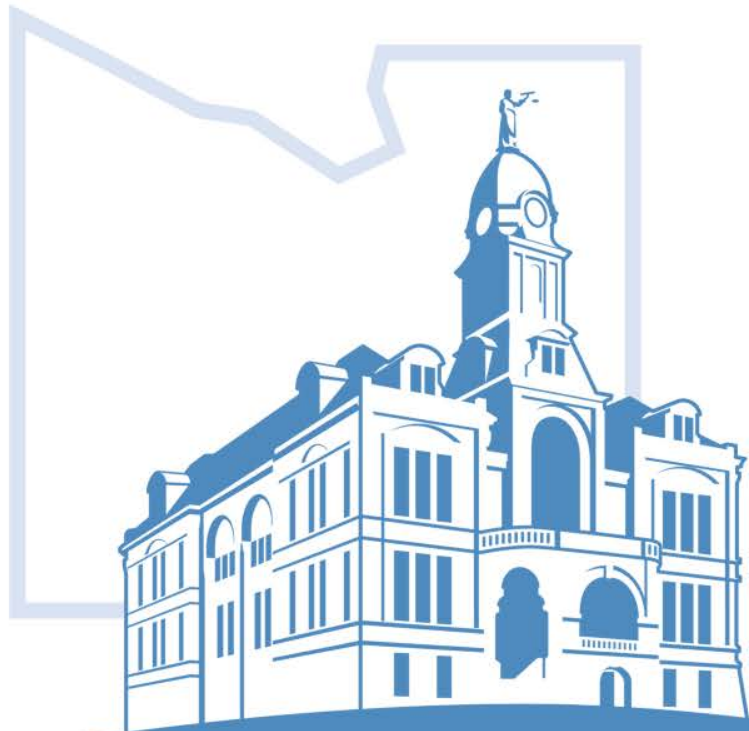


Budget Hearing Presentation

December 12, 2017



Blue Earth County



Welcome

The purpose of this hearing is...

1. To explain the proposed budget and proposed tax levy for 2018.
2. Obtain public feedback on the proposed County budget.



Market values shown on your Truth-In-Taxation notice are final and are NOT a subject for the hearing tonight.

Values for the 2017 assessment (taxes payable in 2018) were discussed and established at the local Boards of Review and the County Board of Equalization held earlier this year.

The Assessment Cycle:

- Sales October 2015 through September 2016 to set 2017 market values for taxes payable in 2018.



Budget Development Timeline

- April County officials begin work on budget
- Jun-Aug. Budget work sessions
- Sept. Proposed budget announced
Preliminary Levy set
- Nov. Truth-in-Taxation notices mailed
Budget work session
- Dec. Budget hearing
2018 budget adopted at Dec. 19 board meeting



Property Tax Statement

Levy Authorities

- Blue Earth County
- Cities or Townships
- School Districts
- Region Nine Development Commission
- State of Minnesota

Proposed property tax statements include taxable market value for taxes payable in 2017 and 2018. They also show tax dollars paid in 2017 and an **estimate** of tax dollars payable in 2018.



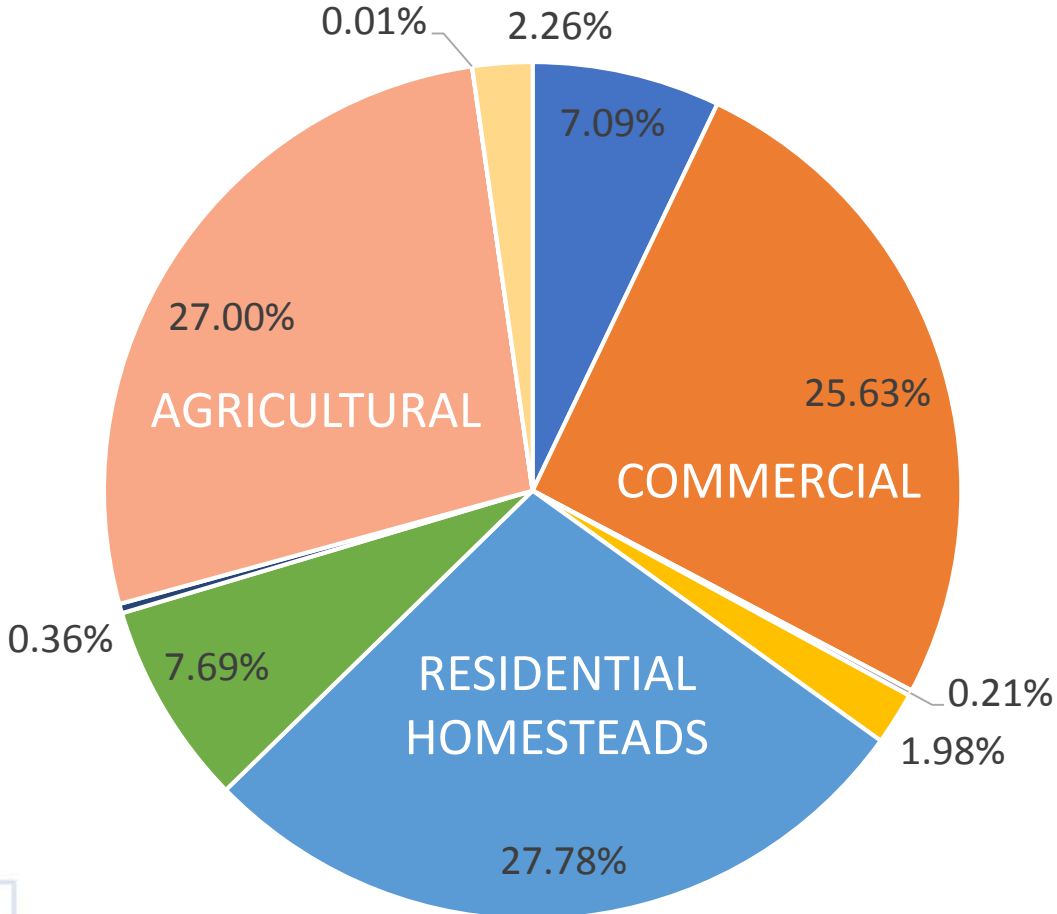
Budget “Fast Facts”

