Tucker County Development Authority

Trends Report
July 18, 2026

Economic Trends

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Population Decline

According to the U.S. Census Bureau, Tucker County's population declined from **7,141 residents in 2010 to an estimated 6,540 residents in 2025**, a decrease of **601 residents (8.4%)**.

Tucker County's housing trends differ from its population trends. While the county's population declined by 8.4% between 2010 and 2025, the number of housing units increased by approximately 11%,

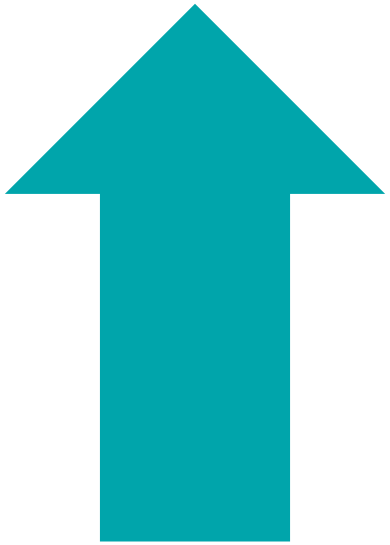
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Demographic Shifts

Tucker County has an aging population, with **nearly one-third** of residents (29.5%) **age 65 or older**.

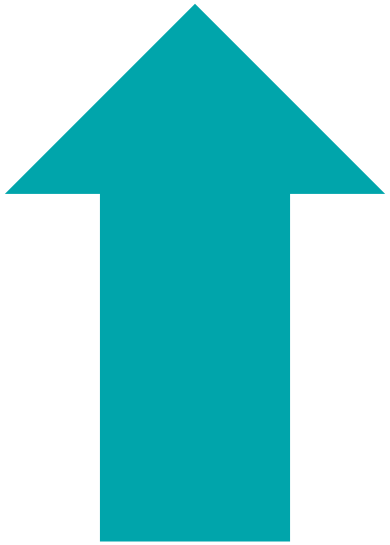
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Increase in Median Household Income

Despite the population decline, median household income in Tucker County increased from $33,915 in 2010 to **$53,358 in 2024** dollars (2020–2024 ACS estimate). This represents an increase of approximately **57.3%.**

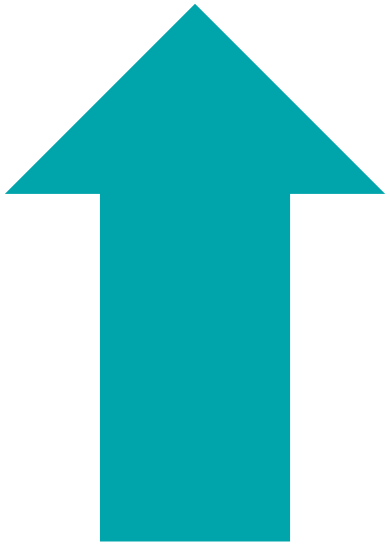
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Increase in Educational Attainment

The percentage of Tucker County residents with a bachelor's degree or higher increased from **13.7%** in 2010 to **20.6%** in 2021 and has continued to rise to approximately **23%** in the latest U.S. Census Bureau ACS estimate.

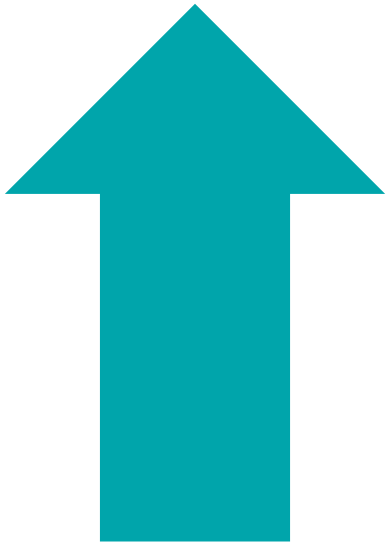
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Small Business Growth

According to the West Virginia Secretary of State's Office, Tucker County had **269** active business registrations in January 2010. By July 1, 2026, that number had increased to **691 active registrations**, an increase of 422 businesses, or approximately 156.9%

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Decrease in Poverty Rate

Tucker County's poverty rate has generally declined over the past decade, although recent estimates show some fluctuation. After higher poverty levels around 2010, the rate decreased through the late 2010s before increasing modestly in the most recent Census estimates. Overall, poverty remains lower than it was at the beginning of the decade.

