

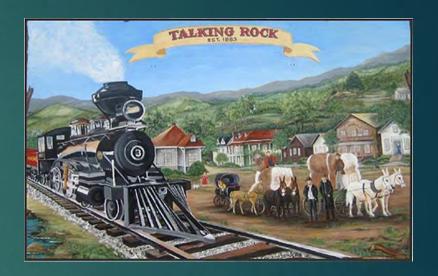
Annual Budget Proposal Fiscal Year 2025

PRESENTED BY MAYOR JAMES W. BRYANT, JR. 7 NOVEMBER 2024

FY2024 Year in Review

Accomplishments

- Town Hall Roof Replacement \$25K
- Town Hall Window Replacement \$1.2K
- Town Hall Mold Remediation \$6.1K
- Train Car Concrete Slab \$5.7K
- Park Parking Lot Asphalt Installation \$24.4K
- Park Mulch Installation \$1K
- Park Septic Repair, Restroom Upgrades, Fill Lines installation and Grading \$10.3K
- Successful Town of Talking Rock Easter Egg Hunt
- Farmers Market
- Inaugural Bronco Stampede
- Successfully conducted the 30th Annual Heritage Days Festival, drawing the largest attendance to date
- New Town Clerk
- Dedicated Building Inspector
- 4 New Business



FY2025 Year Outlook

- No significant increase in non-property tax revenue
- Milage Rate remains the same as of 2024
- Rapid inflation of wages, benefits, supplies, materials, and services are impacting Pickens County and the Town of Talking Rock
- Town of Talking Rock Operating Budget is the largest since its inception
- Pickens County will begin building the Town of Talking Rock Fire Station
- Marketing the Town of Talking Rock is the highest priority
- Full Member Council
- Special Projects Account
- Historical Elementary School Repairs
- No Transportation Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (TSPLOST)

Goals – FY2025 Budget

Deliver Core Functions

- Develop a progressive, responsible, and responsive budget
- Respond to service expectation of the community
- Address unmet needs and respond to growing inflation

Balanced Budget

- Maintain adequate undesignated fund balances
- Rebuild stable funding for capital improvements
- Project revenue and expenses to prevent supplemental needs



FY2025 Annual Goals

- New Entrance for Town Hall to be ADA Compliant
- Welcome Sign for the Town of Talking Rock
- GDOT approved study for Pedestrian Crossings on Main Street
- Installation of Pedestrian Crossings on Main Street
- Directional Signs for the Town of Talking Rock
- Asphalt Installations for Parking Lots
- ADA Compliant for Rail Cars currently being leased
- Park Improvements such as adequate sidewalks, benches and children's activities
- Repair Restrooms for Train Cars
- Repairs to Historical Elementary School
- State & GDOT studies on sidewalks and streetlights
- Study on downtown district septic services
- Event Schedule Calendar

Expenses - Departments

- Administration \$4,800.00
 - Mayor & 5-member council
 - No increase from 2024
 - Mayor \$150.00 a month
 - Council Members \$50.00 a month
- Town Clerk \$40,800.00
 - Full Time Position
 - \$20.00 an hour for a 40-hour week
 - No Overtime
 - **\$200.00** Monthly Compensation for Medical Expenses
- Maintenance Contract \$24,000.00
 - Monthly Service Contract for \$2000.00 a month, paid by-weekly
 - Contract (Yearly) with Jerry Wright
- Cleaning Services
 - Contract to clean Town Hall
 - \$150.00 a month

- Legal Services \$5,500.00
 - Purposed budget for 2025
 - As needed for council meetings
 - Any additional unidentified support



Operating Budget (Last 3 Years)

2022 - \$119.7K

2023 - \$107.5K

2024 - \$123.8K

Expense Summary Proposed for FY2025 "Town Hall"

"Town Hall"	2024 Operating Budget	2025 "Proposed" Operating Budget	Notes
Maintenance & Repairs	\$7,000.00	\$20,000.00	Increase
Maintenance Contract	\$24,000.00	\$24,000.00	No Change
Town Clerk	\$18,000.00	\$40,800.00	
Council Compensation	\$4,800.00	\$4,800.00	
Telephone	\$1,700.00	\$1,700.00	
Power	\$2,500.00	\$5,000.00	
Propane	\$2,560.00	\$3,067.86	
Water	\$532.00	\$532.00	
Audit	\$2,000.00	\$2,500.00	

"Town Hall"	2024 Operating Budget	2025 "Proposed" Operating Budget	Notes
Subscription/Licenses Dues	\$500.00	\$700.00	Microsoft Licenses and subscription
Advertising	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	
Office Supplies	\$1,000.00	\$1,500.00	paper, envelopes, printer cartridges
Building Supplies	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	Paper towels, mops, cleaning supplies
Legal & Professional Fees	\$5,500.00	\$5,500.00	
Training	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	
Insurance	\$7,000.00	\$7,000.00	
Postage	\$100.00	\$200.00	
Awards & Recognitions	\$2,000.00	\$2,300.00	

"Town Hall"	2024 Operating Budget	2025 "Proposed" Operating Budget	Notes
Donations	\$500.00	\$1,000.00	
Railroad Lease	\$400.00	\$400.00	
Septic Services	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00	
Library (Pickens County) Fee	\$200.00	\$200.00	
Toilet Paper - (Park & Brewery Restrooms)	\$1,400.00	\$1,400.00	Roman Chemical Account
Cleaning Services	\$1,800.00	\$1,800.00	
Storage Facility	\$0.00	\$1,200.00	Christmas Decorations, Heritage Day Supplies