A significant portion of the County’s budget is used to provide programs and services mandated by the state or federal governments.

Blue Earth County’s 2018 preliminary tax levy was set at a 7.99% increase over 2017.



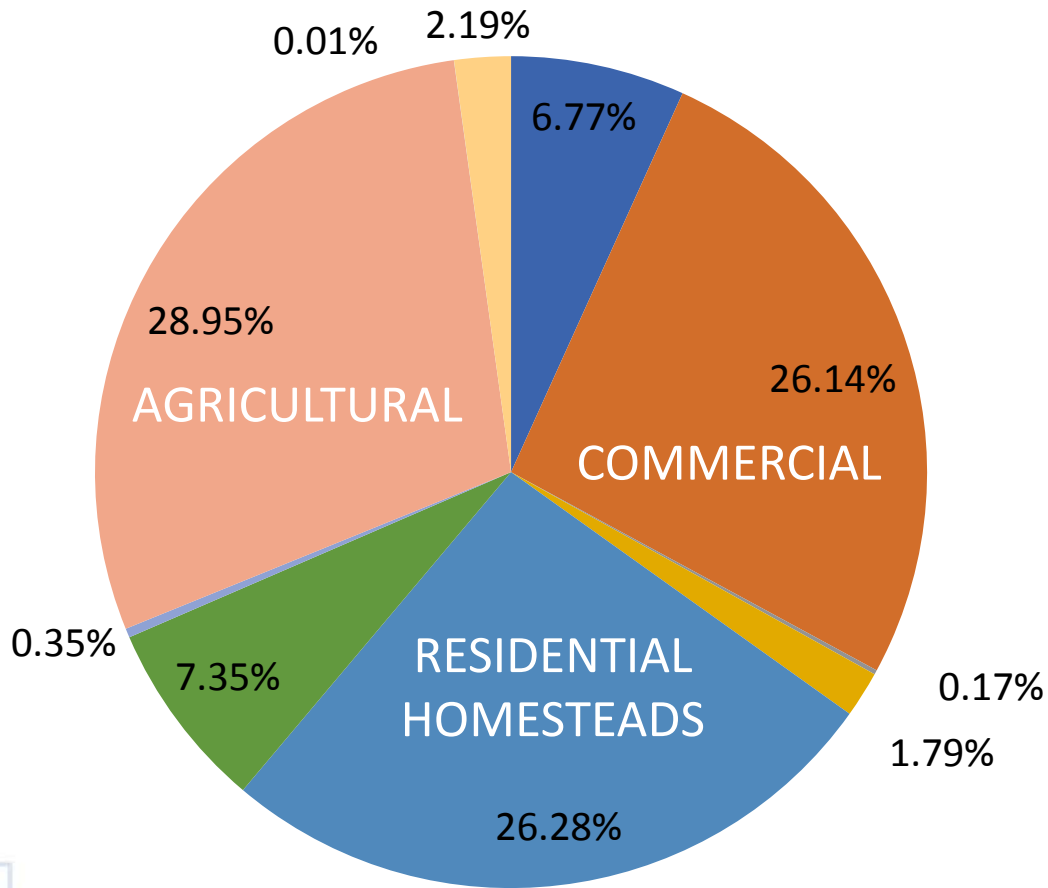
2018 Taxes Payable: NTC by Major Property Type



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Changes in Assessed Values Impact Tax Statements

Changes between Pay 2017 and Pay 2018
Estimated Market Values*

Residential Homestead	Increased	8.40%	
Commercial/Industrial	Increased	1.60%	
Apartments	Decreased	.10%	
Agricultural	Increased	.50%	

