

Meeting Purpose

This meeting is held annually to allow opportunity for the County Commissioners to receive public input regarding the proposed 2026 County Budget and proposed 2026 County Levy for the upcoming Tax Payable Year prior to final budget and levy adoption.

Property Values &/or Classifications will not be discussed during this meeting.

Questions can be addressed with the County Assessor at 320-732-4431 or by appointment



Tax Payable Year 2026 Truth In Taxation Hearing

DENISE GAIDA, TODD COUNTY AUDITOR-TREASURER

215 1ST AVENUE S, SUITE 201

LONG PRAIRIE, MN 56347

320-732-4469

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Truth In Taxation Meeting Agenda:

1. Call to Order and Roll Call
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. 2026 County Budget Presentation
4. Public Hearing



Meeting Focus

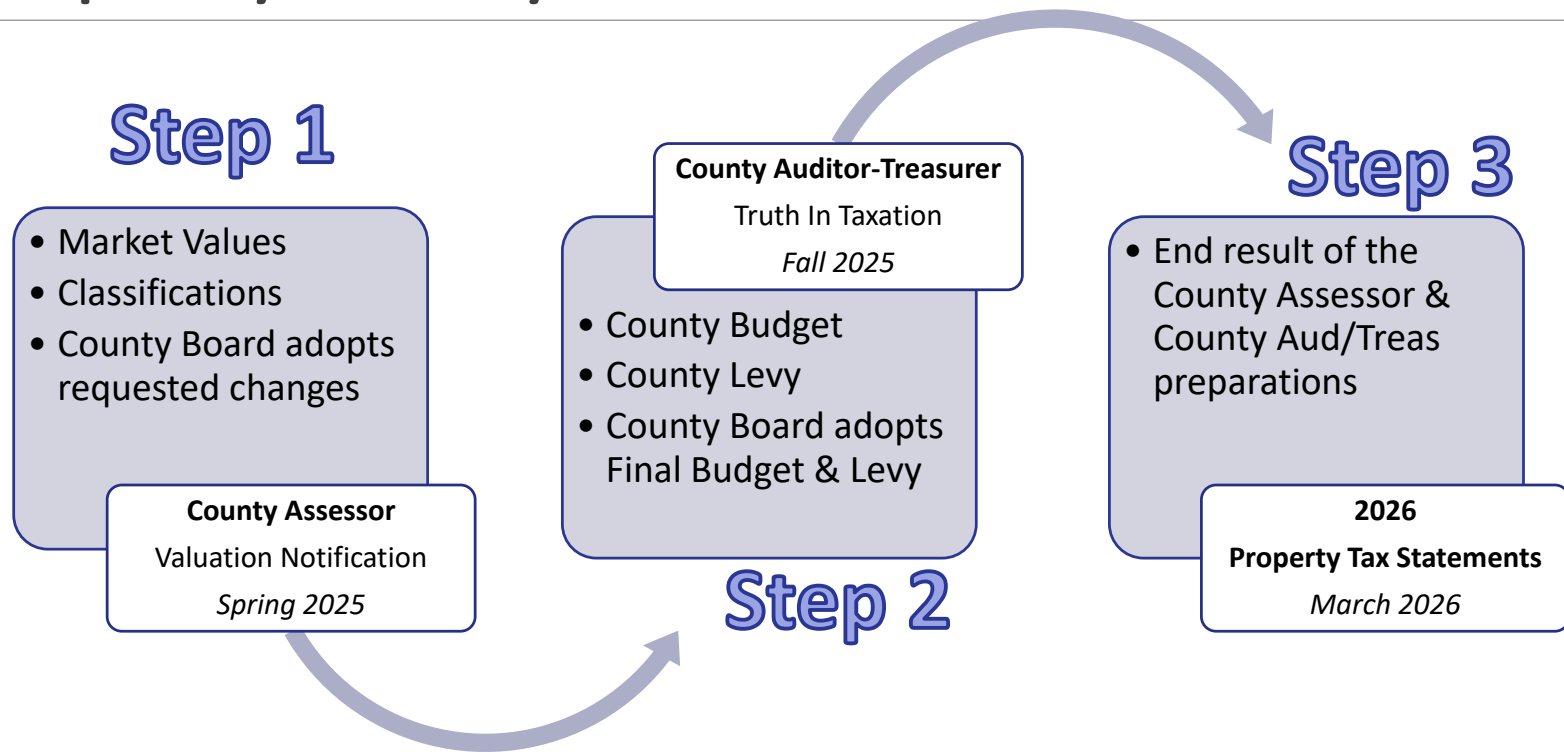
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County Budget = Summary of forecasted financial revenues & expenditures for future operations.

