

**County Executive's Report**  
**January 8, 2018**

- The 2019 budget work has started. The budget committee started 2019 work last week.
- Fiscal Report- Property tax at 52.2% collection as of December, compared to last year's 43%.
- It appears we have sales tax issues with an exemption of "research and development equipment." The State of Department of Revenue has provided information regarding a 2015 state law which exempts sales tax on "research and development equipment" which could have caused the Oak Ridge, Roane County (ORNL related) to fall from the number one situs area.
- The DOE Payment in Lieu of Tax bill has been submitted. Information will be filed with commission next month.
- The congressional budget does not include PILT money in the house bill, but it is the senate's markup budget. We will continue to monitor and lobby for this payment in lieu of tax, which pays about \$1,000,000 annually on the county's debt.