

## **Minnehaha County Commission Approves Fiscal Year 2021 Budget**

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Sioux Falls, SD - The Minnehaha County Commission approved the FY 2021 budget during its meeting this morning.

The FY 2021 budget year runs from January 1, 2021 to December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2021. New positions are limited to one additional Correctional Systems Operator and a paralegal within the Public Defender's Office. In addition, a Corporal within the Jail and a Deputy Sheriff will move from grant funded to general funds.

The FY 2021 totals \$113,293,582. A further breakdown includes \$67.6 million in General Funds, \$13.4 million in Highway Funds, and \$20 million for Capital Projects. The growth from FY 2020 to FY 2021 comes from a 1.7% increase from the Consumer Price Index and a 2.65% increase from new growth.

The FY 2021 budget does not utilize any additional opt-out dollars, either for the General Fund or for Capital Projects. The levy for the General Fund, building Fund and Bond Redemption totals 3.322 which is the lowest levy rate since 2013. Counties receive approximately 21% of property taxes revenues with the remainder being distributed to schools, municipalities, townships, and other special taxing districts.

While public safety officials continue to closely monitor expenditures, public safety expenses continue to outpace inflation and drive budget increases. Once someone is arrested, the expense for booking, prosecution, public defense, courts, and housing of prisoners is a county responsibility according to state statute.

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