



Budget Deficit Options Flowchart

The Board of Commissioners has been discussing options for addressing a predicted budget shortfall in 2014-17.

The alternatives raised so far include:

- Issuing Pension Obligation Bonds to cover retiree costs;
- Raising the cap on the County's general tax rate via a Headlee Override proposal;
- Increasing property taxes for a specific General Fund purpose (e.g. human services, public safety, general operations); or
- Reducing expenditures.

The flowchart to the right describes a variety of decision-paths. Blue diamonds at the top represent initial Board decisions. Black diamonds represent citizen decision-points. Red diamonds at the bottom represent final decisions by the Board.

