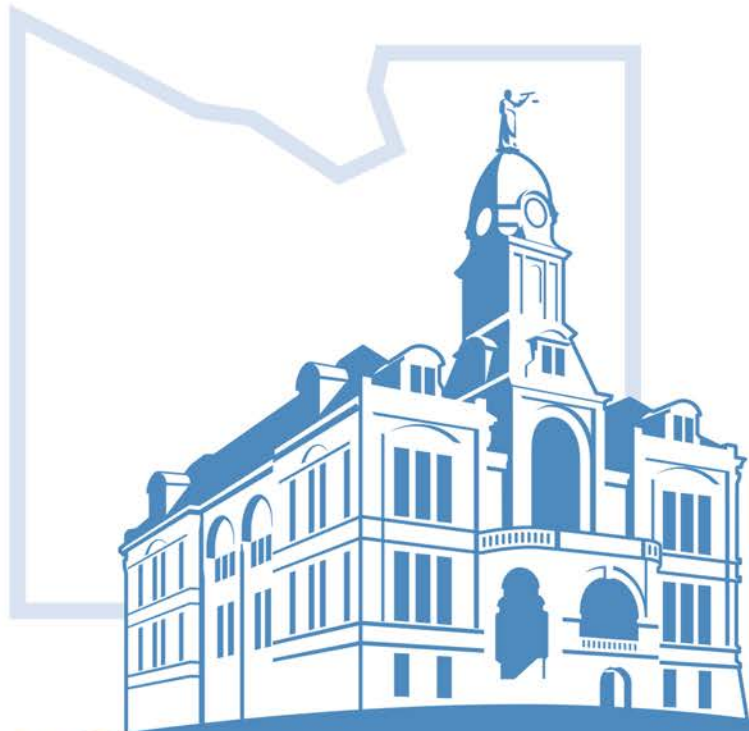


Budget Hearing Presentation

December 14, 2021



Blue Earth County



Welcome

The purpose of this hearing is...

1. To explain the proposed budget and proposed tax levy for 2022.
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 2021 assessment (taxes payable in 2022) 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 2019 through September 2020 to set 2021 market values for taxes payable in 2022.



Questions on market value may be
addressed to the
Property & Environmental Resources
department by calling:

(507) 304-4251



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
2022 budget adopted at Dec. 21 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 2021 and 2022. They also show tax dollars paid in 2021 and an **estimate** of tax dollars payable in 2022.



Budget “Fast Facts”

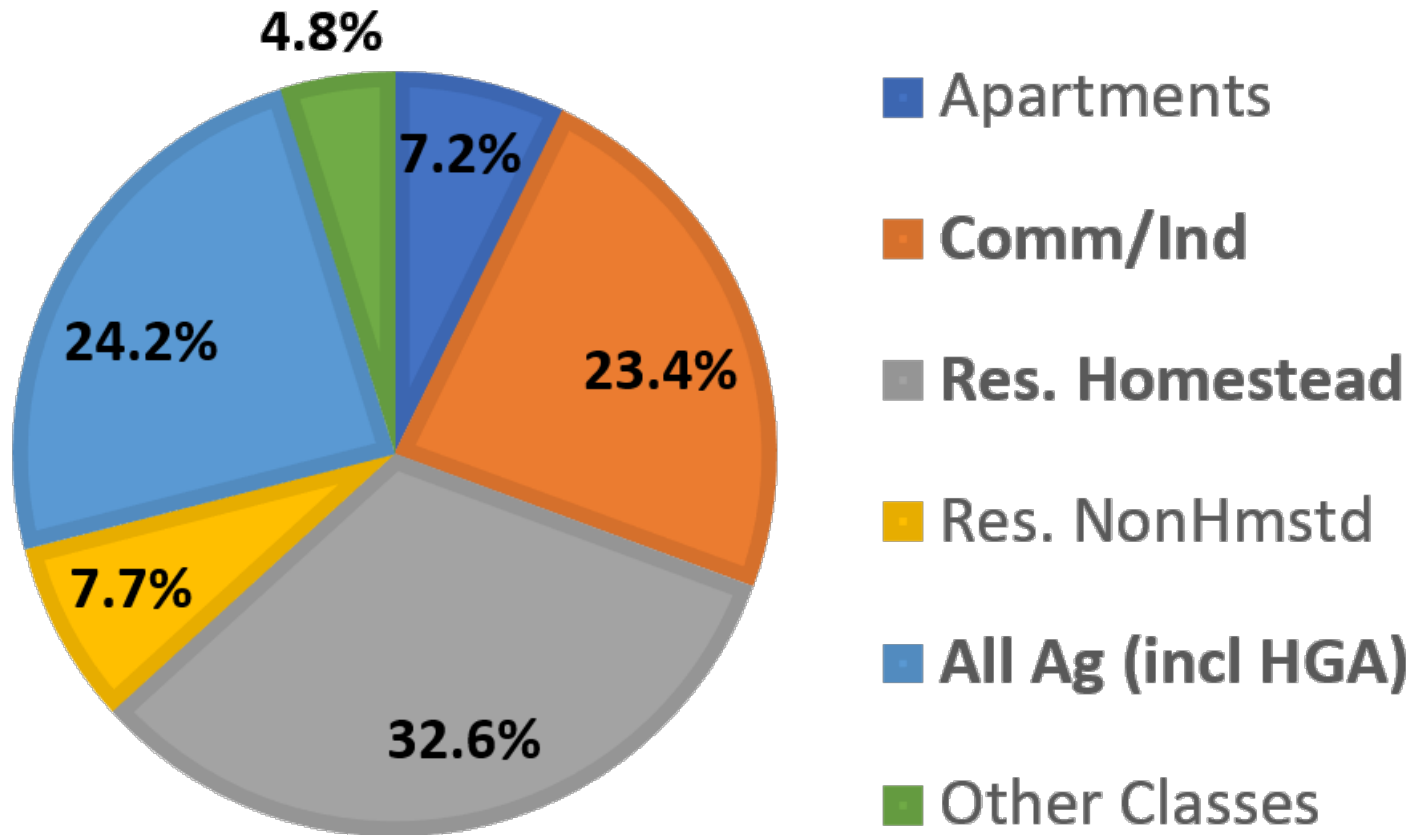
A significant portion of the County’s budget is used to provide programs and services mandated by the state or federal governments.