County Levy = County property tax collected to support government operations.



Property Tax Cycle



Truth In Taxation Notices

- The information presented in this meeting pertains to the **County** portion of your proposed property tax statement.
- Questions relating to other jurisdiction's proposed tax portions should be address to those jurisdictions at their own hearings.



TODD COUNTY
215 1ST AVE S. SUITE 201
LONG PRAIRIE, MN 56347-1378
APPTS PLEASE CALL 320-732-4469
BUDGET INFO: WWW.CO.TODD.MN.US

Your Proposed Property Tax for 2026
- THIS IS NOT A BILL - DO NOT PAY -
IMPORTANT INFORMATION IS PRINTED ON THE BACK OF THIS FORM

Property ID: [REDACTED] Taxpayer: [REDACTED]

VALUES AND CLASSIFICATION

Step	Taxes Payable Year	2025	2026
1	Estimated Market Value:	164,800	182,000
	Homestead Exclusion:	31,718	30,170
	Other exclusions/deferrals:		
	Taxable Market Value:	133,082	151,830
	Property Class:	REG MID HSTD	REG HSTD

PROPOSED TAX

Step 2	Property Taxes before credits:	1,814.00
	School building bond credit:	.00
	Agricultural market value credit:	.00
	Other credits:	.00
	Property Taxes after credits:	1,814.00

PROPERTY TAX STATEMENT
Will be mailed to you in Spring of 2026

Legal Desc: [REDACTED]

Property Address: [REDACTED]

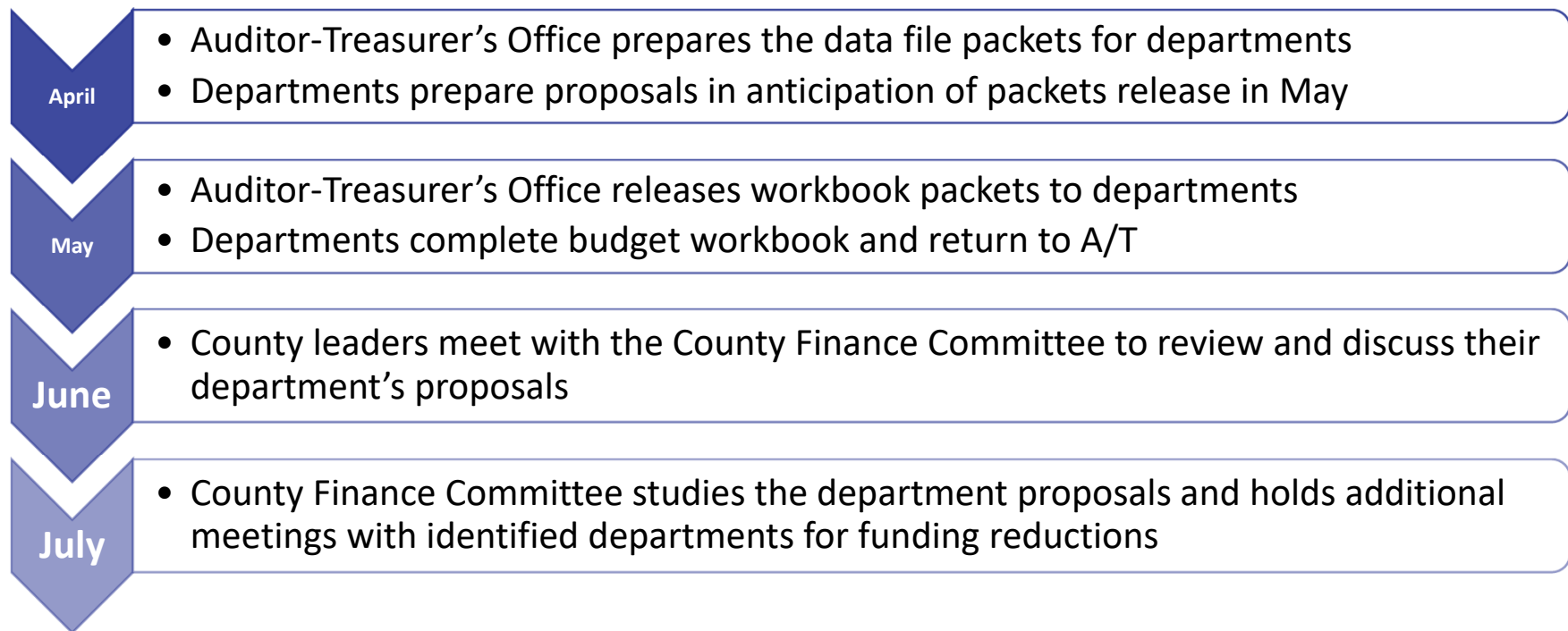
Proposed Property Taxes and Meetings by Jurisdiction for Your Property			
Contact Information	Meeting Information	Actual 2025	Proposed 2026
TODD COUNTY COUNTY AUDITOR'S OFFICE 215 FIRST AVE S SUITE 201 LONG PRAIRIE MN 56347	DECEMBER 2ND 2025 @ 6:00 P.M. RESERVATIONS ARE ENCOURAGED PLEASE CALL 320-732-4469	582.20	669.02
LONG PRAIRIE LONG PRAIRIE CITY HALL 615 LAKE ST S LONG PRAIRIE MN BUDGET INFO CONTACT CITY	DECEMBER 15, 2025 @ 6:00 P.M. 615 LAKE ST S CITY HALL BLDG LONG PRAIRIE, MN 320-732-2167 WWW.LONGPRAIRIE.NET	600.92	639.29
STATE GENERAL TAX		.00	.00
LONG PRAIRIE-GREY EAGLE 2753 #2753 LONG PRAIRIE GREY EAGLE 205 2ND ST SO LONG PRAIRIE, MN BUDGET INFO: CONTACT SCHOOL			
SCHOOL VOTER APPROVED LEVIES		152.81	170.19
SCHOOL OTHER LOCAL LEVIES		282.29	334.27
SPECIAL TAXING DISTRICTS		1.10	1.23
TAX INCREMENT		.00	.00
TOTAL Excluding Special Assessments		Percent Change 12.0 %	1,619.32 1,814.00

