



COLUMBIA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

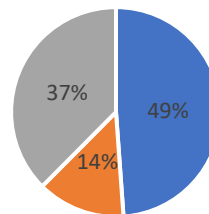
Brian E. Pixley, Sheriff

We Need to Keep Criminals in Jail

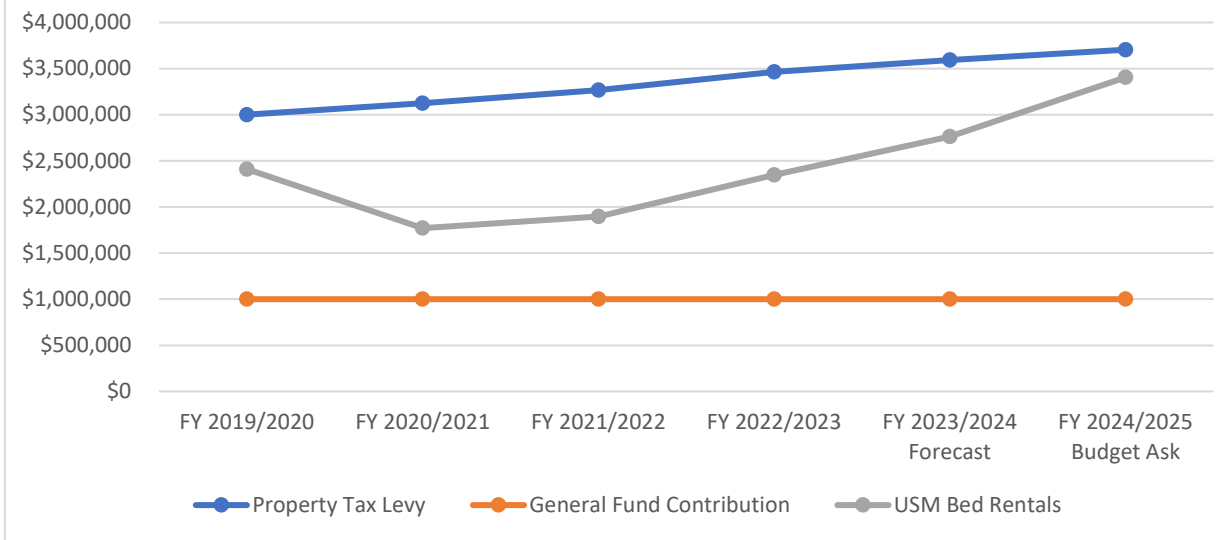
Why renew the Columbia County Jail levy?

1. **Insufficient funding.** The jail does not have sufficient funding. We have raised significant income through renting out empty jail beds to other agencies. It's still not enough to meet the budget requirements.

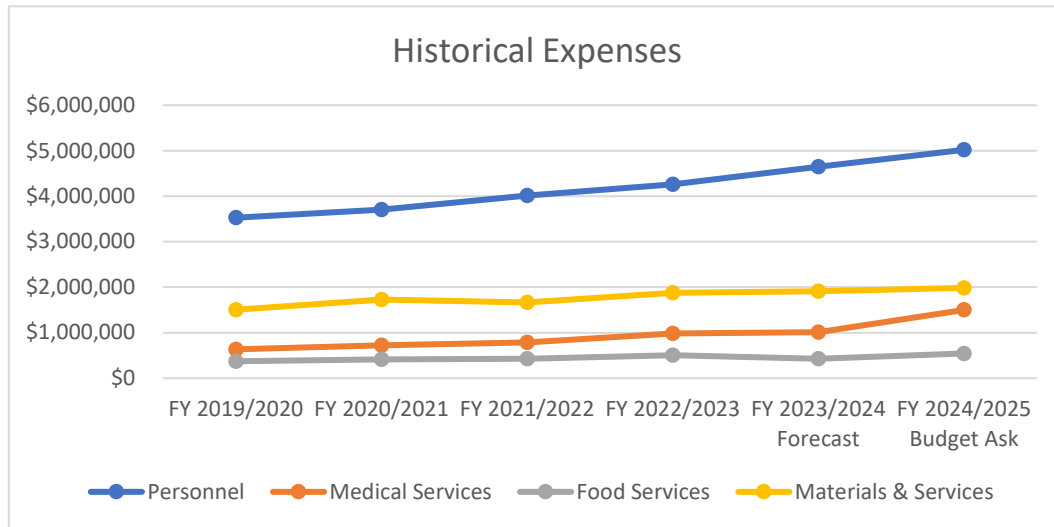
Income FY 2023/2024



Historical Income



2. Rising costs. Prices are rising and the current levy can't keep up. As a smaller correctional facility, it's also difficult to get competitive pricing on contracts like food and medical services, causing prices to increase. Wages have slowly increased as well, per the collective bargaining agreement with the union representing CCSO staff. Our Medical contract alone has increased by almost \$900,000 (129%) over the past 3 years. However, the jail levy has remained unchanged since it was passed in 2014.



3. Stark Realities. Without the Jail Levy in place, there is not enough money to allow CCSO to hold our local offenders and our Jail will become a book and release type facility, only able to house the most serious offenders. CCSO will be forced to lay off a significant amount of staff members in addition to not being able to hold or transport prisoners. This would mean public safety in Columbia County would be severely hobbled and it would make our cities and county a less safe place for our citizens to live, work and recreate in.

Questions? Please reach out to Sheriff Brian Pixley or Jail Commander Captain James Macfarlane at 503.366.4611.