*Countywide changes – excluding new construction amounts



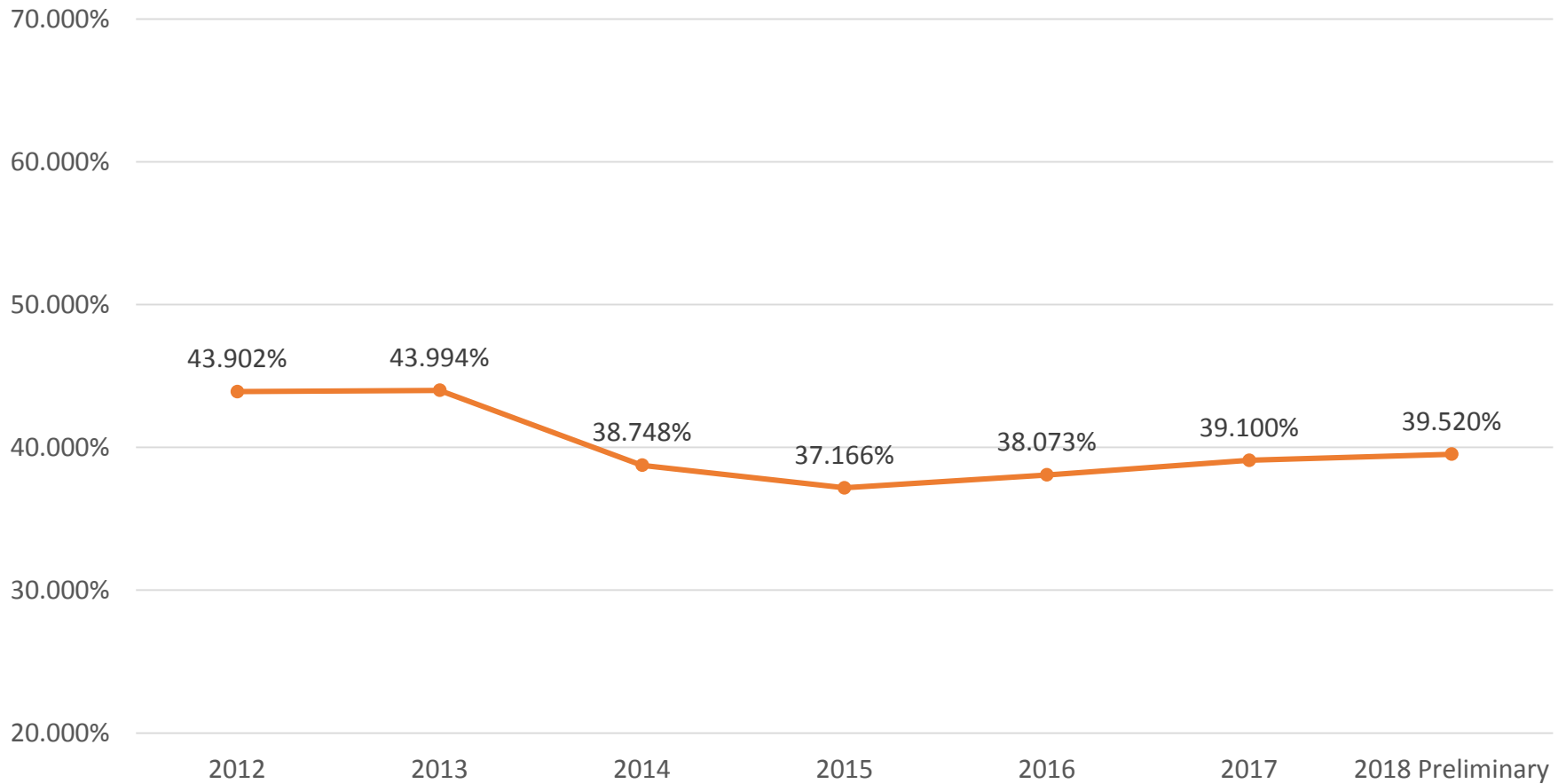
Impact of 7.99% Levy Increase on the County Portion of the Tax Bill

Average impact assuming valuation changes based on market conditions
(excluding new construction)

