Why Raise Taxes?

From 2004-2007, the Cordaro-Munchak Administration borrowed $118 million and placed taxpayer funds into SWAPS, which resulted in increased debt service and SWAP termination fees totaling $14.3 million.	$14,300,000.00
The County has lost $4.4 million in federal and state assistance dollars in the past year. $3 million was lost in federal prisoner revenue due to a reduction in INS prisoners in Pennsylvania, a $1 million loss in emergency services and $400,000 in human services.	$4,400,000.00
Due to contractual wage increases, arbitration awards and increases in the cost of fuel and utilities, the County's operational expenses have increased by $617,700.	$617,700.00
Total Budget Shortfall	**$19,317,700.00**

Current County Tax Millage: **39.998** • Tax Millage Increase: **15.002** • Tax Increase as a Percentage: **37.5%**

How Did the County Hold the Line on Taxes for 4 Years?

Reduction in County government expenditures by more than	$20,000,000.00
The County utilized $9,200,000 in one-time revenue sources to bridge the gap. The sources included sale of the County nursing home, SWAP terminations and baseball reimbursements.	$9,200,000.00
Workforce Reduction	32%

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