

FY 2026-27 Proposed Budget and Multi-Year Capital Plan

Clerk of the Court and Comptroller

MISSION STATEMENT:

The Clerk of the Court and Comptroller (COCC or Clerk) is committed to upholding integrity, transparency, and neutrality in judicial and governmental processes. Our mission is to provide exceptional service, enhance accessibility, utilize future-ready technology, and empower their workforce to exceed expectations.

THE COCC's ROLE IN MIAMI-DADE COUNTY:

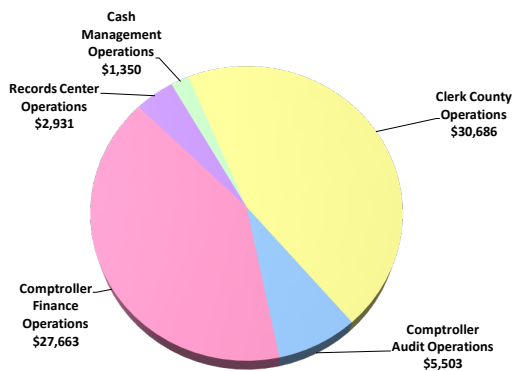
As a constitutional office, the COCC, established in 1885 by the Florida Constitution as an independently elected officer, is a public trustee charged with safeguarding the public's records and funds. As the elected constitutional officer, Juan Fernandez-Barquin, Clerk of the Circuit Court and Comptroller, serves in the roles of Clerk of the Circuit Court of the Eleventh Judicial Circuit of Florida, County Recorder, Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners and County Comptroller, which includes responsibilities as the Chief Financial Officer, Treasurer, and Financial Auditor, and is directly accountable to the residents of Miami-Dade County. The Clerk's office is the largest of the 67 Clerk's offices in Florida and serves a local population of over 2.8 million citizens. With nearly 1,000 statutory responsibilities and 15 locations, the COCC plays a critical role in Miami-Dade County's government, impacting public safety, commerce, and access to justice; visit <https://www.miamidadeclerk.gov> to learn more.

The Clerk of the Circuit Court and Comptroller monitors the County budget, revenue, debt and spending. The Clerk pays all County bills, ensuring each expense serves a public purpose, complies with the law, and is within the County's budget. The Clerk also maintains the County's financial records in order to produce all required financial statements using generally accepted accounting principles and adheres to financial compliance reporting as required by local, state, and federal laws. As Treasurer, the Clerk actively manages and earns interest income on the County's investment portfolio. As Auditor, the Clerk conducts independent risk-based and financial audits, including the audit of all County expenditures. The Clerk maintains the records of the County Commission and other Boards, providing all meeting minutes.

FY 2026-27 Proposed Operating Budget

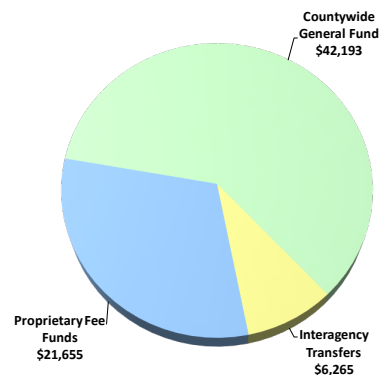
Expenditures by Activity

(dollars in thousands)



Revenues by Source

(dollars in thousands)