Blue Earth County’s 2022 preliminary tax levy was set at a 2.50% increase.



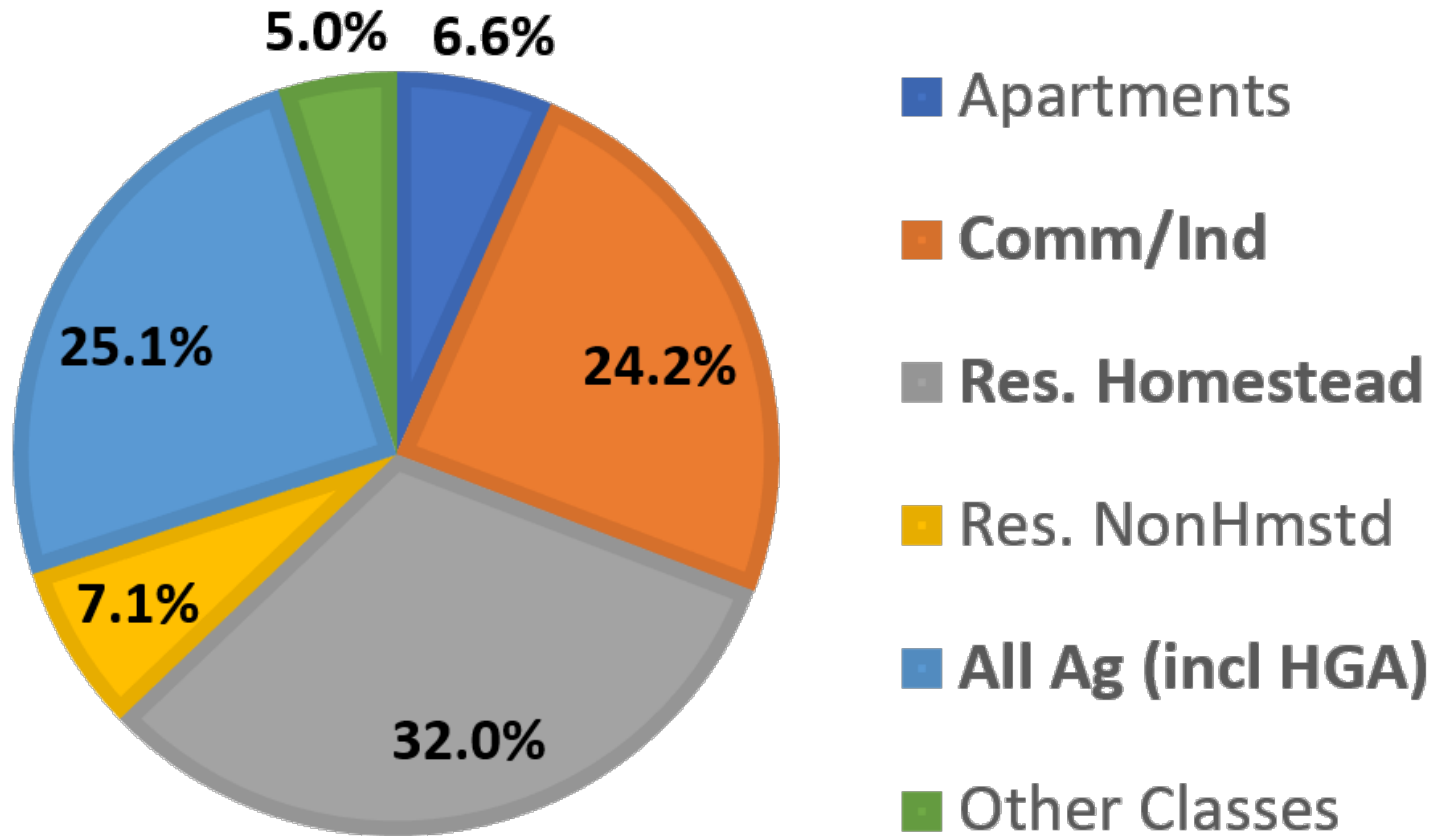
2022 Taxes Payable

Net Tax Capacity by Major Property Type






2021 Taxes Payable

Net Tax Capacity by Major Property Type



Changes in Assessed Values Impact Tax Statements

Changes between Pay 2021 and Pay 2022
Estimated Market Values*

Residential Homestead	Increased	4.90%	
Commercial/Industrial	Decreased	2.00%	
Apartments	Increased	4.90%	
Agricultural	Increased	0.90%	

