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## NEWS RELEASE

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Re: 2015 Budget Meetings

### **THE 2015 BUDGET PROCESS FOR WELD COUNTY BEGINS TUESDAY WITH EARLY WARNING**

WELD COUNTY, CO – The 2015 budget season is upon us and early warning budget meetings will start tomorrow, Tuesday September 16, 2014, at the County Administration Building located at 1150 O Street in Greeley. The meeting will provide not only an overall summary of the 2015 proposed budget but also department specific overviews regarding budget requests. No budget decisions will be made at tomorrow's meeting which begins at 9:00 a.m.

According to the budget summary prepared by the county's Budget Director Don Warden, "The Weld County 2015 Proposed Budget for operations and capital outlay totals a gross amount of \$262,711,998 with a net of \$257,796,353 when interfund transfers are excluded...The budget is funded with revenue estimates of \$150,028,338, anticipated fund balances of \$135,860,000, and the maximum allowed property tax under Amendment One (TABOR) and the Weld County Home Rule Charter of \$131,701,351."

Some of the highlights in the proposed 2015 Budget include:

- The county's mill levy will be reduced by over one mill to 15.800 mills
- Assessed value increased 28.02% or \$1.97 billion primarily from oil and gas production
- Complete the design for the construction of 20 miles of the four-lane WCR 49 south corridor from US 34 to I-76 as part of a design/build contract
- Complete road and bridge mitigation projects resulting from the September 2013 flooding
- Continue to fund a Haul Route Program (HARP) to improve county roads impacted by the energy industry due to new oil and gas drilling exploration

The final draft regarding the 2015 Budget will be presented at the October 14, 2014, budget work session.

For more information about the 2015 Budget, please visit [www.weldgov.com](http://www.weldgov.com) and navigate to the Finance page under the Accounting department.

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