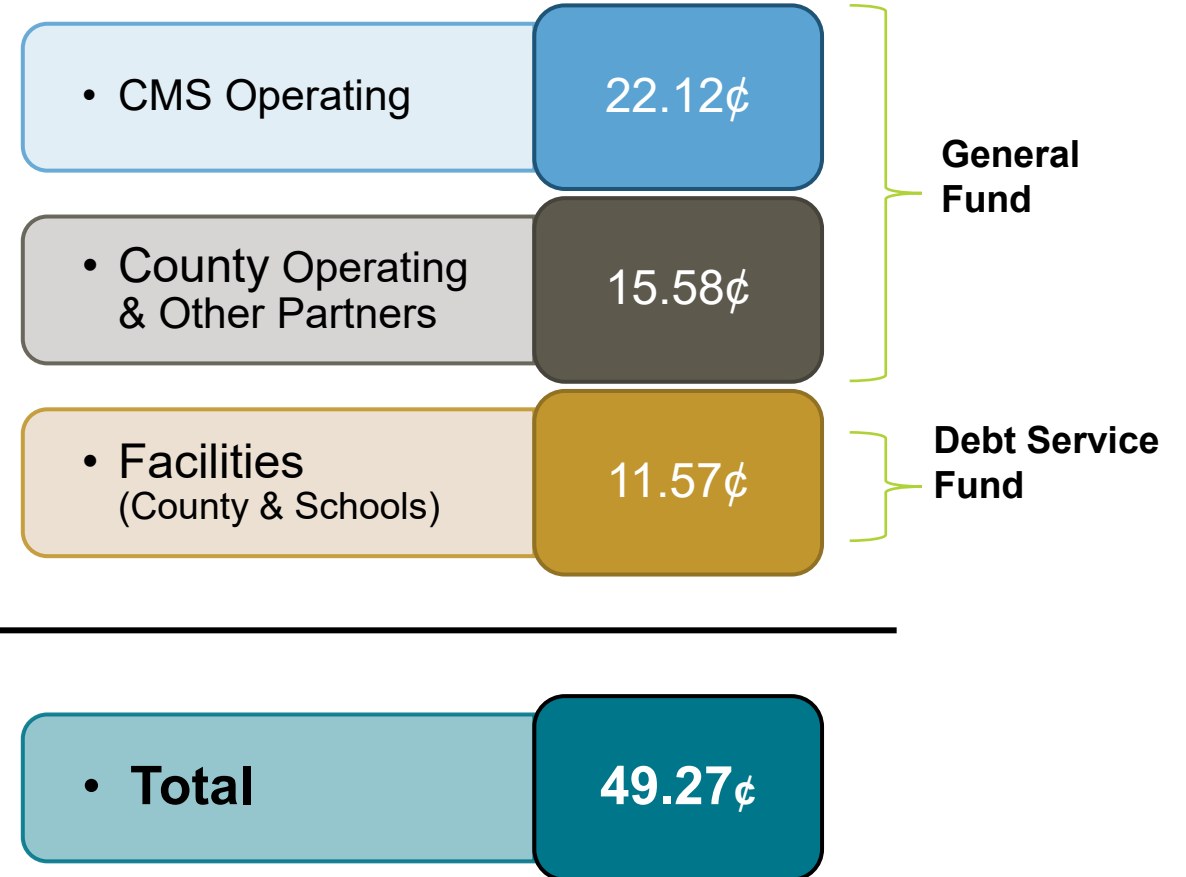
FY2026 Expenditure Budget



Property Tax

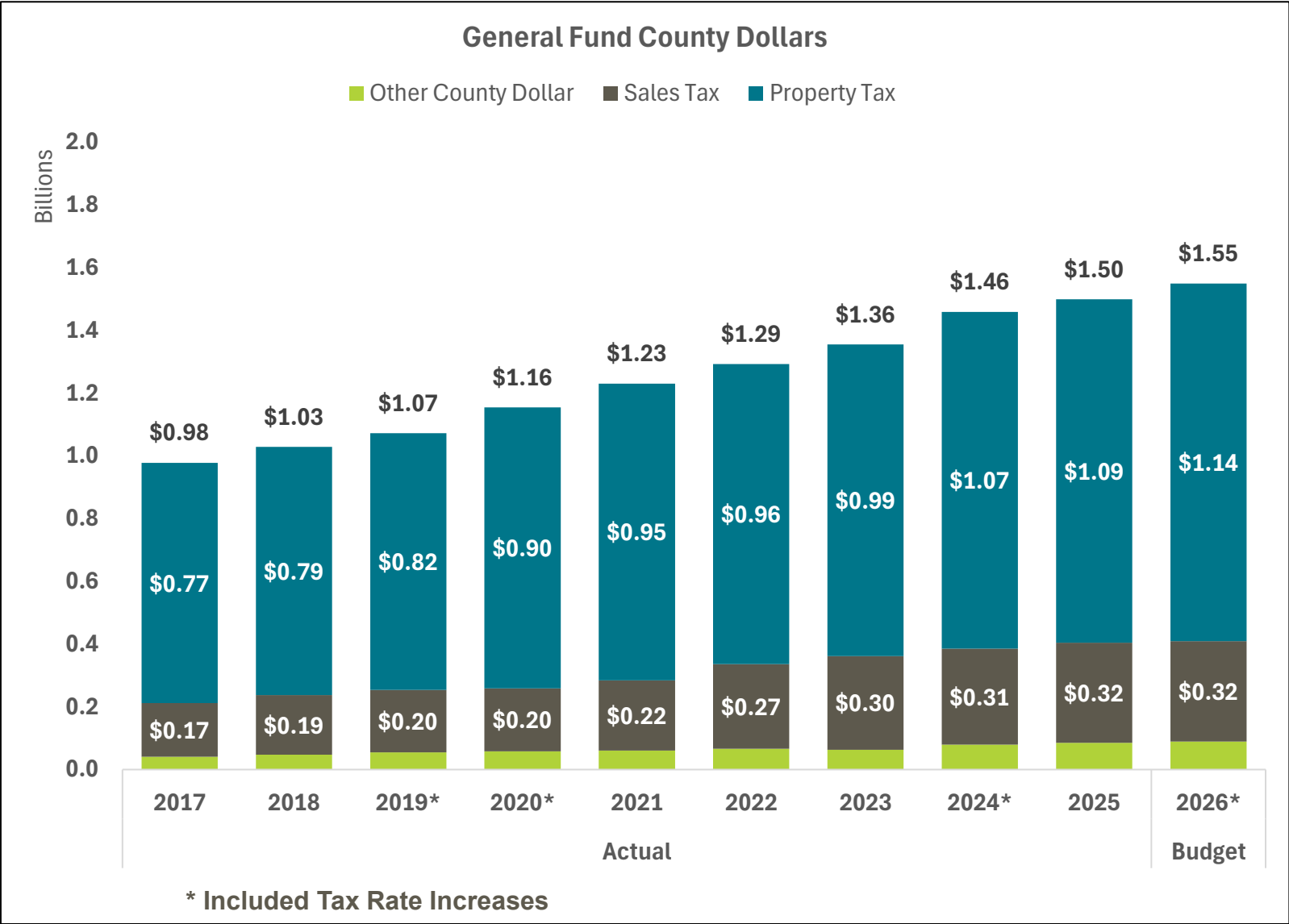
- The County Tax Rate is **49.27¢**
(37.70¢ General & 11.57¢ Debt Service)
- **60%** of Total Revenue
- Average growth excluding property tax increases has been **\$33M** or **2.9%**

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	County Dollar Revenue Estimate	\$46.5M - \$62.0M
	Based on average growth (3% - 4%)	

Funding to CMS	\$29.3M
Same percent as FY2026 (4.4%)	

Increase County Salaries	\$28.3M
Same percent as FY2026 (5.5%)	

Baseline County Salaries & Benefits	\$15.6M
Preliminary estimates	

Reduction in Reimbursement for SNAP Administration	\$7.8M
Decrease from 50% to 25% of costs beginning 10/01/2026	

Funding to CPCC	\$1.8M
Same percent as FY2026 (3.6%)	