*Countywide changes – excluding new construction amounts



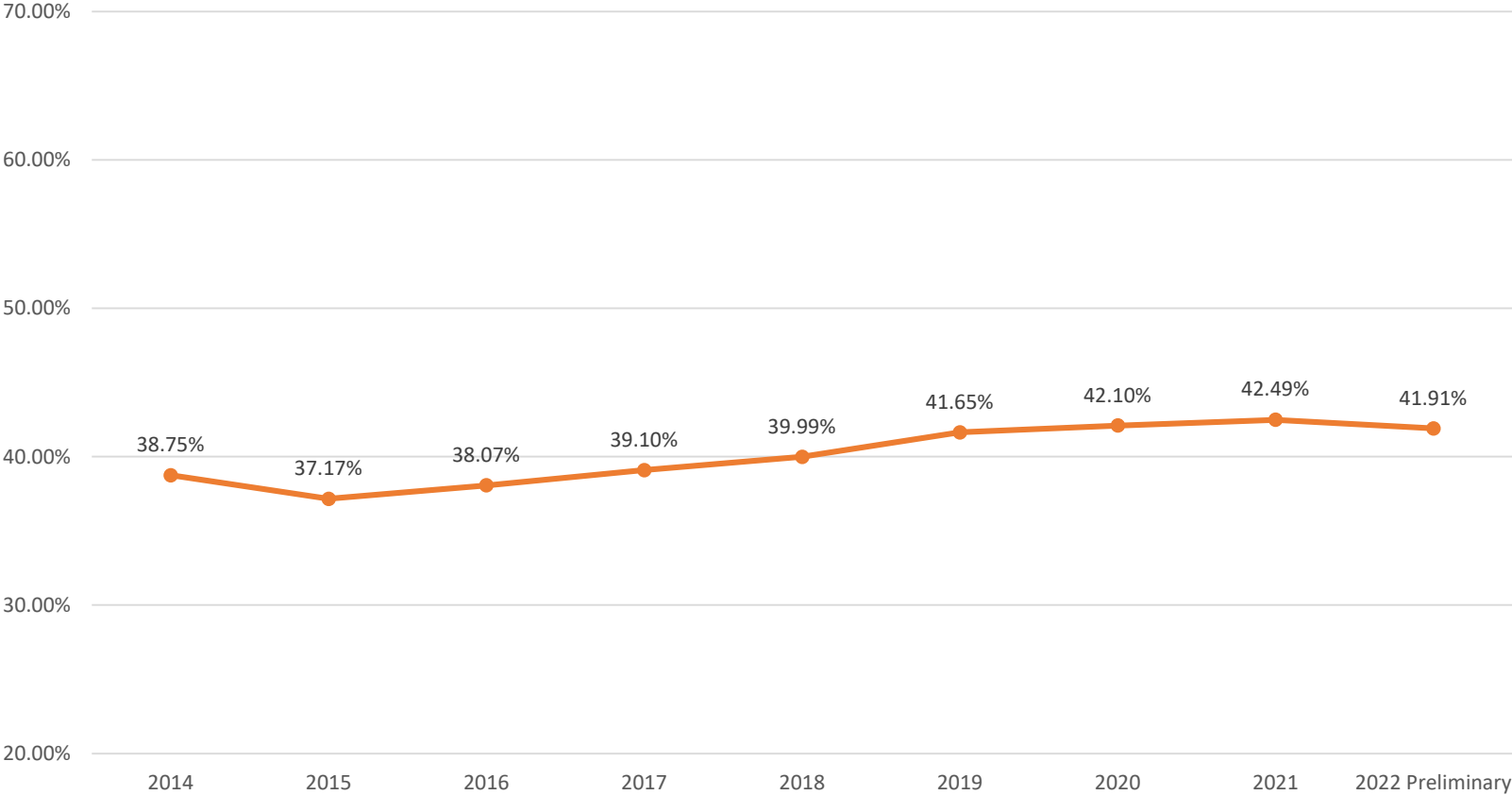
Impact of 2.5% Levy Increase on the County Portion of the Tax Bill