Town Hall FY2025 Proposed Budget \$131,799.86

Expense Summary Proposed for FY2025 "Road Maintenance"

"Road Maintenance"	2024 Operating Budget	2025 "Proposed" Operating Budget	Notes
Streetlights & Power	\$3,500.00	\$4,000.00	
Maintenance & Repairs	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	

Road Maintenance FY2025 Proposed Budget \$5,500.00 Expense Summary
Proposed for FY2025
"Sanitation Services"

"Sanitation Services"	2024 Operating Budget	2025 "Proposed" Operating Budget	Notes
Dumpster (Waste Management) 8 Yard Dumpsters (2 Each)	\$4,500.00	\$7,319.88	
Trash Pickup Services (J&S Disposal)	\$3,000.00	\$4,392.00	
Supply Cost	\$500.00	\$500.00	

FY2025
Proposed Budget
\$12,211.88

Expense Summary Proposed for FY2025 "Park Services"

"Park Services"	2024 Operating Budget	2025 "Proposed" Operating Budget	Notes
Water	\$500.00	\$500.00	
Power	\$1,500.00	\$2,100.00	
Maintenance & Improvements	\$2,500.00	\$3,000.00	
Septic Services	\$500.00	\$500.00	
Vehicle Maintenance (Gator & Lawn Mower)	\$1,000.00	\$1,500.00	
Fuel Cost	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	

Park Services
FY2025
Proposed Budget
\$8,600.00

Expense Summary
Proposed for FY2025
"Train Car Support"

"Train Car Support"	2024 Operating Budget	2025 "Proposed" Operating Budget	Notes
Water	\$600.00	\$600.00	
Power	\$2,200.00	\$2,200.00	
Maintenance & Improvements	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	
Septic Services	\$500.00	\$500.00	

Train Car Support FY2025 Proposed Budget \$8,300.00

Expense Summary Proposed for FY2025 "Tourism"

"Tourism"	2024 Operating Budget	2025 "Proposed" Operating Budget	Notes
Power for Town Events	\$600.00	\$600.00	
Heritage Days Festival	\$10,000.00	\$1,000.00	
Website Services	\$1,600.00	\$3,200.00	
Video Services (Meetings)	\$600.00	\$600.00	
Various Events (TBD)	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	

FY2025
Proposed Budget
\$7,400.00

Town of Talking Rock
Total Operating Proposed
FY2025 Budget
\$173,811.74

Additional Proposed Budget

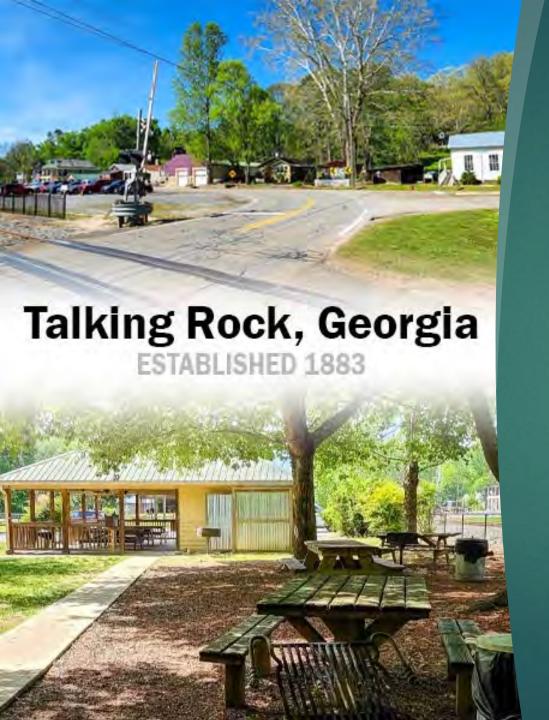
- Projected FY2024 General Operating Account (Year End)
 - \$423,779.31 (Based on November & December Estimates)
 - \$173,811.74 Proposed FY2025 Operating Budget
 - \$249,967.57 Remaining in current General Operating Account

Proposed Recommendations

- Establish 6th Bank Account called "Special Projects"
- Move \$150,000.00 from the balance of FY2024 General Operating Account into the new Special Projects bank account
- Move \$50,000.00 into School House Museum Fund from balance of FY2024 General Operating Account
- Remaining balance of the FY2024 General Operating Account
 - \$49,188.26 (Estimate)
 - Create a new Line Item under General Operating Account called "Unexpected Expenses"
 - Unexpected Expenses are those expenses we did not see coming. An example would be the need to buy a new maintenance vehicle because it was stolen.
 - A "Special Session" will be called to vote on any unexpected expenses

Projected Revenue for FY2025

- Leasing for Caboose (Storage for Talking Rock Brewery)
- Leasing for Train Car (Box Car Grill)
- Rental of Park Pavilion
- Town Hall Community Room Rental
- Vendor Booth Rental for Various Events
- Sponsorship for Various Events
- Monthly Tax Collection
- SPLOST



Thank you to the Town of Talking Rock and its staff for their efforts in developing the Proposed FY2025 budget