

PUBLIC WORKS FUND SUMMARY

The Public Works Fund records all costs related to Weld County road and bridge construction and maintenance. This fund is also utilized for allocation of monies to cities and towns for use in their road and street activities. The resources for 2012 total \$51,394,191 which includes a fund balance of \$22,800,000, in addition to the revenue shown in the budget. Property tax is set at \$6,987,191. Specific ownership tax is estimated to be \$6,330,000, the same as 2011. Regular HUTF is at \$8,040,000 due to people driving less and more fuel efficient vehicles. However, with the passage of SB09-109, Weld County will receive \$1,810,000 from the added HUTF revenue resulting from this new legislation. Total HUTF will be \$9,850,000, up \$320,000. Other revenues include \$1,792,000 from transportation impact fees. Permit revenues are budgeted at \$400,000. Motor vehicle registration fees are up \$50,000, and grazing fees are up \$10,000.

Federal mineral lease revenues are down \$200,000 due to the creation of the Weld County Federal Mineral Lease District. The federal mineral lease revenue will flow through the new district and then Public Works will apply to the district for the funding of projects. In 2012, the district is funding \$790,000 in oil and gas haul route projects. The \$790,000 is budgeted in other revenues from project reimbursements.

Other revenues from project reimbursements total \$2,717,000, which are up \$1,882,000. Transportation impact fees are budgeted at \$1,792,000. There is also a grant of \$135,000 from Union Pacific Railroad for the crossing improvement on CR 80. Severance tax is budgeted at \$1,810,000, up \$210,000 for 2012. In accordance with the policy adopted by the Board of County Commissioners in 2010, the severance tax revenue is budgeted at a five year leveling average due to the fluctuations of the revenue created by the price and production levels of oil and gas commodities.

The budgeted appropriations for Public Works in 2012 total \$32,570,248 up \$5,459,291. Municipal share back is funded at \$1,452,940. Budget reflects a 10 percent increase in health insurance costs. The county contribution to the Weld County Retirement Plan was increased 3.5 percent. 2012 salary increases are funds for step increases due employees in 2012 and a 2 percent cost of living salary adjustment is included in this budget for a total of \$321,000.

The overall Public Works budget has been impacted \$885,247 due to the increase in fuel costs. The Other Public Works budget is up \$4,905,575 based on the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP). \$4,000,000 has been added for the Haul Route Program (HARP). HARP is to improve roads impacted by the oil and gas industry's heavy hauling on county roads due to the new exploration. The Haul Route Program road improvement plan has been developed in conjunction with the energy industry to identify haul routes that need to be improved to accommodate the heavy hauling traffic and address safety issues. Contract payments decreased \$396,000 for CIP projects. Strategic Roads increased \$1,021,575 based on CIP projects which include the grant match for UPRR grant on CR 80 (\$135,000), and the intersections of CR 49 and CR 54 (\$65,000), CR 55 and SH 392 (\$925,575), and CR 60.5 and CR 53 (\$169,000). Strategic Road ROW and utility costs include funds for the intersections of CR 55 and SH 392 (\$61,500) and CR 60.5 and CR 53 (\$50,000). Grants decreased \$80,000 as there will be no bridge grants in 2012. Right-of-way purchases and utility relocations increased \$360,000 based on CIP projects which include the project at CR 23/SH 392 (\$250,000), CR 28-7/9.5 (\$30,000) and Bridge/Road at 42/29A (\$70,000). Pavement Management is funded at an increased level of \$192,274, with \$3,100,000 included for asphalt purchases. Over time, the department has been reduced where possible. Seasonal staffing is maintained at the current level. Other operating budgets for road and bridge maintenance are funded at near the 2011

funding level. With some operational economies to offset fuel costs the current service level should be able to be maintained with the funding recommended.

The 2012 Public Works Capital Improvements Plan is available on the county web site at http://www.co.weld.co.us/departments/public_works/index.html.