What is the "County General" Portion of My Tax Dollar?
Fiscal Year 2013/2014

The "County General" portion of your tax dollar goes toward funding a wide variety of operations as follows:

BCC Functions (2.0707 mills) - The Board of County Commissioners (BCC) is a five-member board elected to represent the citizens of Charlotte County. The commission establishes policies and appoints a County Administrator to implement the policies and manage the operation of the County. The Commission adopts the millage rate annually and approves the budget, which determines the expenditures and revenue necessary to operate all County Departments. These dollars fund such diverse operations as EMS, Emergency Management, Parks, Libraries, Mosquito Control and our **Constitutional Officers:**

- Clerk of Courts – Fills the roles of Clerk of the Circuit Court, County Treasurer, Recorder, Auditor, Finance Officer and Ex-Officio Clerk of the County Commission.
- Supervisor of Elections – Administers all federal, state, county municipal and special district elections in the County.
- Property Appraiser – Prepares an annual tax assessment roll that is approved and certified each year by the Florida Department of Revenue. The local taxing authorities use the assessment roll to set their property tax rates and budgets.
- Tax Collector – The Office of Tax Collector is a separate entity from other County departments or agencies. It is the responsibility of the Tax Collector to collect revenue and public funding, pending their timely distribution, to various state, local agencies, and taxing authorities.

Capital Projects (1.2654 mills) – This allocation funds major capital improvements such as maintaining or constructing government facilities, parks and park facilities, parking lots, sidewalks, etc.

Charlotte County Health Unit (0.0907) – This allocation covers the County's state-mandated portion of funding Public Health operations which include Public Health policy, education and environment health. The rest of Public Health's funding comes from the State and direct fees.

Sheriff Operations (2.8739 mills) – This allocation funds the "county-wide" functions of the Sheriff's operations. This includes the Sheriff's constitutional responsibilities of Law Enforcement (1/3 is charged here with the other 2/3 covered under the Public Safety Fund) and Court Security as well as running the Charlotte County correctional facility on behalf of the BCC.

Charlotte Public Safety Unit (2.5855 mills) –covers the unincorporated portion of Charlotte County. This Unit is used to fund 2/3 of the Sheriff's constitutional responsibility for Law Enforcement.

The combined millage to fund Sheriff budgets is 5.4594 mills.

How your Tax Dollar is distributed

Note: Due to the timing of the adoption of tentative budgets, the Charlotte County School Board, Southwest Florida Water Management District, West Coast Inland Navigation, and Peace River Basin millage rates are based on their adopted FY12/13 budget.