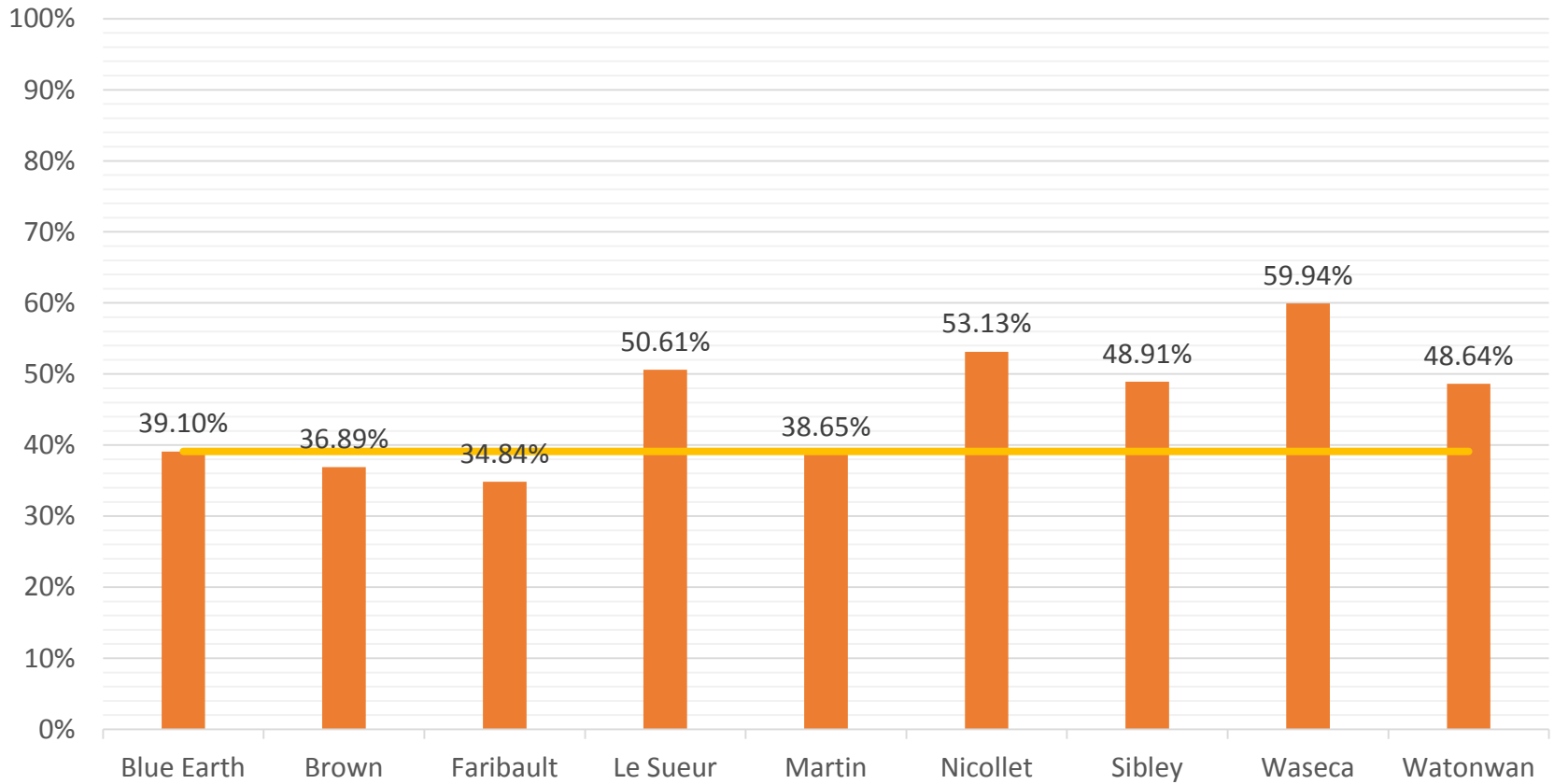
Type of Property	Value Change	Market Value	Annual Cost Change
Residential Homestead / Ag Homestead House, Garage & 1 st Acre	8.40% increase	\$76,000	\$17 Increase
		\$193,800	\$72 Increase
		\$300,000	\$113 Increase
		\$400,000	\$153 Increase
Agricultural Non-Homestead Land	.50% increase	\$270,000	\$18 Increase
		\$558,500	\$39 Increase
		\$1,000,000	\$71 Increase
		\$2,700,000	\$190 Increase
Commercial/Industrial	1.60% increase	\$150,000	\$23 Increase
		\$300,000	\$66 Increase
		\$672,600	\$149 Increase
		\$1,000,000	\$225 Increase



