



PROTECTED LOCAL BUDGETS AND REVENUES

- The state budget passed this year: no new county cutbacks, cost shifts, or unfair new burdens
- Several proposals to erode county tax bases (income taxes, property taxes) were defeated
- Secured new flexible authority for business-friendly tax incentives for new or small businesses
- Helped to ensure needed funding for drug treatment and response programs statewide

SECURED SMART PUBLIC SAFETY REFORMS

- Justice reforms passed to improve justice and save costs – but avoided troubling local mandates
- Police procedures improved citizen accountability without impeding investigations into complaints or suits against officers
- Eliminated a troublesome cost-shift for appointed attorneys representing indigent pre-trial clients
- Fended off costly mandates on local jails

DEFENDED COUNTY LIABILITY AND EMPLOYEE PROTECTIONS

- Fought against costly bills proposing to open the doors to additional costly lawsuits against counties
- Defeated proposal to charge governments attorneys’ fees when sued by inmates, citizens
- Won common sense liability protection for rural Tri-County Councils, aiding with their insurability
- Protected privacy of employee records, avoiding frivolous complaints and opening personnel files

AVOIDED ADMINISTRATIVE BURDENS AND MANDATES

- Defeated broad and costly collective bargaining mandate on all local government employers, and comparable bill on community colleges
- Intrusive bills on land use planning, animal control, social services all shelved
- Resisted new costly burdens in school construction requirements
- Raised governmental concerns on broad-based bills affecting employers (sick leave)