

Effects of Fuel Prices on County Budgets

County	State	Situation	Response
Crenshaw County	Ala.	Fuel budget for county vehicles 30 percent higher than 3 years ago and 70 percent already used.	May have to use reserve funds to pay fuel bills. Also expect to cut nonessential services and other departments to trim their budgets.
Washington County	Ark.	Rural fire departments already over budget for fuel costs.	Expected to cut budget to other nonessential services.
Routt County	Colo.	County expected to be \$115,000 over budget for vehicle cost and \$225,000 over budget for road and bridge department by year's end due to record snowfall and soaring fuel costs.	Expected that county will not be able to maintain current levels of services in 2009.
Collier County	Fla.	Higher gas prices are causing EMS and fire departments to carefully watch the fuel budget.	Vehicles obtain fuel exclusively from county facilities. County looking into priority dispatch program to only EMS or fire engine depending on the type of call.
Escambia County	Fla.	Budget took into account rising fuel costs.	Monitoring whether budget projections were accurate. Schools may cut out field trips.
Lee County	Fla.	Sheriff's Department closely watching current budget and expects to increase next year's budget due to high fuel costs.	County expected to have to cut other programs in next year's budget to pay for higher fuel costs.
Pasco County	Fla.	N/A	Considering reducing number of employees taking county cars home.
Glynn County	Ga.	N/A	Relying more on foot patrols; relying more on speed traps and laser traffic enforcement. Planning on replacing vehicles with more fuel-efficient ones.
Logan County	Ky.	Reductions in state funding combine with gas tax. There is a freeze on transportation expenditures, when the expectation is the costs will rise by \$35,000. Leaders are also concerned that teachers will be less willing to commute to schools, making retention more difficult.	N/A
Warren County schools	Ky.	N/A	Bus drivers have been told to idle less; schools have been asked to reduce miles for extracurricular activities.
Carroll County	Md.	Bureau of Fleet Management budget increased by 11 percent, or about \$1.7 million. \$1.3 million was for gas.	Entered fixed-price fuel contract, considering buying more hybrid vehicles, ride-sharing program.
Frederick County	Md.	Gas prices have affected trash hauling costs to out of state transfer stations leading to a budget shortfall.	Considering increasing "system benefit fee" for residents or increasing tipping fee at county landfill. Considering dumping more trash in county landfill; however space is limited.
Alcona County	Mich.	N/A	Likely to decrease road projects this summer.
Montmorency County	Mich.	The Road Commission is over budget due to snow removal during a harsh winter and rising fuel costs.	Reduced road crew employee hours from 40 to 32 hours per week.
Oakland County	Mich.	In last 10 years, fuel costs for the Road Commission increased 300 percent while revenues increased only 11 percent. Many county departments over budget due to harsh winter, lower gas tax revenue, and higher fuel costs.	Sheriff's Department switching patrol cars from eight-cylinder vehicles to six-cylinder to reduce fuel usage. All departments are reducing fuel consumption through routine maintenance and efficient driving.
Presque Isle County	Mich.	The Road Commission is over budget due to higher winter maintenance costs, rising fuel costs, and reduction of revenue from gas tax.	Likely only able to do half of planned seal coating this summer, 15 miles instead of 30.
Clark County school district	Nev.	Increased costs of fuel and growth in number of kids needing services.	Consolidating routes; putting off technology upgrades on buses.
Nye County	Nev.	School District gas budget is up 40 percent over last year. Pahrump Senior Center fuel bill almost double for the same period last year.	Senior center considering cutting back on services and instituted screening process for Meals on Wheels.
Belmont County	Ohio	Currently 25 percent over budget due to higher fuels costs.	Considering buying own gas tanks to supply fuel to eliminate federal gasoline tax.
Brooke County	Ohio	Sheriff's Department currently \$8,000 over budget.	N/A
Jefferson County	Ohio	The county engineer's department experienced a 100 percent increase in fuel costs, \$33,000 at this point last year compared to \$66,000 this year.	N/A
Ohio County	Ohio	Revised Sheriff office's budget includes \$10,000 more spent on fuel than previously allocated.	N/A
Smith County	Texas	County fuel costs have increased by 184 percent in five years. East Texas Medical Center EMS is predicting to fall \$500,000 short on its fuel budget this year.	N/A
Culpeper County	Va.	Projecting costs to be \$14,000 more than last year.	N/A