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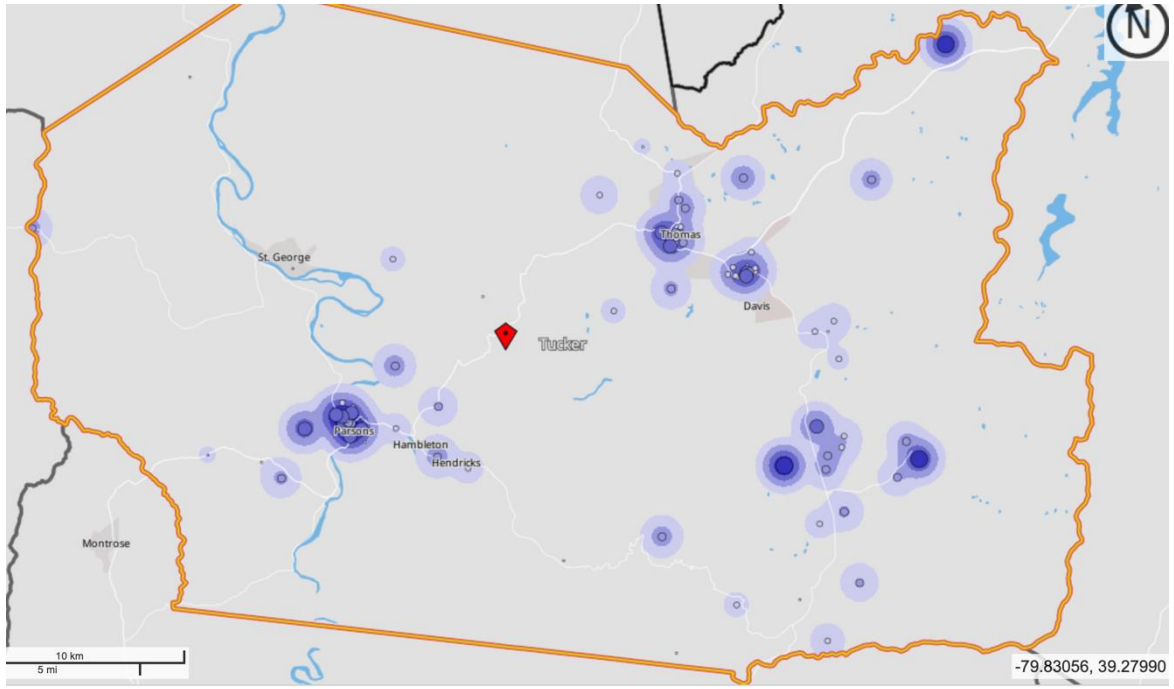
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Tucker County Snapshot

3,185
Civilian Labor Force – 2025 Annual Estimate

3.8%
Unemployment Rate – 2025 Annual Estimate

27.4 minutes
Mean Travel Time to Work – 2020–2024 ACS Estimate



Workforce Inflow / Outflow

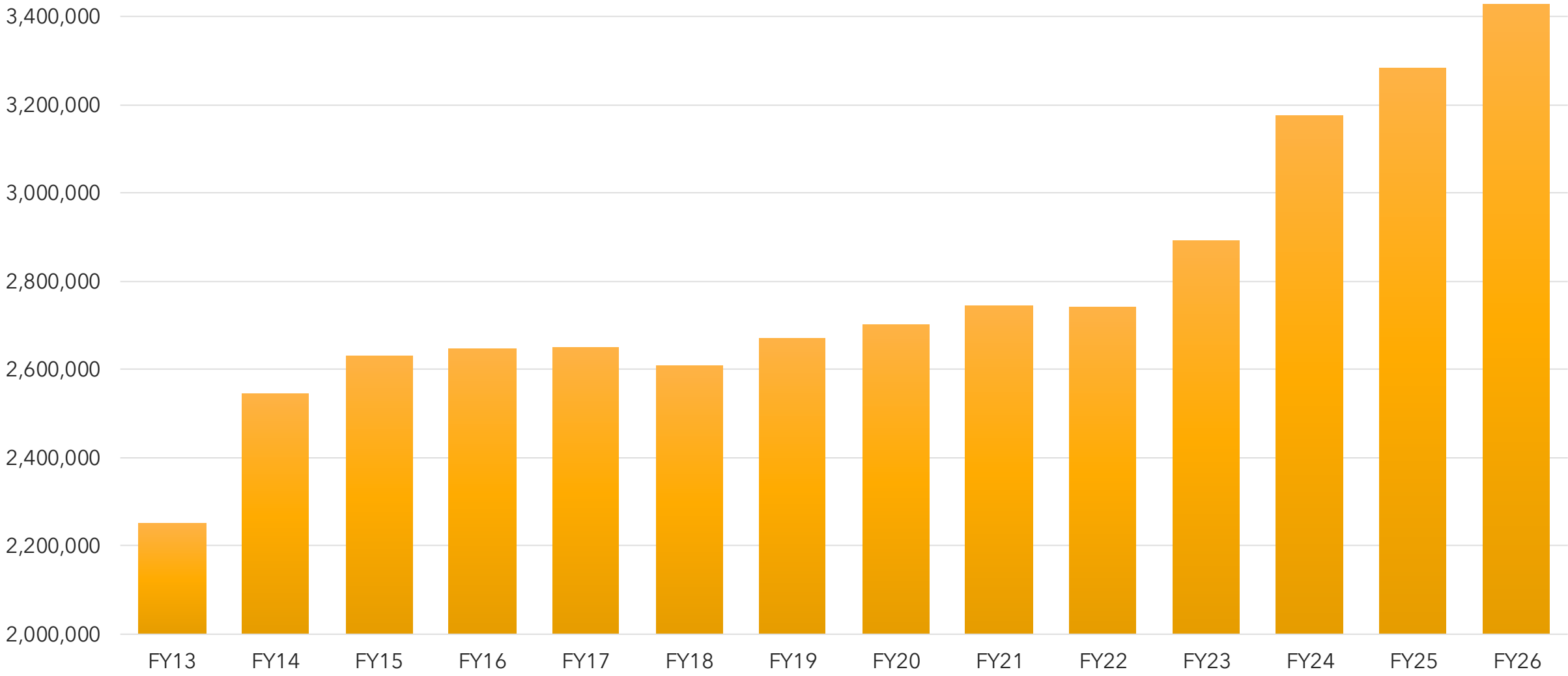
2011	2023
876 Live & Employed in Tucker County	**1,343** Live & Employed in Tucker County
1,398 Live Outside Tucker County, Employed in Tucker County	**1,282** Live Outside Tucker County, Employed in Tucker County
2,907 Living in Tucker County, but Employed outside	**1,542** Living in Tucker County, but Employed outside

