



Washington County Arkansas
Tax Collector
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Real Estate and Personal Property Tax

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Dear, JP Deakins and Committee members of Finance and Budget

The Collector's Office is submitting their 2022 requested budget within the requested guidelines submitted in your letter. We respectfully request that you approve an increase of \$32,150.00 in line item 2009 (computer/IT Equipment) for the purchase of 28 computer stations that is needed to replace old outdated equipment. Keeping new updated equipment is essential for processing the most up to date information that is pushed out from our county IT dept and tax collector software. We have recently experienced a lot of hard drive crashes due to out dated equipment.

We would also like to request an increase of around \$100,000.00 or possibly more for line items 2020 (building materials and supplies) and 3009 (Professional services) for the expansion and modification in our Springdale office. This facility is not county owned but is sub-leased to us from the State Revenue Department, which we currently rent for .50 cents a year. This expansion has been put on hold for the past 3 years or more due to various reasons but is now becoming a necessity in order to keep up with the demand and growth in that area. Currently the Assessor's office is staffing 4 clerks in their office to our 2 clerks, this office is the busiest of all satellite offices, stamping thousands of assessments and processing well over 20,000 payments alone. Our expansion will give us 2 extra work spaces so that we can staff that location accordingly, prepare for future growth and allow us to keep up with the ever increasing volume of taxpayers utilizing that office.

The funds used for these requests will not affect the County General's budget at all. These funds will come directly out of the Collectors Automation budget fund through the Tax Collectors commissions in pursuant to Ark. code #21-6-305. This fund is generated thru commissions on collected revenue and come directly from the taxing entities. Should you have any further questions about this law or collectors automation fund please feel free to talk myself or Bobby Hill, the County Treasurer.

Sincerely,

Angela Wood,
Washington County Tax Collector