

CLAREMORE – Rogers County Treasurer Jason Carini made several announcements during the Rogers County Board of County Commissioners meeting in February related to the County's budget.

He told the BOCC that the County received the Government Finance Officers Association's "Distinguished Budget Presentation Award" for a second year in a row.

To achieve this type of award, a governmental unit must publish a budget document that meets criteria in the areas of policy documentation; operational guide; financial planning; and as a communication device.

His office received recognition for the budget preparation that he attributes to the assistance of the County Commissioners and county departments.

BOCC Chairman Ron Burrows of District 3 said, "This was a goal for [a very] long time to create transparency within county government." This, he noted, provides that method of transparency.

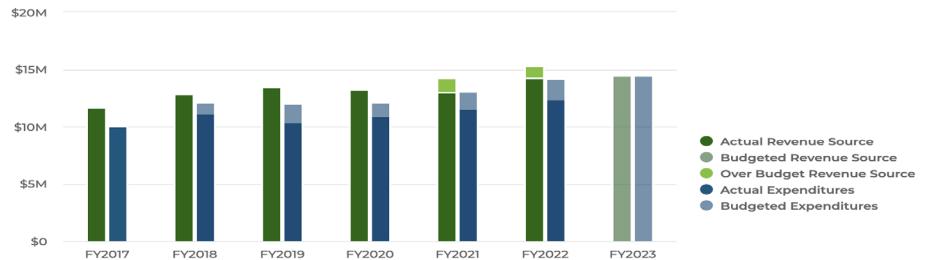
The public can view the newly updated version of the County's budget for 2022-2023 on the County's website.

The user-friendly platform enables County leaders to efficiently share information about its budget-line items, fund summaries, funding sources, departmental budgets, capital improvement projects

County receives distinguished award for county budget presentation

Summary

The County of Rogers is projecting \$14.5M of revenue in FY2023, which represents a 1.8% increase over the prior year. Budgeted expenditures are projected to increase by 1.8% or \$250,000 to \$14.5M in FY2023.



and debts.

Carini – the driving force behind the budget book – told the BOCC this budget book was created under the support of former chairman Commissioner Steve Hendrix District 2.

The detail for each County government office is one of the favored features for Carini, further giving the public insight into Rogers County's vision and direction.

The reason for its online presence he said, is to avoid the cost of publishing an astronomical amount of books to hand out. There will be, however, a very limited amount available for distribution soon.

Commissioner Hendrix said, "What makes this rather unique and special is not all counties received this, do they?"

Carini acknowledged that accuracy. He mentioned that this is something new in Oklahoma by being very proactive with the County's budget.

"The fact of the matter is our budget is 100% transparent and online. It's hosted on the [Oklahoma] State Auditor's website. You're absolutely right, Sir. It's not the common practice," he concluded.

Commissioner Dan DeLozier of District 1 said when the book was first launched it was intended to let citizens see exactly how funds are generated and allocated. The desire is to give a better understanding of how the County's annual budget plays a role in programs and services.

The link to the online budget book can be found by visiting www.rogerscounty.org. The interactive data sheet and budget includes several years of history and updates yearly for the budgeted year running from July to June.

Citizens can also look for planned projects and improvements related to roads and bridges throughout the county. A district map can be found on the County's website as well as the commissioner for a specific area.