# **County Attorney Summary**

	Actual FY 16	Original Budget FY 17	Adjusted Budget FY 17	Budget FY 18	% Change From Orig. FY 17	% Change From Adj. FY 17
County Attorney	\$894,261	\$877,850	\$747,920	\$758,050	-13.65%	1.35%
<b>Total County Attorney</b>	\$894,261	\$877,850	\$747,920	\$758,050	-13.65%	1.35%
Total Without Benefits	\$671,107	\$742,960	\$595,200	\$619,170	-16.66%	4.03%

FY 17 Adjusted Budget reflects a change in OPEB allocations.

#### **Mission and Goals**

The County Attorney provides legal representation and advice to the Carroll County Commissioners and their boards, commissions, officers and employees regarding matters affecting the County. The Department also provides advice and representation to other government agencies funded by the Board of County Commissioners.

#### Goals include:

- Protect the legal interests of the Board of County Commissioners
- Aid in the prompt resolution of disputes
- Ensure fair and equal treatment of citizens and employees
- Ensure that County laws, contracts, legal documents, and policies are of the highest legal standard

#### **Highlights**

Between FY 12 and FY 16, the County Attorney's Office collected more than \$1.3M in delinquent accounts related to unpaid taxes and fees, medical expenses for inmates, and reimbursements for accidents and bad checks.

FY 12	FY 13	FY 14	FY 15	FY 16
\$177,030	\$270,940	\$343,960	\$317,210	\$276,580

### **Budget Changes**

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## **County Attorney**

Description	Actual FY 16	Original Budget FY 17	Adjusted Budget FY 17	Budget FY 18	% Change From Orig. FY 17	% Change From Adj. FY 17
Personnel	\$572,909	\$598,290	\$450,530	\$474,650	-20.67%	5.35%
Benefits	223,154	134,890	152,720	138,880	2.96%	-9.06%
Operating	98,198	144,670	144,670	144,520	-0.10%	-0.10%
Capital	0	0	0	0	0.00%	0.00%
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Employees FIE	10.38	10.38	6.75	6.75		

Note: Actuals include a health and fringe allocation and other operating expenditures. Adjusted Budget includes budget changes made during the year. FY 17 Adjusted Benefits reflects a change in OPEB allocations. Ongoing mid-year changes have been annualized for comparison purposes.

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#### **Description**

This Department was created by State law to serve as in-house counsel to the Board of County Commissioners and all of the departments, bureaus, agencies, offices, quasi-judicial boards, commissions and other organizations that receive operating funds from the County.

In addition to furnishing legal advice and representation, the office handles real estate settlements, collections of delinquent accounts, zoning and building code violations, preparation of legal documents for subdivisions, and codification of County laws. It also handles cases for the local Department of Social Services and represents Carroll Community College, Carroll County Public Library, Humane Society and Sheriff's Office.

The Department serves as a resource to the citizens for general questions about County government and County and State laws.

## **Program Highlights**

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- Personnel increases due to a 3.0% salary adjustment and reclassifications.