

# Tazewell County's FY2027 Budget Presentation

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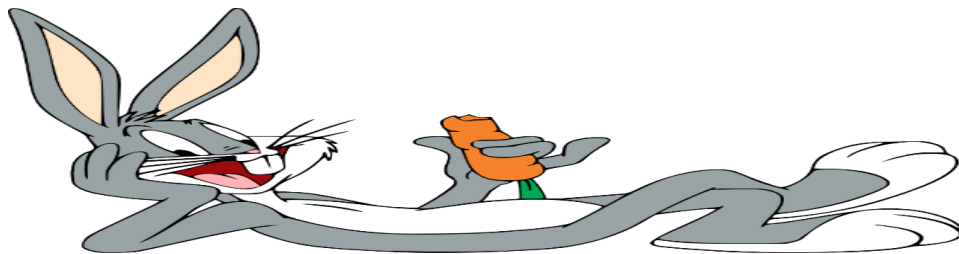
# *Bad Bunny*



## *What does this Budget Do?*

### **Key Purchases in FY27**

Fourteen new Interceptors for the Sheriff's Office	\$ 563,000
Finishes Cell 5A of the Landfill	\$1,545,000
Renovates Restrooms in All High Schools	\$1,200,000
Builds a New Fire Station	\$1,020,000
Begins Part time Fire Fighters	\$ 569,000
Replaces County phone system	\$ 80,000
2% Cost of Living increase for County Employees	\$ 88,219



**The Budget Includes a 17% increase in Health Insurance premiums?**



Or does it? It Depends. Health Insurance costs increased by 17% or \$561,000. We reduced the Board's contribution to the \$250 deductible plan to minimize budget impact. Employees can avoid the premium increase by choosing the \$500 deductible plan or can pay a higher premium to keep the \$250 deductible plan. This avoided most of the increase for the County.





This Budget also includes a \$1/hour increase in pay for County Administration Personnel. In recent years, the State has moved to increase pay for sheriff's deputies, DSS personnel, court clerks, the Registrar, and school teachers at a pace ahead of inflation. At the same time, the State has increased minimum wage significantly. So, the Board decided to adjust the pay scale for administration employees to avoid minimum wage positions paying more than supervisory positions and to alleviate wage compression between pay tiers. The total cost is \$122,720.



**The FY27 Budget includes a \$2.4M increase in  
School Funding!**



*The State Mandated Expenditure is increasing far  
faster than revenues.*



**In FY27 the Commonwealth required local match for schools will exceed all Real Property Tax Revenues, by a hare. This was the case in FY24 as well.**

Essentially, required allocations to the school system have absorbed the entire increase in revenues from the real property tax reassessment.



*This Cannot Continue without additional revenue.*

# LET'S LOOK AT

## THE FIRE PROTECTION BUDGET



<b>Description</b>	<b>Proposed FY27 Budget</b>
Compensation	\$ 559,426
FICA	\$ 42,797
Retirement	\$ 15,230
Hospitalization	\$ 11,616
Life Insurance	\$ 1,340
Workers Comp	\$ 21,126
Contractual Services	\$ 150,000
Repairs & Maintenance	\$ 100,500
Radio Maintenance Contract	\$ 1,500
Advertising	\$ 2,000
Electricity	\$ 12,000
Heating Service - Fuel	\$ 3,000
Water/Sewage	\$ 2,000
Postal Services	\$ 85
Telecommunications	\$ 4,500
Janitorial Supplies	\$ 2,000
Vehicle Insurance	\$ 41,550
Inland Marine Insurance	\$ 27,000
Travel and Training	\$ 15,000
Hosting & Appreciations	\$ 7,500
<b>Payments to Departments</b>	<b>\$ 141,760</b>
Payments to Fire Company	\$ 264,000
Dues & Memberships	\$ 500
Office Supplies	\$ 2,500
Uniforms	\$ 7,500
Vehicle Supplies & Repair	\$ 45,000
Operating Supplies	\$ 4,500
Machinery & Equipment	\$ 150,000
Furniture & Fixtures	\$ 15,000
New Vehicle Purchase	\$ 200,000
Capital Outlay	\$ 190,720
<b>Total Proposed FY27 Budget</b>	<b>\$ 2,041,650</b>

## *Let's Look at All Major Expense Categories*



Local Share	FY26	FY27
Law Enforcement	\$ 5,147,006	\$ 5,281,942
*Education	\$ 15,637,897	<u>\$ 18,104,134</u>
**Regional Jail	\$ 4,308,537	\$ 4,498,716
Fire and EMS	\$ 3,784,124	\$ 3,682,231
<b>Landfill</b>	<b>\$ 5,414,000</b>	<b>\$ 4,470,000</b>
**Water and Waste Water	\$ 719,502	\$ 719,502
*Social Services	\$ 1,636,992	\$ 1,636,992
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$ 36,648,058</b>	<b><u>\$ 38,443,517</u></b>

\*Required by the State

\*\*Set by long term contract

**Annual increase of all major expenses listed: \$1,795,459**

# What About the income?

## Major Revenue Streams

	FY26	FY27 (Projected)
Local Sales Tax	\$ 6,550,000	\$ 6,600,000
Real Property Tax	\$18,091,461	<u>\$18,284,026</u>
Coal/Gas Severance Tax	\$ 1,685,000	\$ 1,985,000
Personal Property Tax	\$10,139,127	\$10,685,589
Meals Tax	\$ 940,000	<b>\$ 750,000</b>
Cigarette Tax	\$ 310,000	\$ 325,000
Casino Revenues	\$ 900,000	<b>\$ 1,100,000</b>



	FY26	FY27 (Projected)
<b>Total Major Local Revenues</b>	<b>\$ 38,615,588</b>	<b><u>\$ 39,729,615</u></b>

**Annual increase of Major Local Revenues: **\$1,114,027****



### *Final Notes:*

This should be the last year for a high Landfill number as we will complete repair and construction of phase 5(A). This number should drop by about \$600,000.00 next year.

The Regional Jail bill continues to decline. Our inmate numbers are rising and the cost per inmate is rising; however, populations from other counties are growing faster so our share of the total cost is shrinking.

***The School Board number is soaring. If this pace of increase continues in F29 our current revenues will not sustain it. A 3% increase next year would be an additional \$540,000. That would consume any budget savings from the landfill cost declining.***

The meals tax may perform better than estimated for FY27, because we had limited data with which we could project revenues. In the FY27 budget we plan to make up the shortfall by delaying the start of the part time fire fighter department until October. In FY28 we will need to find funding for twelve months of service from other revenue streams.

The Bristol Casino revenue has risen sharply over the last two years. However, the Commission believes it will peak in FY28 at about \$200,000 more than this year's \$1.1m. We hope this will cover shortfalls in meals tax revenues.

**The most critical financial issues for the County are (1) containing the costs of operating the landfill and (2) meeting the State's expectations regarding school funding.**

*That's All Folks!*

