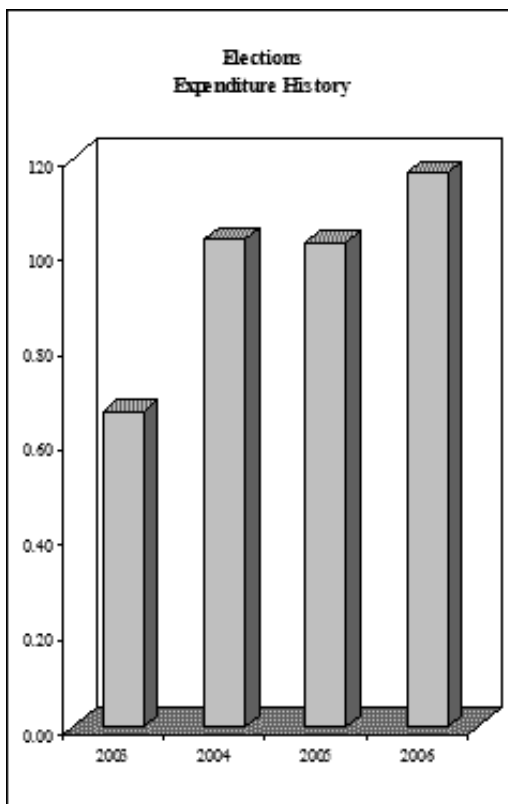




Elections

Expenditures	2003	2004	2005	2006
	Actual	Actual	Budget	Budget
Salaries & Wages	253,017	395,116	351,990	325,430
Personnel Benefits	56,380	75,518	78,596	88,168
Supplies	112,747	232,292	128,906	250,286
Other Services & Charges	245,312	327,710	464,667	505,958
Total	667,456	1,030,636	1,024,159	1,169,782
Staffing / FTE's	6.33	6.26	8.26	7.26

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Program Description:

The County Auditor is the ex-officio supervisor of all primary, general and special elections. With that responsibility comes the administration of the polling places, preparation of ballots, maintenance of voting equipment, publishing notices of elections, conducting the candidate filing period, maintenance of the official voter registration records and implementation of the bilingual election program as required by federal mandate. In addition, the Auditor serves on the 3-member County Canvassing Board along with the Prosecuting Attorney and the Chair of the Board of County Commissioners.

Major Objectives:

- Continue to implement and expand bi-lingual English/Spanish election program as mandated by the Voting Rights Act and the United States Department of Justice.
- Continue K-12 youth voter education program in the schools.
- Provide community outreach throughout the County to provide educational opportunities for new voting system.

Revenue/Expenditure Comment:

The major source of revenue in the Election budget is the reimbursement of election costs from the districts for election services and the reimbursement of voter registration costs from cities and towns for voter registration services. The federal government provides no reimbursement for the mandated bilingual election program.

Election budgets fluctuate on a four-year cycle in accordance with the number of candidates and issues that year's ballot. The change in the budget is a reflection of the different type of election year. The factors that increase this year's budget are the cost of implementing the bilingual election program. The new voting system will save a projected \$50,000 in ballot printing costs.