Blue Earth County Tax Rate 2012 - 2018



Blue Earth County Comparison of County Tax Rates - 2017



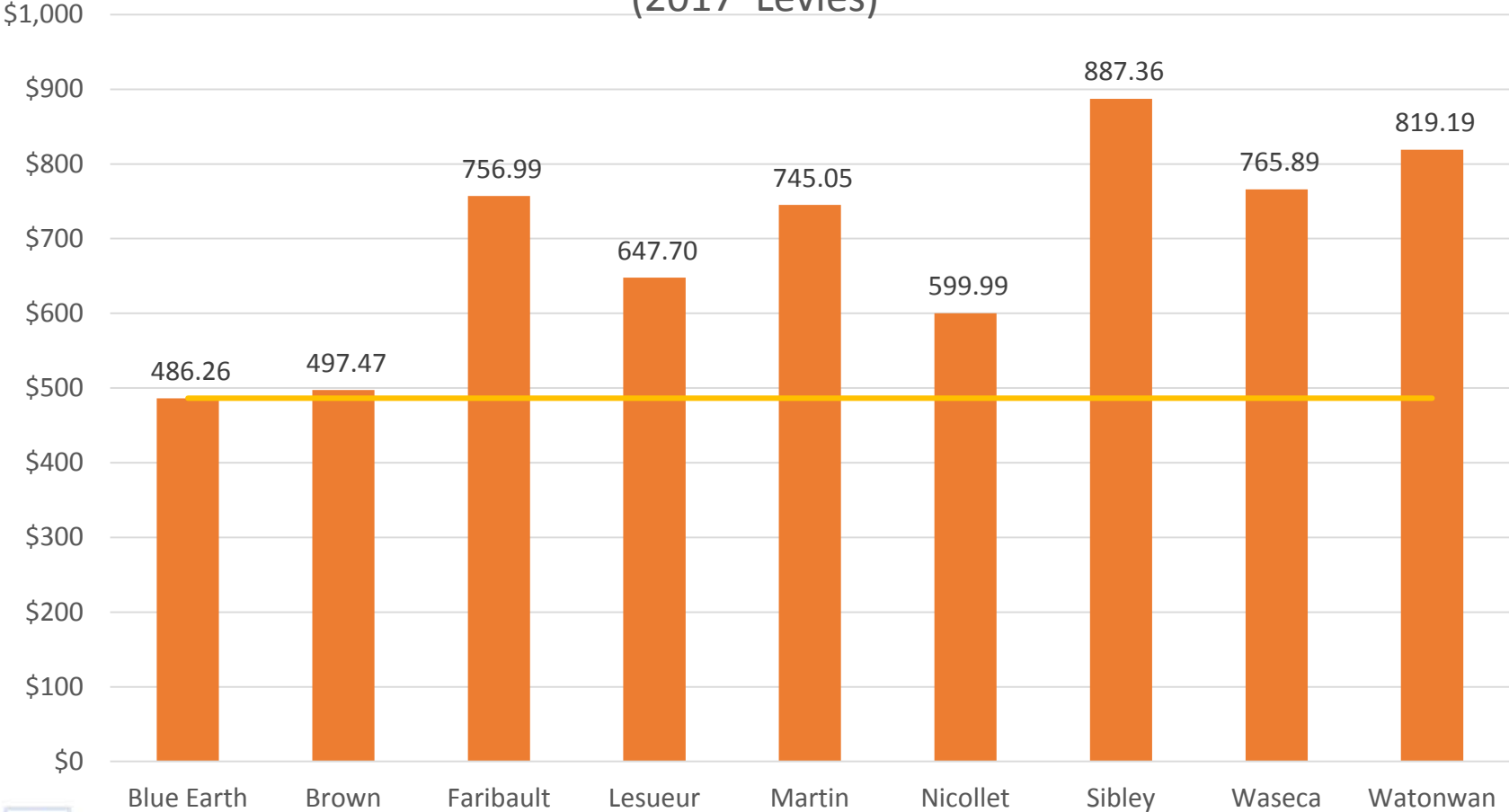
Blue Earth County Comparison of Per Capita Levy Rates (2017 Levies)

Blue Earth County ranked as one of the counties with the lowest 2017 levy per capita @ \$486.26 (Ranked 73rd out of 87 counties)

Lowest per capita preliminary levy = Dakota County @ \$320.40
Highest per capita preliminary levy = Cook County @ \$1,506.79



Blue Earth County Comparison of Levy Per Capita (2017 Levies)



About Blue Earth County

Mission: To deliver essential services to County residents efficiently.

Service Values to the Community:

