

**Public Hearing On  
Hunterdon County Freeholders' Flat Budget  
May 16th**

Holding the line on spending for the fourth consecutive year, the Hunterdon County Freeholder Board will hold a public hearing on the 2017 Budget that maintains no increase in the county tax rate, on May 16<sup>th</sup>.

The introduced budget total of \$88,761,819 is slightly lower than the \$88,764,948, 2016 plan.

The public hearing on the budget is scheduled for May 16, 2017, at 5:30 pm, at the Freeholders' meeting room at the County Administration Building, in Flemington.

"Despite the various cost pressures on county government, by using a thoughtful, business oriented approach we are able to introduce a budget without an increase in spending yet again this year," Freeholder Director John Lanza said at the budget introduction meeting on April 25.

"Additionally, the county's tax rate remains unchanged since 2014. I believe the budget demonstrates that the Freeholder Board has taken its responsibilities to the taxpayers very seriously," Lanza added.

County Tax Rate Per \$100 Assessed Valuation

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| 2017 | 30.89 cents |
| 2016 | 30.89 cents |
| 2015 | 30.89 cents |
| 2014 | 30.89 cents |

Lanza pointed out, "In point of fact, thanks to the county's implementation of shared services and other efficiencies and economies over the past few years, the 2017 budget is still lower the county's 2006 spending plan. That is a record hard for any other county in New Jersey to match."

2006 County Budget \$93,420,355

2017 County Budget \$88,761,819

The Board's Deputy Director John King noted, "Over 55% of the county budget is allocated to five major service areas for Hunterdon County residents, funding for public safety, health and human services, education, engineering, road and bridges, and capital improvements."

Major Hunterdon County Budget Expenditures:

Public Safety \$13.8 million 16% of budget

Health and Human Services \$9.8 million 11% of budget

Education \$6.6 million 8% of budget

Capital Improvements \$9.8 million 11% of budget

Engineering, Roads, and Bridges \$8.9 million 10% of budget

The budget document is now forwarded to the state's Division of Local Government Services for review and approval.

The full budget is available at

<http://www.co.hunterdon.nj.us/pdf/finance/2017BudgetIntro.pdf>