



2013-2015 Budget Hearings

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- **Total Budget**
 - Operating: \$6,808,186
 - Capital: \$0
- **General Fund Contribution**
 - \$2,054,118 (31% of total)
- **Budget FTE**
 - 35.8



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FY 2012-13 Accomplishments

- Supported County's consideration of Land Use and Public Works projects including North Branch Jail, Vincent Vineyards Winery, Mattei's Tavern, Park Hills Estates and acquisition of rights of way for the Union Valley Parkway Extension project.
- Prevailed in the litigated defense of General Land Use cases.
- Prevailed in the litigated defense of property tax cases of statewide importance brought by the "fractionally owned aircraft" industry.
- A defense jury verdict in a federal case (Madrigal) where five plaintiffs alleged that County probation officers violated their civil rights by arresting and imprisoning them with excessive force.



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FY 2013-14 Potential Service Level Reductions

- Reduction of 2.0 FTE attorneys. The inability to fill these positions will require reduced legal services for Community Services, Planning and Development, and Sheriff.
- Use of more costly outside counsel may be necessary to handle non-Risk funding litigation.
- Proposed staff reductions will result in a total loss of 10.6 FTE since 7/1/08.



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Navigating Towards a Stable Future

Implications of continued staffing shortfalls include:

- Increasing delays in legal services as demand continues to grow.
- Redirecting revenue resources to high risk projects can implicate general fund.
- Shift of legal services to time sensitive litigation with a corresponding loss of advisory services.
- Additional attorney resources will increase legal support for critical, high risk, County projects.



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Questions?