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

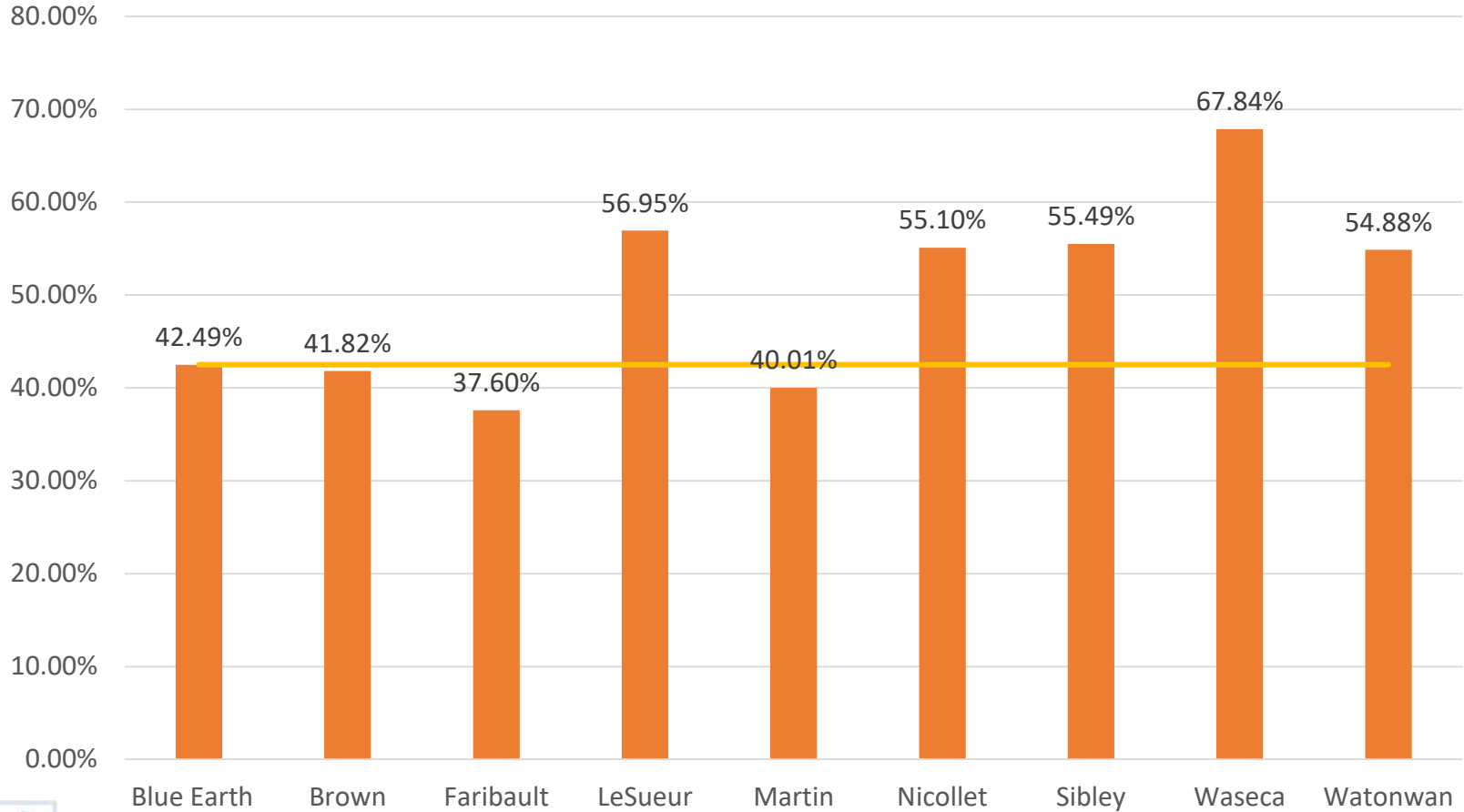
Type of Property	Value Change	Market Value	Annual Cost Change
Residential Homestead / Ag Homestead House, Garage & 1 st Acre	4.90% increase	\$76,000	\$11 Increase
		\$223,900	\$52 Increase
		\$350,000	\$76 Increase
		\$500,000	\$100 Increase
Agricultural Non-Homestead Land	0.90% increase	\$80,000	\$5 Increase
		\$498,400	\$21 Increase