The time to provide feedback on PROPOSED LEVIES is NOW
It is too late to appeal your value without going to Tax Court.

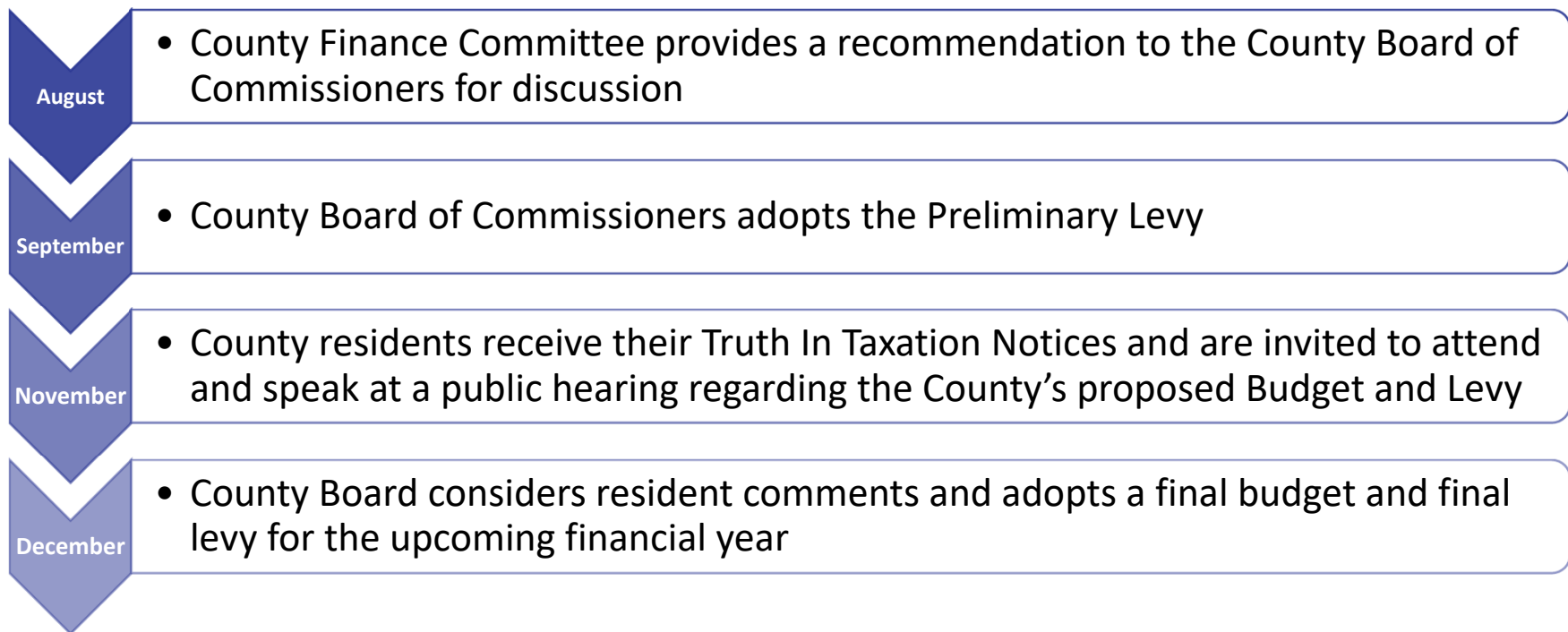
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Budget Preparation Timeline

