

Johnson County Financial Reserve Policy

1. Unassigned General Fund balances will be maintained at a level to ensure sufficient cash flow throughout the fiscal year. Unassigned General Fund balances will not dip below 15% of taxes levied. Unassigned General Fund balances in excess of 25% of taxes levied will be considered for tax relief.
2. Unrestricted General Fund plus Unrestricted Capital Projects balances will be maintained at a level to ensure sufficient funds in the case of an emergency. These balances shall not dip below 30% of taxes levied for FY12 and all years thereafter.
3. In the event of an emergency, Unrestricted General Fund (including Unassigned General Fund) and Unrestricted Capital Projects balances may be utilized by a vote of the Board of Supervisors. If Unassigned General Fund balances dip below 15% or the total Unrestricted Fund Balances dip below 30% of annual taxes levied, the Board of Supervisors will formally adopt a restoration plan. The Board will look to several sources for restoration, including but not limited to: any budget surpluses, unanticipated one-time revenues, insurance proceeds, and disaster relief received from the State or Federal government. All efforts will be made to restore the fund balance within 3 years of cessation of the event causing the draw on the fund balance. Unassigned General Fund Balances will be used last and restored first.
4. Reserves will also be maintained in Rural Basic (Restricted), MH/DS (Restricted), Debt Service (Restricted), and Secondary Roads (Restricted) funds. Reserve totals may vary in Restricted Fund accounts, and shall be set by a vote of the Board of Supervisors.

Components of fund balances (GASB 54 Terms):

Nonspendable - Inherently nonspendable

Restricted – Externally enforceable limitations on use

Committed – Limitation imposed at highest level of decision-making that requires formal action at the same level to remove

Assigned – Limitation resulting from intended use

Unassigned – Total fund balance in excess of nonspendable, restricted, committed, and assigned fund balance

Unrestricted – Includes Committed, Assigned, and Unassigned.

Johnson County Terms:

General Fund = General Basic + General Supplemental

General Fund + Capital Projects = General Basic + General Supplemental +
Capital Projects + Capital Expenditures + Technology