		\$1,000,000	\$43 Increase
		\$2,700,000	\$116 Increase
Commercial/Industrial	2.00% decrease	\$150,000	\$24 Decrease
		\$300,000	\$48 Decrease
		\$657,300	\$110 Decrease
		\$1,500,000	\$248 Decrease



Blue Earth County Tax Rate 2014 - 2022



Blue Earth County Comparison of County Tax Rates - 2021



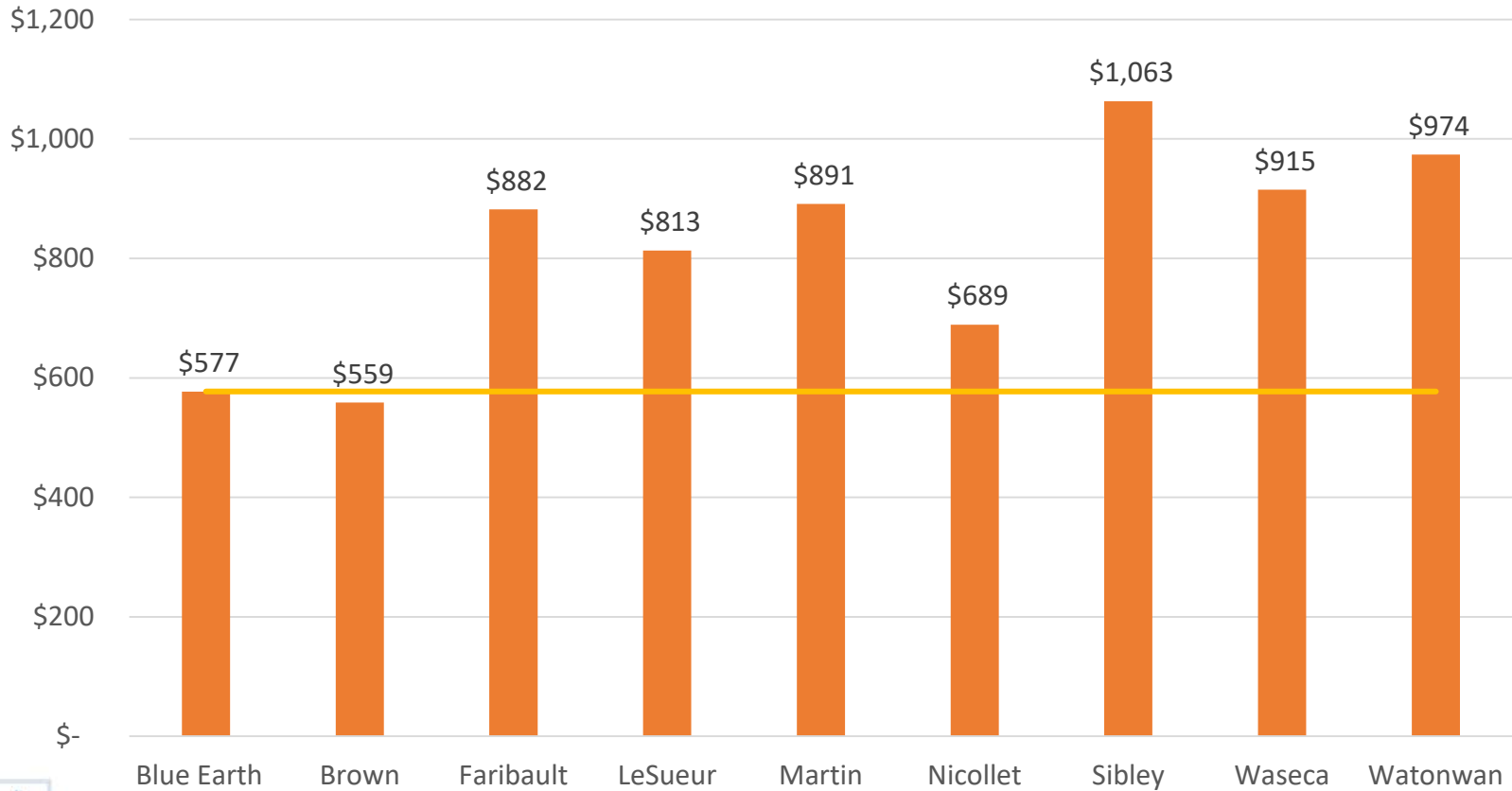
Blue Earth County Comparison of Per Capita Levy Rates (2021 Levies)

