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**Budget Summary 2014**

**Total Revenues:** $366,760,981

- **Property Taxes:** The revenue budget reflects net property tax, which is the total levied minus 1% uncollectibles. ($143,492,411 - $1,434,925 = $142,057,486).
- **Intergovernmental Revenues:** These revenues are primarily Federal and State pass through monies for social service programs, state shared monies for roads, state lottery proceeds, other various government programs, and grant programs.
- **Sales & Use Taxes:** Restricted to voter approved initiatives and designated to Open Space, Offender Management, Worthy Cause, Transportation, and Trails.
- **Other Revenues:** Includes specific ownership taxes, motor vehicle fees, recording and filing fees, Treasurer’s fees, building permits, various other fees, rents, and charges for services.
- **Flood Reimbursement:** Federal and State shared monies for flood-related employment services.
- **Use of Fund Balance:** The most significant use of fund balance is from the General Fund, the Capital Expenditure Fund, the Open Space I Fund and the Conservation Trust Fund.

**Where do my property taxes go?**

**Total 2014 Property Taxes Levied:** $508,186,151

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**Boulder County Revenues**

- **Property Taxes:** 39% of the county’s revenue, comprising 28% of property taxes levied go toward Boulder County 2014 revenues, comprising 39% of the county’s revenue budget.
- Boulder County collects taxes for all taxing districts in the county, including school districts, cities, fire districts, water and sanitation districts, and other special districts, and distributes the monies to those districts. Tax notices indicate all the taxing districts for a parcel, the various mill levies for each district, and the total taxes due. This chart shows the gross amount of property tax levied, while the revenue budget reflects the net property tax (the gross minus uncollectibles).

**Major Changes Between 2013 and 2014 Budgets**

**Flood Recovery**

- Flood recovery expenses in the General Fund budget include over $19 million for the repair of Open Space property, infrastructure and trails. This is partially funded by $7.8 million in reimbursement revenues related to 2013 eligible flood expenditures. An additional amount of more than $1.5 million is appropriated in the Capital Expenditure Fund for repairs to county buildings.
- The Road & Bridge Fund budget includes an additional amount of more than $15 million for flood-related transportation infrastructure repairs and reconstruction. Roads destroyed or damaged in 2013 have been temporarily repaired to allow traffic into the affected areas, with permanent construction planned to commence in the spring of 2014. This construction is mostly funded by anticipated reimbursement revenues.

**County Programs**

- The General Fund includes an additional $1 million in the Sustainability budget for the EnergySmart program and $950,000 in the Clerk & Recorder’s Elections Division base to fund the 2014 General Election.
- The Subdivision Paving Local Improvement District (LID) is a new Fund for the county adding $46.0 million to the budget. The LID is funded from annual assessments on properties within the district and an annual contribution from the county of $1.6 million.
- The Social Services Fund was increased by $2 million, mostly from intergovernmental block grants from the State, to fund additional Colorado Works and Child Welfare programs. The Human Services Temporary Safety Net Fund, approved by voters in November 2010 and funded annually for five years by 0.9 mills of property tax revenue, will provide $3.2 million in 2014 for families in need.
- The Work Force Fund was increased by $1 million, all funded from federal grant revenues for flood-related employment services.
- The Better Buildings Fund is nearing the end of the ARRA grant funding and represents a decrease of 5.5 million in the 2014 budget.
- An increase of $1.5 million for Boulder County’s self-insured Health and Dental plan is appropriated in the Risk Management Fund. This is funded from both employee contributions and the county.
- The salary and benefits package for county employees in the 2014 budget includes market and range adjustments to salaries in selected job classifications and a merit pool funded at 2%. There is no increase in the PERA retirement benefit rate for 2014.

**Carryover of previous funding sources**

- The 2014 budget includes carryover of unexpended amounts in 2013 for the Conservation Trust Fund ($1.5 million), the Open Space I Fund ($3.3 million), and Worthy Cause Fund ($925,000).
- The Capital Expenditure Fund budget includes carryover in an appropriation of $17.5 million of unexpended bond proceeds to continue the design and construction of the St. Vrain Health and Human Services complex in Longmont and the new Coroner’s facility in Boulder.

**Revenues**

- Improvements to the local economy following the recession have resulted in an increase of 7% in sales and use tax revenue projections for 2014 over the 2013 adopted budget. This revenue stream is restricted to specific uses approved by voters in prior years, including Open Space acquisition and maintenance, Worthy Cause, Offender Management, and uniquely defined Transportation projects and trails.
- The 2014 property tax revenues are based on the 2013 Assessed Valuation which reflects a reappraisal year for the county’s taxable real property. The 2013 Assessed Valuation increased by 1.7% over the prior year due largely to a modest increase in new construction. This assessment is still reflective of the 2008/2009 recession impacts on real property values, due to the timing of the assessment process. Included in the assessment is a pro-rated reduction for property destroyed in the recent floods. The result of the valuation change is an additional budgeted property tax revenue of $2.38 million.
- Ballot issue 2009-1A allowed the property tax mill levy rate to grow until it reached the TABOR allowed maximum of 23.745 mills. Beginning in 2011, ballot issue 2010-1A allowed 0.9 mills to the maximum. The total mill levy for the county for taxes collected in 2014 is 25.120, including a levy of 0.475 mills yielding $2.38 million to recover property taxes refunded and abated in 2013.

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