Agility
Effectiveness
Efficiency
Empathy
Equal Access

Ethical Behavior
Respect
Transparency
Accountability



Priority Areas

Public Safety

including probation, prosecution, jail staffing and dispatch

Core Human Services

including mental health and child protective services

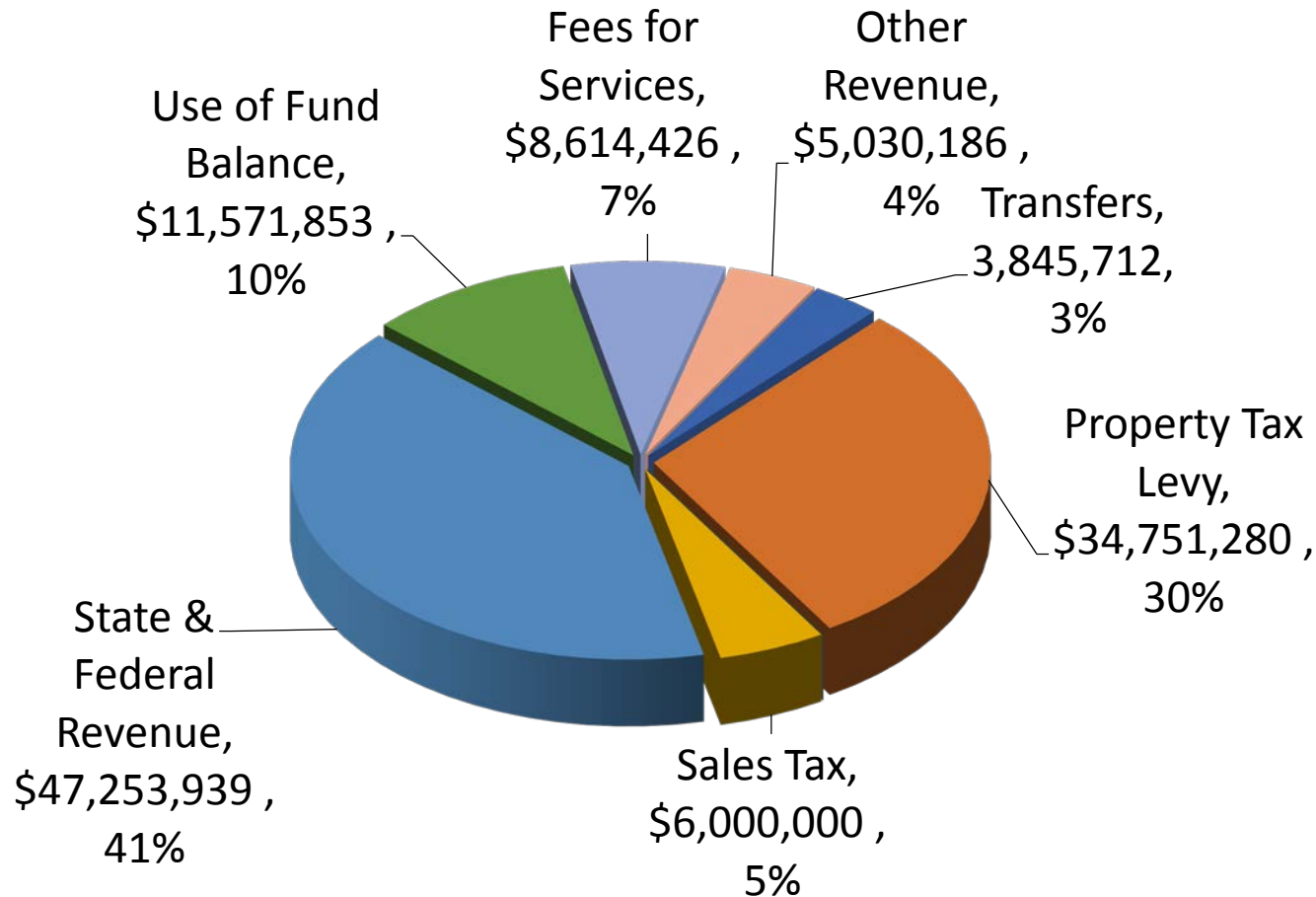
Transportation Improvements

Technology



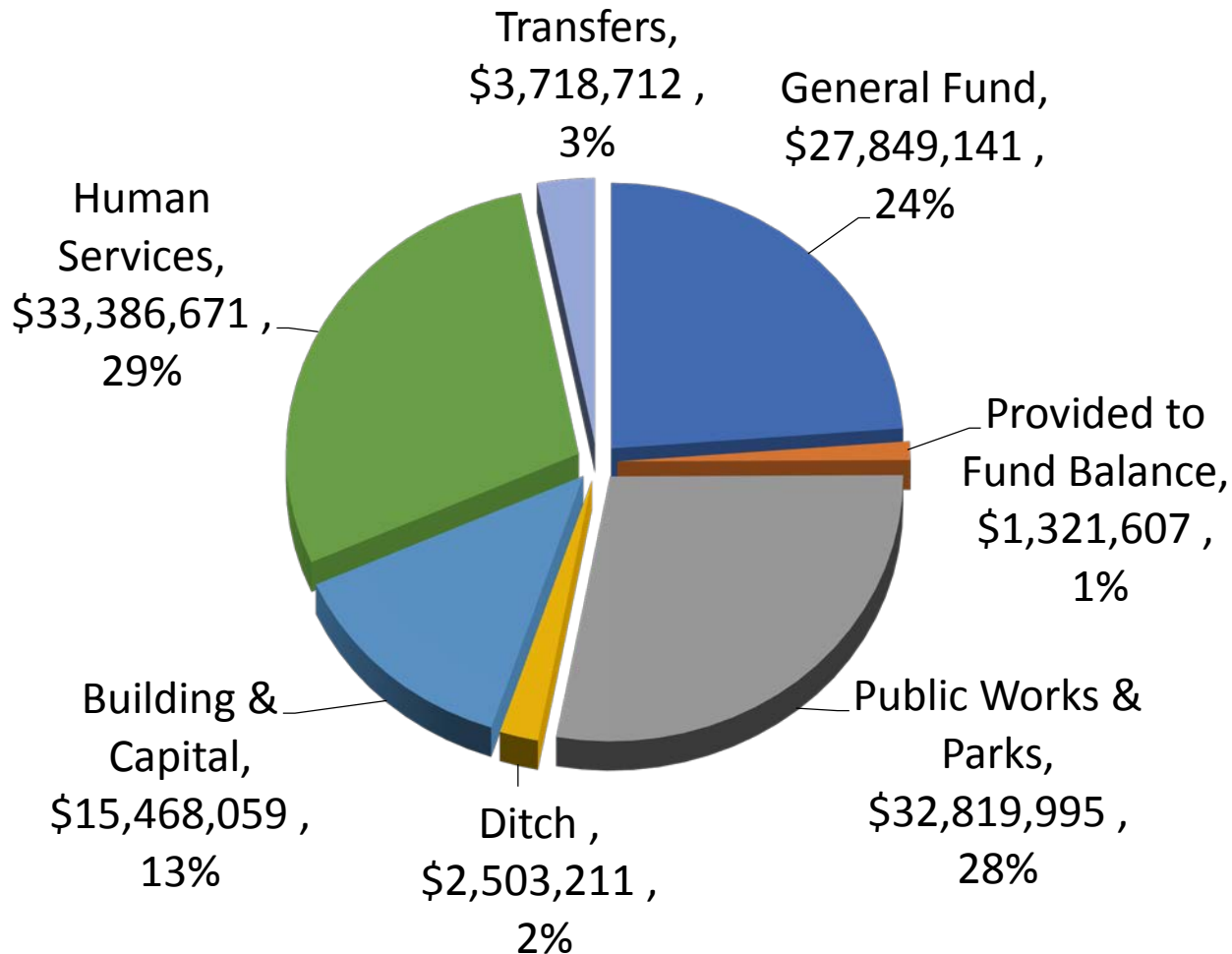
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Revenue, Transfers In & Other Financing Sources