Blue Earth County ranked as one of the counties with the lowest 2021 levy per capita @ \$577 (Ranked 70 out of 87 counties)

Lowest(87) per capita preliminary levy = Dakota County @ \$334
Highest (1) per capita preliminary levy = Cook County @ \$1,955



Blue Earth County Comparison of Levy Per Capita (2021 Levies)



About Blue Earth County

Mission: Effectively and efficiently delivering essential services.

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

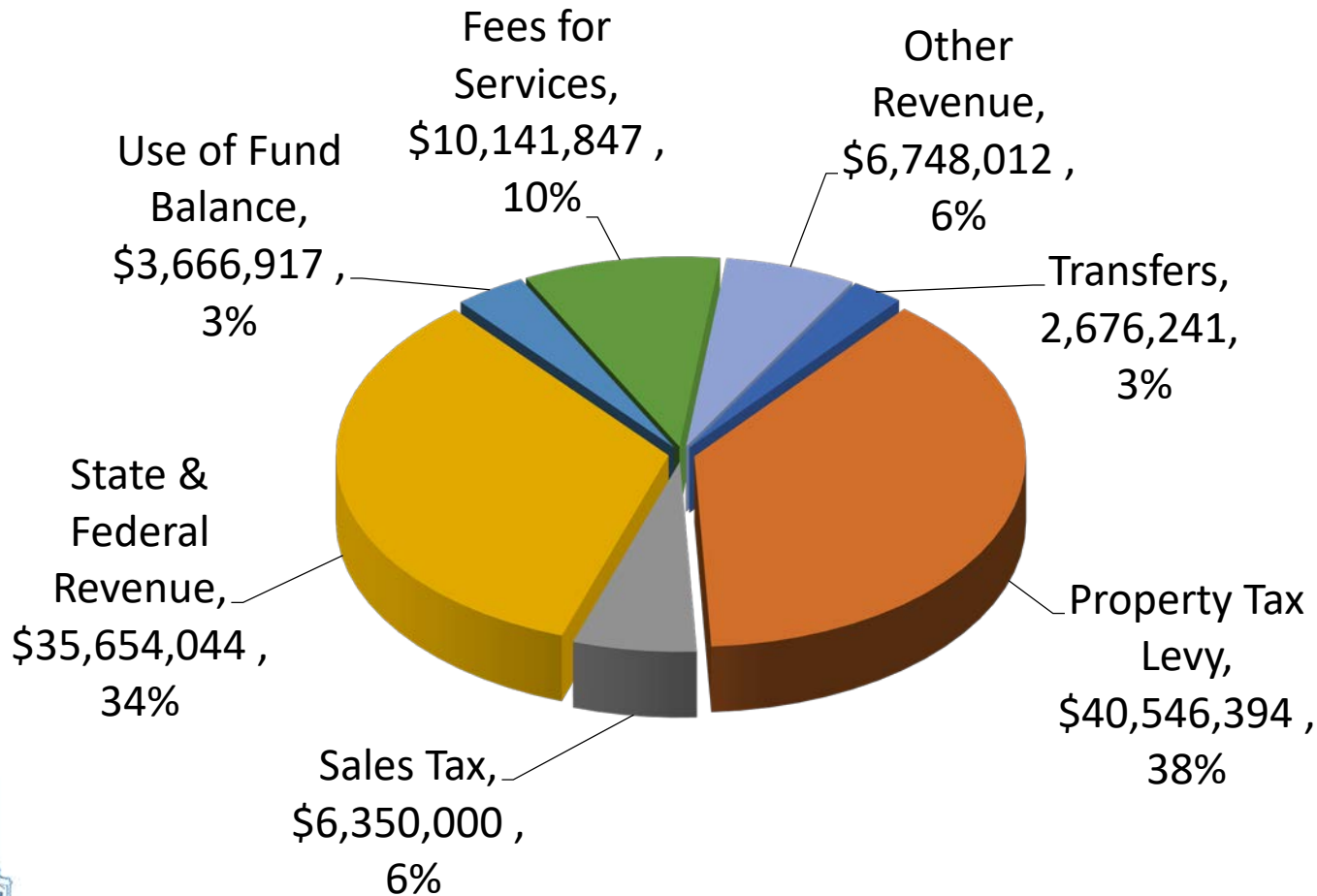
Transportation Improvements

Technology



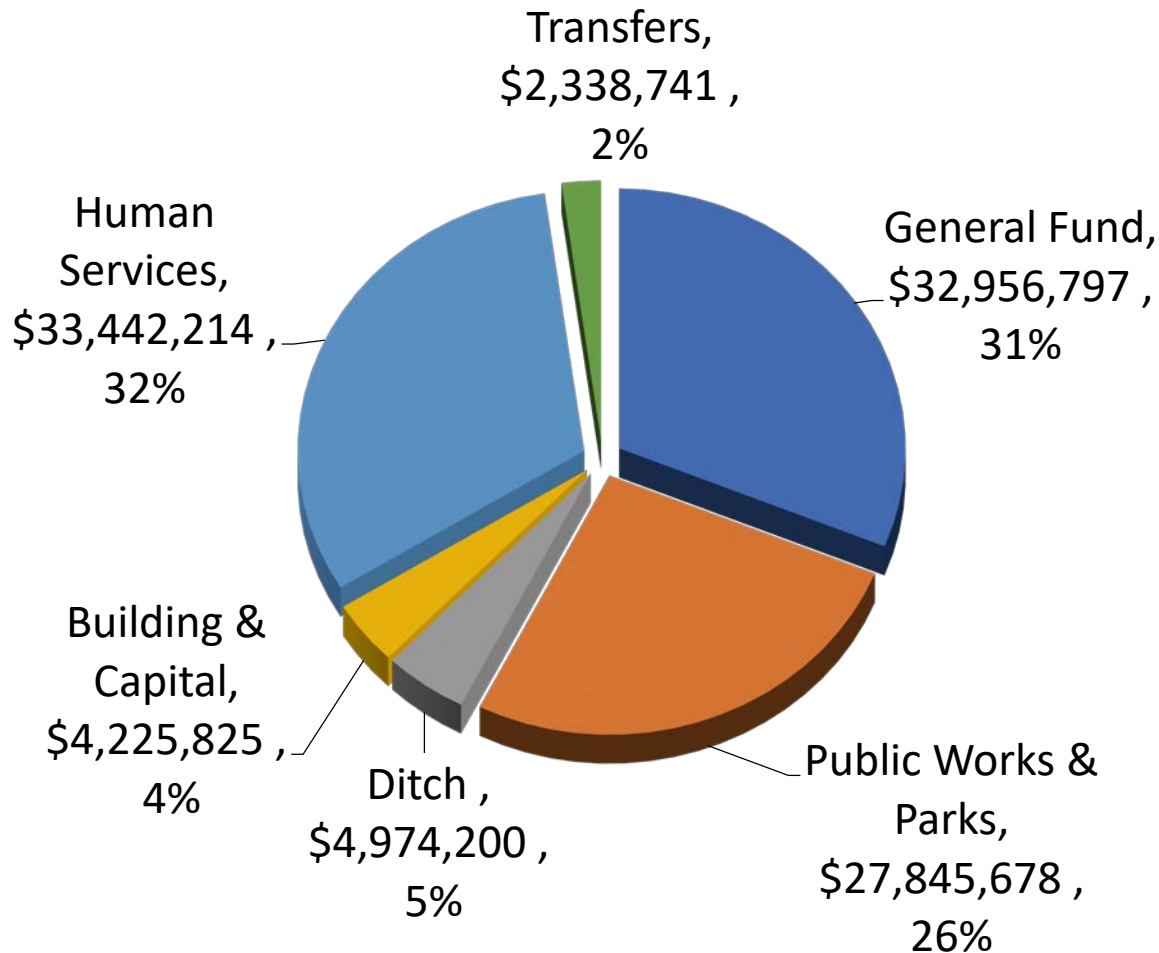
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Revenue, Transfers In & Other Financing Sources