Gap

Budget Gap	(\$36.3M - \$20.8M)
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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
Total	\$484,240,200

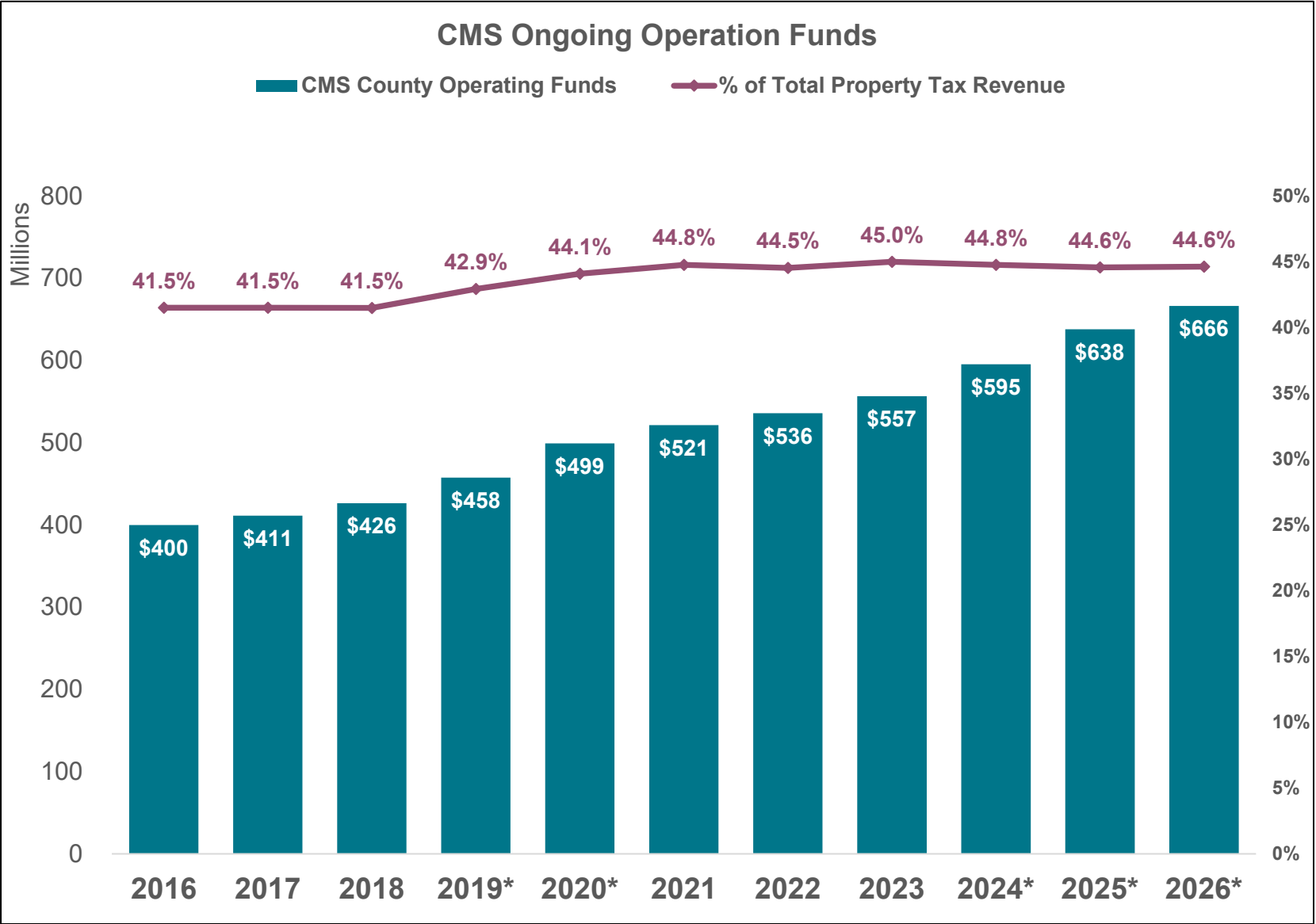
\$484M of funding in FY2026 that is needed due to mandates or a lack of sufficient funding from the State

