

County Executive's Report
March 20, 2017

From our work session on March 6, we discussed the potential Jail expansion and the purchasing of the Dollar General. A request was made for property taxes paid on the offered properties. You can find filed with the clerk a spreadsheet dated March 9, 2017, that is not only a list the county and city taxes but also the owner's offer and tax appraisal on each of the properties.

Dr. Watkins and I have met, exchanged emails and phone calls as we are developing an implementation plan for a planning and budgeting resolution for consideration for the respective approving bodies.

There are a number of steps in the planning recommendation and approval process before any plan has final approval.

The Budget Committee began the 2018 Budget development this past week with recommendations on the debt service funds with those funds receiving the same 2017 tax rate as the 2016 levy. Additional 2018 Budget work will take place this Thursday, March 23.

When reviewing the General Fund 101, property tax has been received of 92.4 % or 7,576,529 compared to last year's report in February of 92.9% or 7,411,900. Property tax is one of our biggest revenue sources and is consistent with last year's numbers.

The County Owned Back Tax Property Committee which deals with property purchased at a back tax sales will meet Tuesday, March 21.

On March 20, 2017 a letter from DA Russell Johnson states there will be a change in the current schedule for Roane County General Sessions Court. The change should help with our parking situation at the Courthouse.