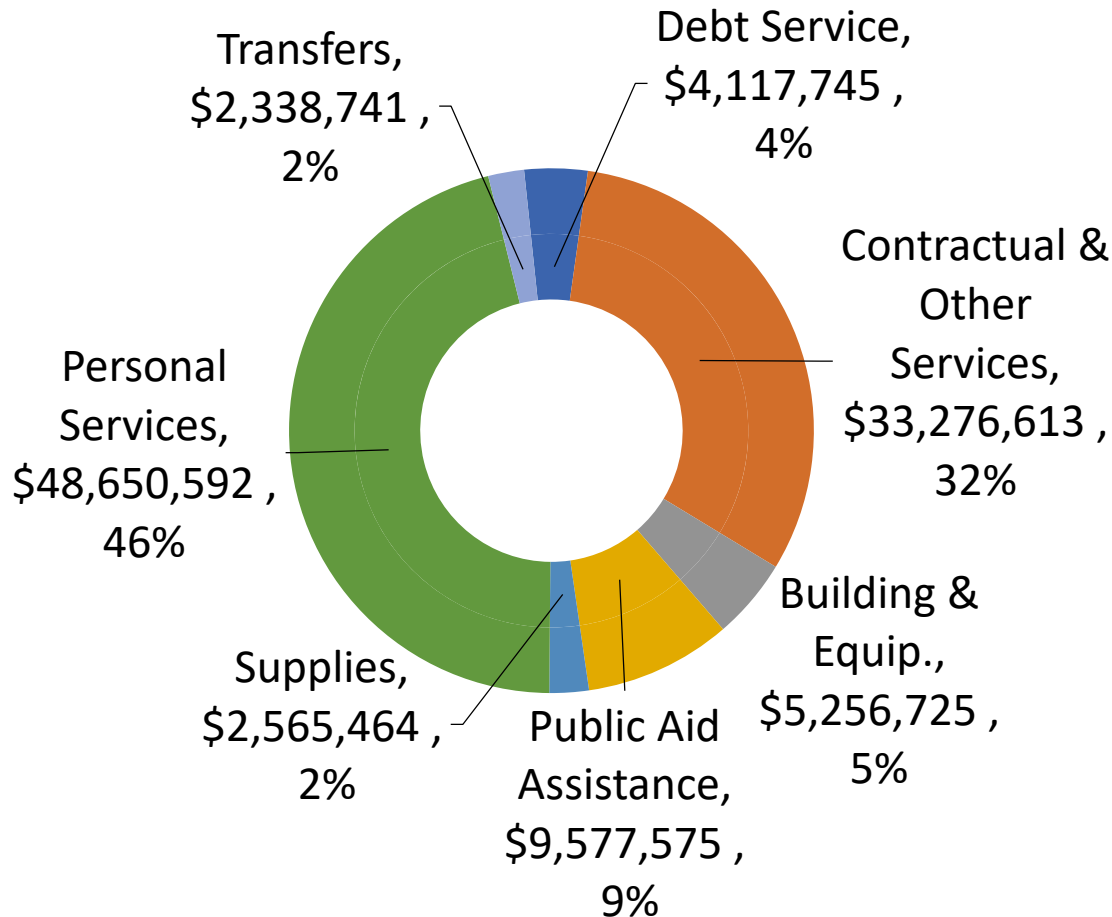
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Expenditures, Transfers Out & Other Financing Uses



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Expenditures, Transfers Out & Other Financing Uses



Impacts to 2022 Budget

- Two Additional staff added to departments (Elections and Public Works)
- Increases in staff wages and health insurance costs.
- Public Works projects (CSAH 7, CSAH 11, CSAH 12, CSAH 10 and 72 in Vernon Center)

