

# County Attorney Summary

	Actual FY 18	Original Budget FY 19	Adjusted Budget FY 19	Budget FY 20	% Change From Orig. FY 19	% Change From Adj. FY 19
County Attorney	\$1,010,890	\$802,750	\$804,490	\$724,440	-9.76%	-9.95%
<b>Total County Attorney</b>	<b>\$1,010,890</b>	<b>\$802,750</b>	<b>\$804,490</b>	<b>\$724,440</b>	<b>-9.76%</b>	<b>-9.95%</b>
<b>Total Without Benefits</b>	<b>\$800,375</b>	<b>\$655,340</b>	<b>\$656,960</b>	<b>\$646,780</b>	<b>-1.31%</b>	<b>-1.55%</b>

## Mission and Goals

The Department of 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 14 and FY 18, the County Attorney's Office collected more than \$1.5M in delinquent accounts related to unpaid taxes and fees, medical expenses for inmates, and reimbursements for accidents and bad checks.

FY 14	FY 15	FY 16	FY 17	FY 18
\$343,960	\$317,210	\$276,580	\$300,040	\$262,640

## Budget Changes

- FY 20 Budget reflects a change in OPEB allocations. OPEB is budgeted in the Health and Fringe Benefits Budget, part of Human Resources.
- The decrease in FY 20 is due to a one-time increase in outside legal fees in FY 19.

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Description	Actual FY 18	Original Budget FY 19	Adjusted Budget FY 19	Budget FY 20	% Change From Orig. FY 19	% Change From Adj. FY 19
Personnel	\$475,271	\$489,450	\$491,070	\$505,730	3.33%	2.99%
Benefits	210,515	147,410	147,530	77,660	-47.32%	-47.36%
Operating	325,104	165,890	165,890	141,050	-14.97%	-14.97%
Capital	0	0	0	0	0.00%	0.00%
Total	\$1,010,890	\$802,750	\$804,490	\$724,440	-9.76%	-9.95%
Total Without Benefits	\$800,375	\$655,340	\$656,960	\$646,780	-1.31%	-1.55%
Employees FTE	6.75	6.75	6.75	6.75	-----	-----

Note: Actuals include allocations for health and fringe, OPEB, and other operating expenditures. The Adjusted Budget includes budget changes made during the year. Ongoing mid-year changes have been annualized for comparison purposes. FY 20 Budget reflects a change in OPEB allocations. OPEB is budgeted in the Health and Fringe Benefits Budget, part of Human Resources.

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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 represents Carroll Community College, Carroll County Public Library, Humane Society, and Sheriff's Office.

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

## Program Highlights

Between FY 14 and FY 18, the County Attorney's Office collected more than \$1.5M in delinquent accounts related to unpaid taxes and fees, medical expenses for inmates, and reimbursements for accidents and bad checks.

## Budget Changes

- A 3% salary increase is included in FY 20.
- Operating decreases due to a one-time increase in outside legal fees in FY 19.