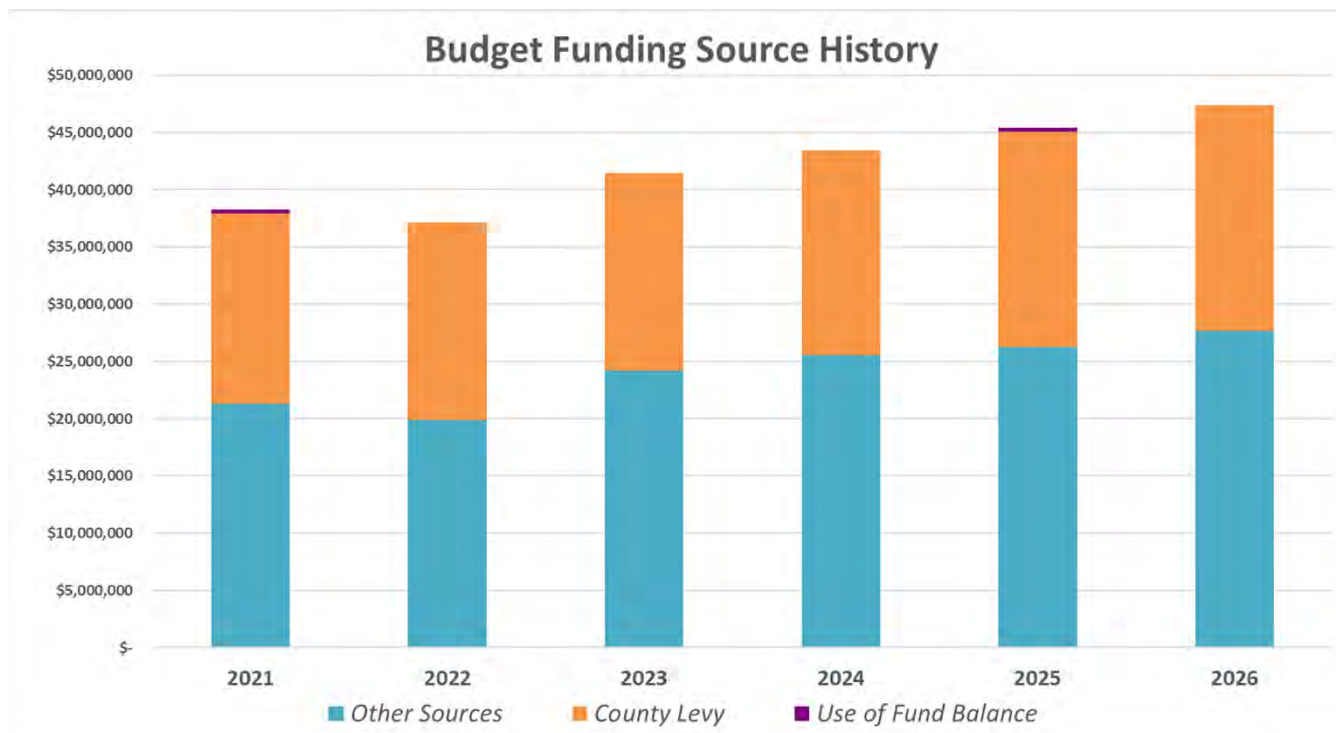


Budget Preparation Timeline



County Budget History

Step 2



**41.6% of the
Proposed
2026 County
Budget
Is supported via
County Tax Levy
Funds**

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Todd County Budget Components

Health Insurance & COLA costs constitute to be a significant portion of the county budget.

Classification & Compensation Study

Current County Campus Infrastructure projects

- Historic Courthouse Cupola
- Ongoing General Maintenance

Economic Impacts being realized for regular costs of doing business



Todd County Budget Components

County Bonds (loans) to finance previous building/maintenance projects will be concluded within 2 years.