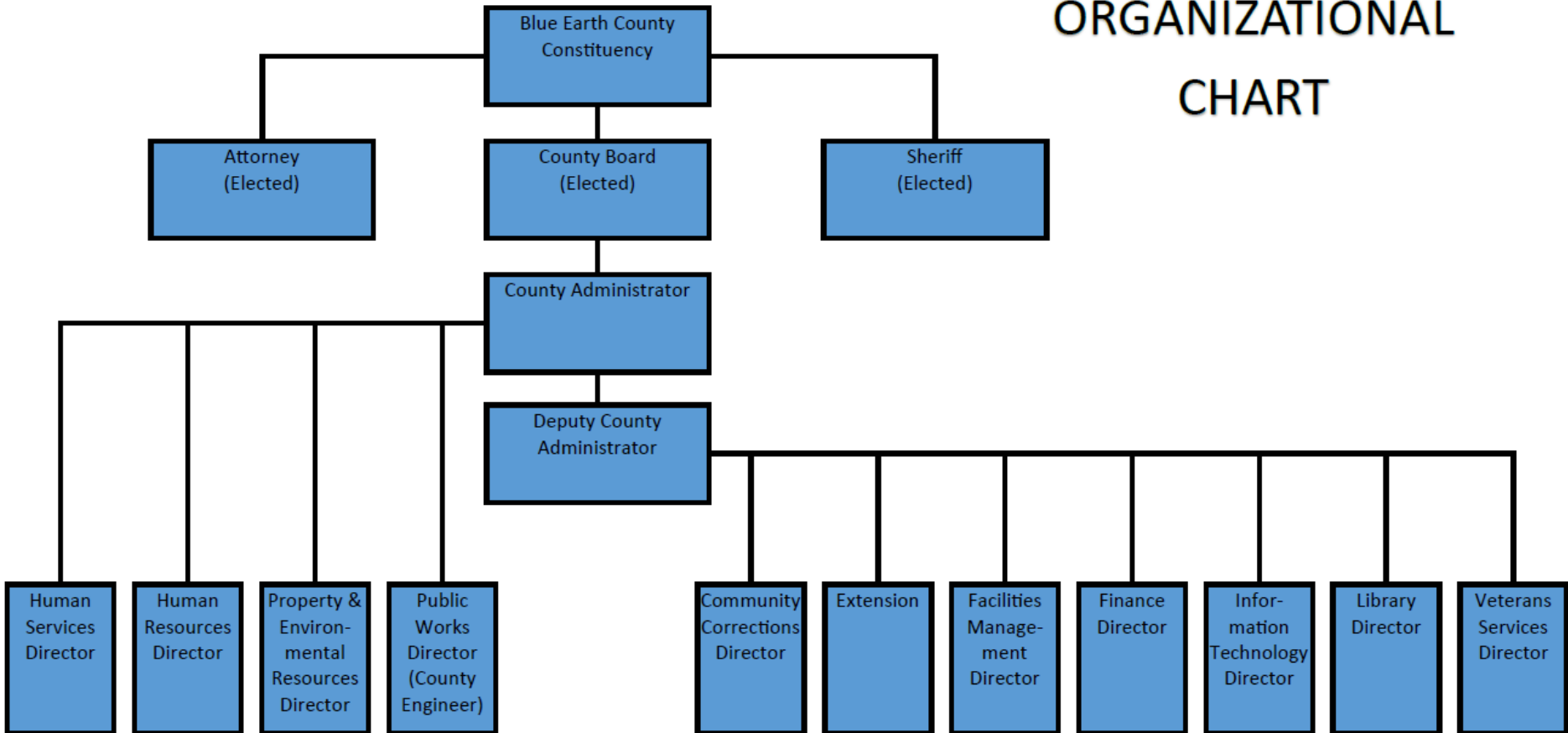


Major 2022 Capital Purchase Initiatives

- \$500,000 Network Technology
- \$100,000 Government Center drainage tile
- \$400,000 800 MH Squad Radios
- \$300,000 Library Book Shelving
- \$225,000 HHW Parking Lot Repairs
- \$175,000 Jail Audio/Intercom System Upgrade
- \$195,000 Sheriff's Office Squad Cars
- \$40,000 Veteran Services van
- \$100,000 Sheriff's Office Body Cameras
- \$215,000 Public Works Motor Grader
- \$100,000 Bathhouse at Bray Park



BLUE EARTH COUNTY ORGANIZATIONAL CHART



Financial Management Gets Good Grades

Current credit rating by Standards and Poor's 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.



2020 Service Examples

Property & Environmental Resources

81,810 tons of solid waste accepted at the Ponderosa Landfill

36,655 tons of materials recycled

98 tons collected at the HHW (4,031 households served)

563 pounds of pharmaceutical waste collected and destroyed

Records and assessing for 34,191 parcels with 7,516,415 property website requests

14,586 documents recorded

1,967 passport applications

2020 Service Examples

Sheriff's Office

14,864 Sheriff's Office responses to calls for service

Average daily jail population: 87

911 dispatch calls received: 191,824

Number of jail bed days: 31,809

Probation

2,312 community service crew hours by the sentence to serve program

1,934 adult and juvenile clients on probation

391 pre-sentence investigations provided to district court

2,594 drug tests collected

2020 Service Examples

Library

245,398 materials circulated over a 12-month period at all Libraries

1,041 summer reading program participants

4,113 make & take kits

Public Works

34.2 miles of maintenance overlays

44.5 miles of maintenance sealcoats

6,180 camping nights

Veteran Services

\$32,324,000 in Federal benefits administered to local veterans

2020 Service Examples

Human Services

2,127 adults and children receiving case management services

399 child protection reports investigated

2,511 child support cases

97 adult protection reports investigated

10,561 financial & medical assistance cases

1,344 clients currently receiving medication management

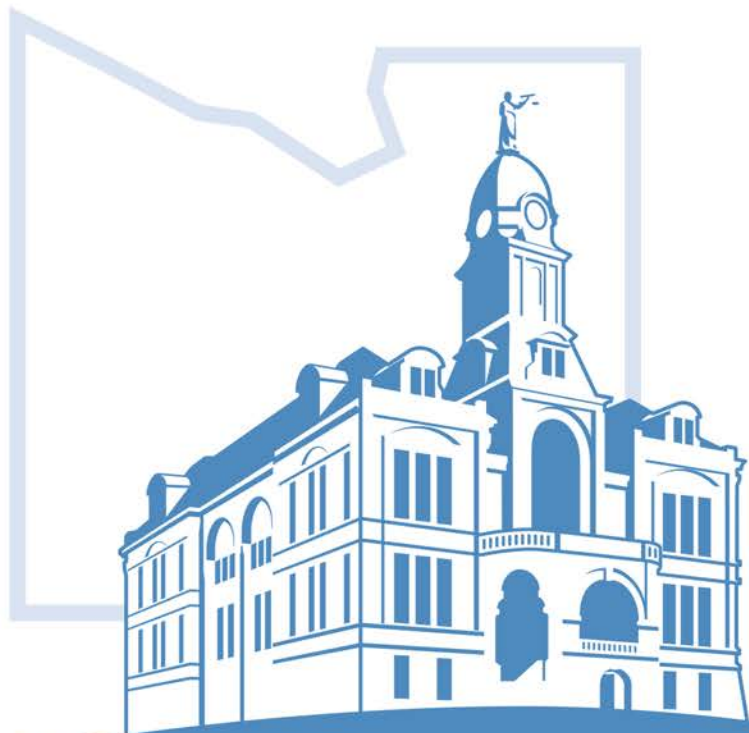
90 children in foster care

5,165 SNAP participants

License Center

55,213 vital statistics, driver's license, DNR and motor vehicle transactions

Thank You for your interest!



Blue Earth County

Questions and Answers



Please give your name and address for the record.