16.08¢ of the Property Tax Rate

\$2.99B over 7 years since FY2020

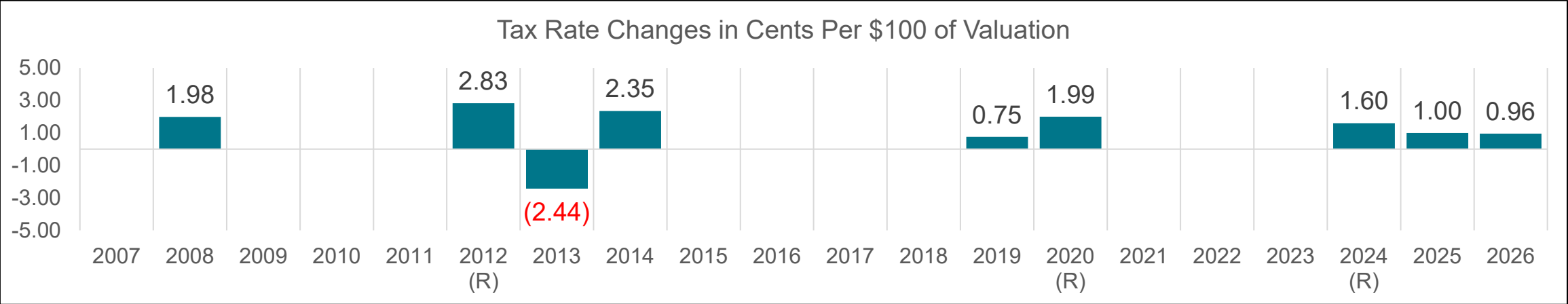
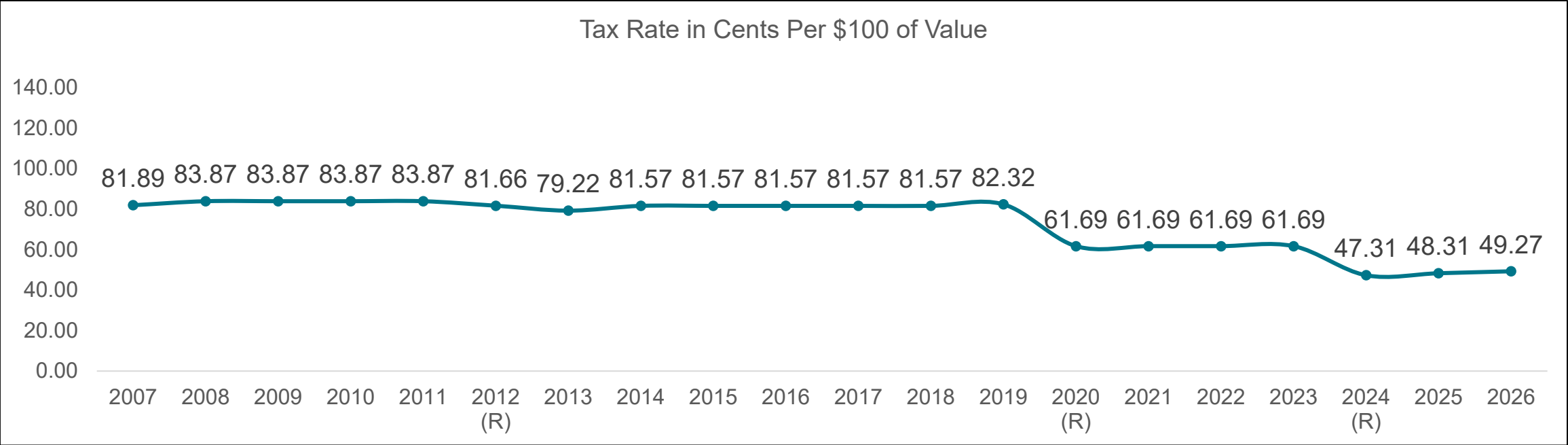
CMS Ongoing County Operating Funds

- 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



* Years with tax increases


Change in Tax Rate



(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
Total Annual Increase	\$331.19

FY2027 Budget - Key Dates

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

