

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 2020 total \$112,540,797 which includes a fund balance of \$47,000,000, in addition to the revenue shown in the budget. Property tax is set at \$24,000,000 up \$5,000,000 from 2019. Specific ownership tax is estimated to be \$11,300,000. Total HUTF will be \$11,000,000, up \$300,000 from 2019. Permit revenues are budgeted at \$500,000. Motor vehicle registration fees are \$370,000, and grazing fees are \$500,000 due to energy development in the Pawnee Grasslands. Oil and gas revenues are \$9,500,000. The lease/purchase payment from the Hoekstra Pit is \$215,797. There is \$750,000 from Solid Waste for paving of impacted roads.

Federal mineral lease revenues are \$1,450,000 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 2020, the district is funding \$1,450,000 in oil and gas haul route projects. PILT is budgeted at \$80,000 with the Federal Mineral Leasing District funding change.

Other revenues from project reimbursements total \$4,250,000. There are Energy Impact Assistance grants of \$2,400,000 with \$2,000,000 for the Tier 2 projects and \$400,000 for two Tier 1 projects. There is a state grant for Bridge 19/46.5 for \$500,000. There are no flood project grants in 2020. There is \$1,350,000 from CDOT for the US 85 closure improvements. Severance tax is budgeted at \$1,500,000. 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 2020 total \$65,348,108 up \$2,247,830 primarily due to more construction projects funded in 2020. Municipal share back is funded at \$3,863,455. 2020 salary increases are for step increases due to employees, and a 3.0 percent cost of living salary adjustment in this budget for a total of \$104,128.

Other Public Works budget unit is budgeted at \$22,444,977 based on the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP). Personnel Services are up a total of \$162,223. Purchased Services increased \$743,323. Contract Payments decreased \$875,000 as the 2013 flood projects are complete which reduced the account by \$2,600,000, and additional US 85 Closure Improvement projects were added at a cost of \$1,350,000. Contract Payments saw an increase in bridge maintenance and rehabilitation of \$100,000. Strategic Roads increased \$1,893,323 due to the change in road projects for the year and the addition of the County's proportional share line item for Weld County Road 58/53 Intersection project (\$3,683,323), \$1,506,654 for the joint project for CR 37/SH 52, \$1,000,000 for CR 29 from CR 90 to CR 100, \$6,000,000 for the intersection CR 54/CR17 project. \$3,000,000 is budgeted for the Haul Route Program (HARP). Other contract payments are for seeding (\$150,000), low volume roads (\$2,000,000), BMP projects (\$100,000), and \$250,000 for the Master Pollution Prevention Plan, \$200,000 for Weld Parkway maintenance, and bridge rehabilitation (\$550,000).

Design and ROW/utility projects include CR/17 intersection utilities (\$1,500,000), O Street/35th Avenue ROW and utilities (\$625,000), SH66/CR 21 ROW (\$400,000), CR 29 utilities (\$150,000), CR 64/41 design and ROW (\$400,000), CR 66/41 design and ROW (\$400,000), CR 37 design (\$400,000), and CR 13/CR6 design (\$275,000) for a total of \$4,150,000. Fixed Charges went down by \$320,000 as Right-of-Way Purchases were moved to Engineering to consolidate all

purchases (reduction of \$50,000). Grants & Donations went down by \$270,000 as bridge projects with Colorado Department of Transportation were updated.

Without including salary adjustments Trucking is up \$37,523 with supplies increased \$20,000 for hard mount of county radios on five trucks. Purchased services decreased a total of \$106,993 due to the following: Contract Payments had a \$250,000 increase for increasing the number of contract trucks hauling material from 10 to 12 plus a 3% CPI increase. Vehicle Expense is down \$356,093 and Repair and Maintenance Other is down \$1,000 due to anticipated decrease in repair costs due to a newer fleet. Gravel Road Management operations decreased \$147,700 primarily due to vehicle costs being down \$410,973. Bridge Construction is up \$186,429 primarily due to two additional positions. Maintenance Support is up \$260,779 with the increase of two Service Worker II positions, and deicer costs. Pavement Management is up \$166,994 due to increased signer and flagger costs. Other operating budgets for road and bridge maintenance are funded at near the 2019 funding level. With some operational economies to offset some of the inflationary costs, the current service level should be able to be maintained with the funding recommended.

While the growth in the County's assessed value and economic stimulus of the energy industry in Weld County has been positive, the downside is the County has had to add significant resources to the Public Works budget over the last few years to accommodate heavy hauling traffic, address safety issues, and improve roads impacted by the oil and gas industry's heavy hauling on county roads due to new exploration. A five-year Public Works Capital Improvement Plan will continue to be updated annually and will ensure a fair and reasonable determination of project priorities in accordance with the County's overall transportation needs, especially in dealing with the impact of energy development in the County. As oil and gas prices and production stabilize, looking forward to 2020 and beyond, the amount spent on capital projects should also be stable.

The 2020 Public Works Capital Improvements Plan is available on the County web site at http://www.co.weld.co.us/departments/public_works/index.html.