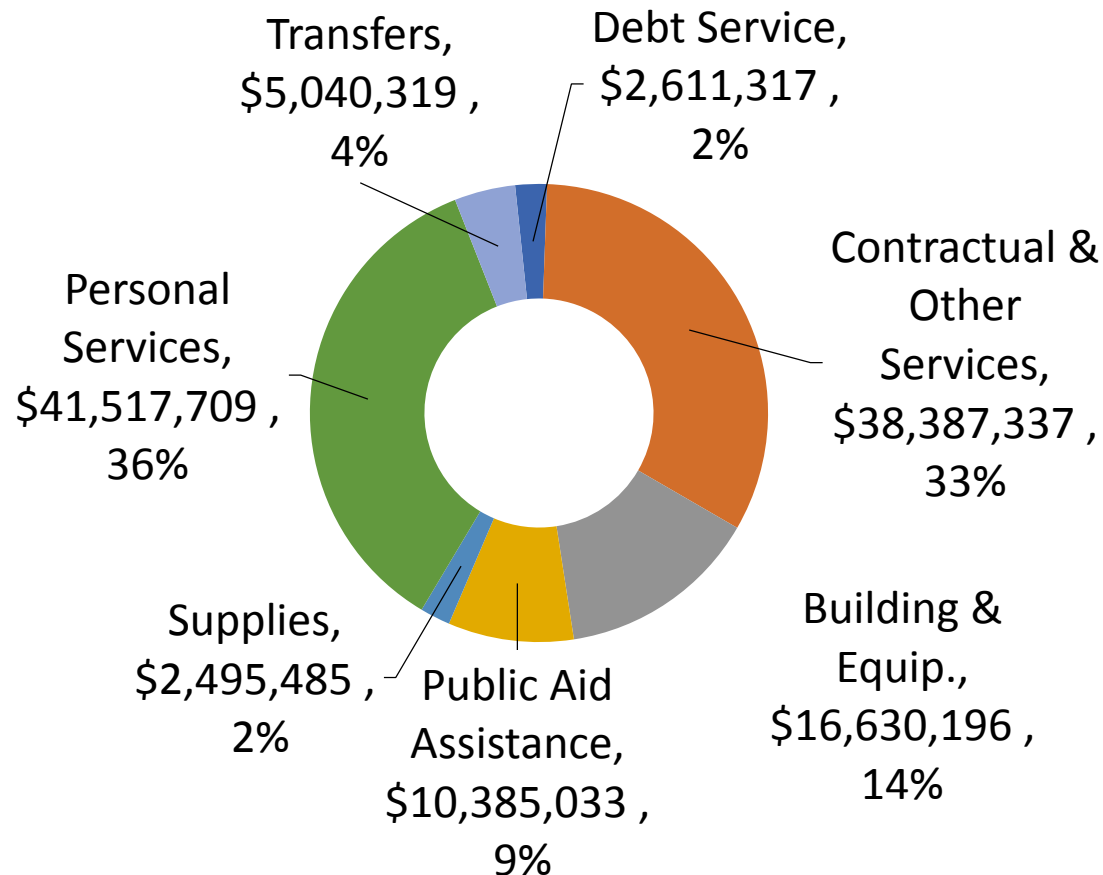
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Expenditures, Transfers Out & Other Financing Uses



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Expenditures, Transfers Out & Other Financing Uses



Significant Changes to the 2018 Budget

- Construction of final phase of CSAH 12 from CSAH 17 to TH 83.
- Begin demolition and reconstruction of Government Center ramp.
- Begin construction of Government Center building addition.
- Additional staffing added to departments to address service demand. (County Attorney, Community Corrections, Taxpayer Services, Sheriff, and Human Services)
- Additional costs for Mental Health treatment due to legislative change to state/county cost share model.
- Increases in staff wages and health insurance premiums.