Growing Our Tax Base

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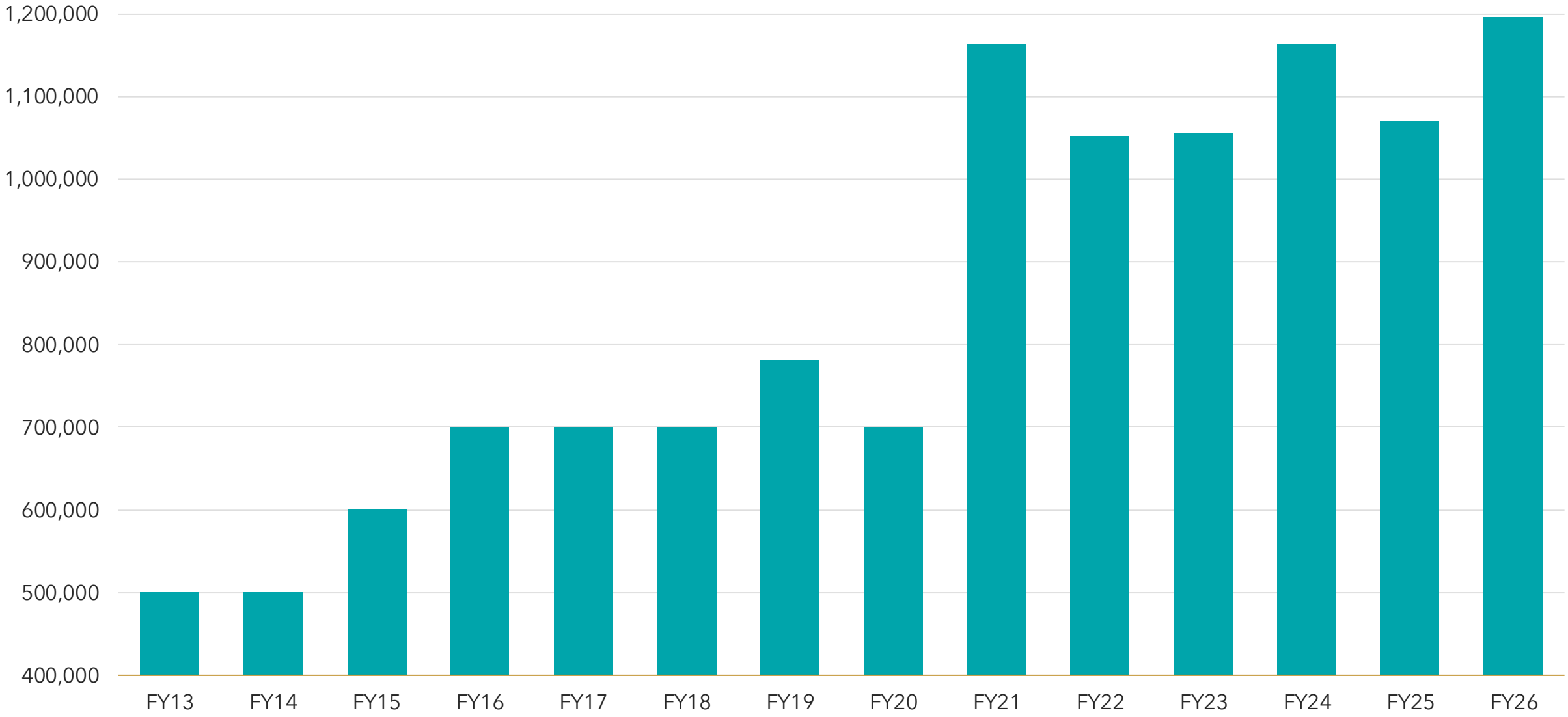


Tucker County Property Tax



Source: Property Tax Current Year, Tucker County Budget, WV State Auditor, Revised General Fund

Tucker County Hotel Tax Collections



Source: Hotel Tax, Tucker County Budget, WV State Auditor, Revised General Fund