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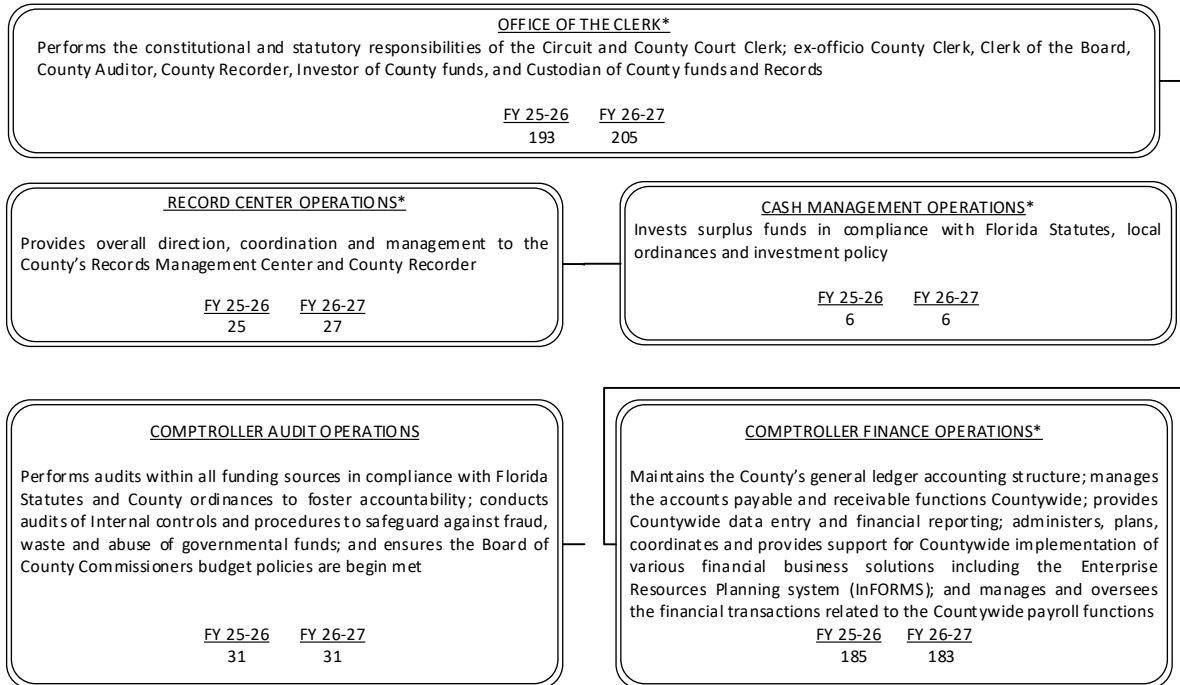
OPERATING FINANCIAL SUMMARY

(dollars in thousands)	Actual FY 23-24	Actual FY 24-25	Budget FY 25-26	Proposed FY 26-27
Revenue Summary				
General Fund Countywide	22,361	34,078	37,450	42,193
Carryover	4,767	4,287	3,448	4,176
Fees and Charges	14,164	15,380	14,067	19,096
Interest Earnings	0	42	0	200
Other Revenues	4,983	6,121	9,301	3,122
IT Funding Model	3,664	4,281	0	0
Interagency Transfers	459	994	1,022	1,811
Total Revenues	50,398	65,183	65,288	70,598
Operating Expenditures				
Summary				
Salary	24,991	34,816	40,076	40,313
Fringe Benefits	10,165	12,515	16,863	18,449
Court Costs	3	4	6	20
Contractual Services	3,958	2,551	2,714	5,421
Other Operating	2,789	-11,372	2,906	-2,315
Charges for County Services	2,122	7,723	2,146	6,000
Capital	298	-410	298	245
Total Operating Expenditures	44,326	45,827	65,009	68,133
Non-Operating Expenditures				
Summary				
Transfers	2,718	5,230	0	1,980
Distribution of Funds In Trust	0	0	0	0
Debt Service	0	0	0	0
Depreciation, Amortizations and Depletion	0	0	0	0
Reserve	50	0	279	485
Total Non-Operating Expenditures	2,768	5,230	279	2,465

(dollars in thousands)	Total Funding		Total Positions	
Expenditure By Program	Budget FY 25-26	Proposed FY 26-27	Budget FY 25-26	Proposed FY 26-27
Strategic Priority: Constitutional Office				
Clerk County Operations	29,504	30,686	193	205
Cash Management Operations	1,330	1,350	6	6
Comptroller Audit Operations	4,437	5,503	31	31
Comptroller Finance Operations	27,032	27,663	185	183
Records Center Operations	2,706	2,931	25	27
Total Operating Expenditures	65,009	68,133	440	452

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TABLE OF ORGANIZATION



* Positions funded from both Clerk and County fees, fines and service charges

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- The FY 2026-27 Proposed Budget includes funding for County-related operations and includes \$14.764 million of revenues generated by the Clerk from non-court related operations and General Fund support totaling \$42.193 million to fund the Clerk of the Board and Clerk operational support functions (\$16.651 million) and statutorily required functions of Comptroller Finance and Comptroller Audit Operations (\$25.542 million)
- As required under Ordinance 10-56 the FY 2026-27 Proposed Budget includes the transfer of \$130,000 to the Commission on Ethics and Public Trust to support its operations
- The Clerk of the Court and Comptroller's Office and the County, in coordination with the Aviation, Internal Compliance, People and Internal Operations, Public Housing and Community Development, Strategic Procurement, Water and Sewer Departments are collaboratively developing a comprehensive transition plan for the administration and support of the County's Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) system, INFORMS; any budget adjustments needed to implement the transition that are not already included in the FY 2026-27 Proposed Budget will be incorporated, as appropriate, through the First or Second Change Memorandum during the September 2026 budget hearings before the Board of County Commissioners; if portions of the transition are implemented before the end of FY 2025-26, any related operational or budget adjustments will be addressed, as appropriate, through the FY 2025-26 mid-year or end-of-year budget amendment process