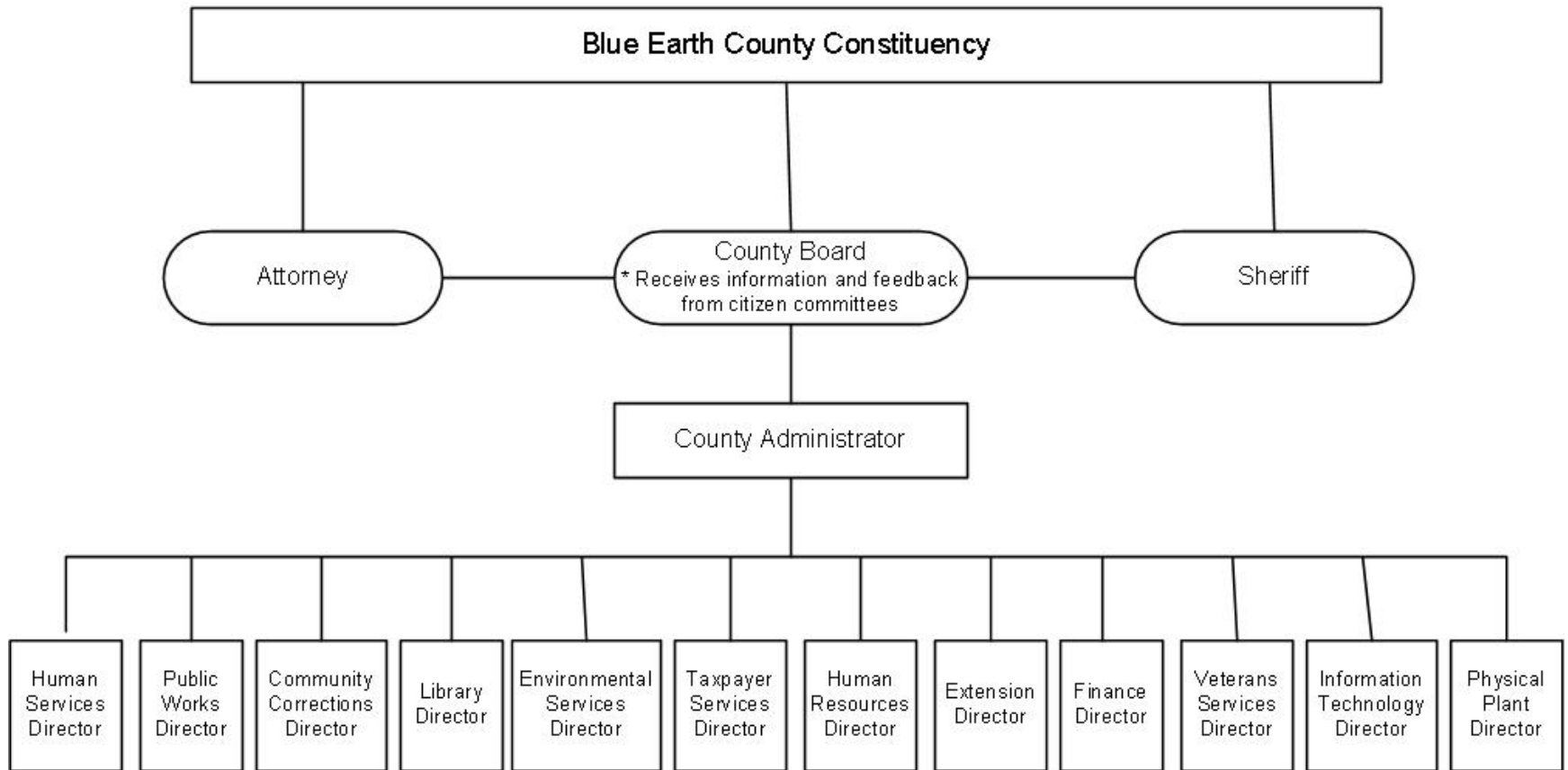


Major 2018 Capital Purchase Initiatives

- \$6,800,000 Government Center Ramp
- \$5,200,000 Partial cost of Government Center Addition
- \$300,000 St. Clair Highway Shop Improvement
- \$300,000 Tandem Trucks
- \$200,000 Tax System Replacement
- \$175,000 Sheriff Squad Cars
- \$150,000 County Attorney Paperless System
- \$125,000 Air Handler Unit/Exhaust Mankato Highway Shop



Blue Earth County Organizational Chart



Financial Management Gets Good Grades

Current credit rating by Standards and Poors Global Rating is AA+.

“Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting” from the Government Finance Officers Association each year that it has been eligible.

Each year that the County has been audited by the State, it has received an unqualified opinion, which affirms the County’s accuracy.



2017 General Fund Service Examples

- 61,000 tons of solid waste accepted at Ponderosa Landfill
- 46,400 tons of materials recycled
- 111 tons collected at the HHW (4,400 households served)
- 15,158 Sheriff's Office responses to calls for service
- Average daily jail population: 109
- 911 dispatch calls received: 154,552



2017 General Fund Service Examples (Cont.)

- 2,700 Summer Reading Participants
- 800-1,000 patrons visiting Blue Earth County Libraries per day
- 333,000 materials circulated over a 12-month period at all Libraries
- Records and assessing for 35,436 parcels with 1,353,456 property website requests
- 10,870 documents recorded
- 60,303 vital statistics, drivers license, DNR and motor vehicle transactions
- \$29,313,000 in Federal benefits administered to local veterans with 2,960 Veterans benefit forms prepared for Veterans/Family



2017 Human Services & Probation Service Examples

- Adults or children receiving case management services: 1,990
- Child support cases: 2,484
- Financial & Medical Assistance cases: 9,095
- Children in foster care: 139
- Child protection reports investigated: 316
- Adult protection reports investigated: 96
- 8,490 community service crew hours by the sentence to serve program
- 2,084 adult and juvenile offenders on probation



Ongoing Opportunities for Citizen Input

- Participation on citizen committees
- Citizens Academy
- County website/social media
- County Board meetings
- “Write Now” citizen surveys
- “County Communicator” citizen newsletter
- Open houses, public events, informational meetings and annual County fair booth



Questions and Answers



Please come to the podium and give your name and address.



Thank You for Attending!



Blue Earth County