Taxable General Obligation Courthouse Bonds:						General Obligation Refunding Bonds for Courthouse Construction:					
<i>Issued in 2010</i>						<i>Issued in 2016</i>					
<i>Payments beginning 2026</i>						<i>Payments beginning 2017</i>					
<i>Payments ending 2027</i>						<i>Payments ending 2026</i>					
<i>No lump sum payments listed</i>											
	<i>Beginning Balance</i>	<i>Principal Payment</i>	<i>Interest Due</i>	<i>New Balance</i>	<i>Interest Rate (Each Year)</i>		<i>Beginning Balance</i>	<i>Principal Payment</i>	<i>Interest Due</i>	<i>New Balance</i>	<i>Interest Rate (Each Year)</i>
2011	\$ 525,000.00	\$ -	\$ 34,066.00	\$ 525,000.00		2016	\$ 3,140,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,140,000.00	
2012		\$ -	\$ 31,230.00	\$ 525,000.00		2017		\$ 310,000.00	\$ 42,604.00	\$ 2,830,000.00	2.000%
2013		\$ -	\$ 31,230.00	\$ 525,000.00		2018		\$ 305,000.00	\$ 53,550.00	\$ 2,525,000.00	2.000%
2014		\$ -	\$ 31,230.00	\$ 525,000.00		2019		\$ 315,000.00	\$ 47,350.00	\$ 2,210,000.00	2.000%
2015		\$ -	\$ 31,230.00	\$ 525,000.00		2020		\$ 320,000.00	\$ 41,000.00	\$ 1,890,000.00	2.000%
2016		\$ -	\$ 31,230.00	\$ 525,000.00		2021		\$ 325,000.00	\$ 34,550.00	\$ 1,565,000.00	2.000%
2017		\$ -	\$ 31,230.00	\$ 525,000.00		2022		\$ 335,000.00	\$ 27,950.00	\$ 1,230,000.00	2.000%
2018		\$ -	\$ 31,230.00	\$ 525,000.00		2023		\$ 340,000.00	\$ 21,200.00	\$ 890,000.00	2.000%
2019		\$ -	\$ 31,230.00	\$ 525,000.00		2024		\$ 350,000.00	\$ 14,300.00	\$ 540,000.00	2.000%
2020		\$ -	\$ 31,230.00	\$ 525,000.00		2025		\$ 355,000.00	\$ 7,250.00	\$ 185,000.00	2.000%
2021		\$ -	\$ 31,230.00	\$ 525,000.00		2026		\$ 185,000.00	\$ 1,850.00	\$ -	2.000%
2022		\$ -	\$ 31,230.00	\$ 525,000.00							
2023		\$ -	\$ 31,230.00	\$ 525,000.00							
2024		\$ -	\$ 31,230.00	\$ 525,000.00							
2025		\$ -	\$ 31,230.00	\$ 525,000.00							
2026		\$ 180,000.00	\$ 31,230.00	\$ 345,000.00	5.750%						
2027		\$ 345,000.00	\$ 20,700.00	\$ -	5.900%						

Total Payment for 2026: \$398,080



2026 Proposed Budget & Proposed Levy

Department	2026 Proposed Total Budget Expenses	2026 Proposed Total Net Levy	% Change Total Net Levy
Commissioners	\$ 362,977.00	\$ 361,977.00	6.03%
Court Admin	\$ 200,000.00	\$ 200,000.00	14.29%
Admin-HR	\$ 625,390.00	\$ 625,390.00	22.18%
Auditor-Treasurer	\$ 790,533.00	\$ 726,733.00	10.43%
Ind. Auditing	\$ 100,000.00	\$ 100,000.00	5.26%
MIS	\$ 885,400.00	\$ 799,000.00	22.88%
Central Purchasing	\$ 33,000.00	\$ 33,000.00	10.00%
Motor Pool	\$ 72,000.00	\$ 70,000.00	-38.05%
Elections	\$ 138,720.00	\$ 59,536.00	16.19%
County Attorney	\$ 1,255,294.00	\$ 1,233,044.00	14.69%
GIS	\$ 227,831.00	\$ 222,831.00	4.18%
P&Z	\$ 726,510.00	\$ 396,118.00	20.18%
Surveyor	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 30,000.00	0.00%



2026 Proposed Budget & Proposed Levy

Department	2026 Proposed Total Budget Expenses	2026 Proposed Total Net Levy	% Change Total Net Levy
Assessor	\$ 700,576.00	\$ 700,276.00	9.72%
Recorder	\$ 464,282.00	\$ 219,682.00	27.10%
Buildings	\$ 1,138,353.00	\$ 1,021,238.00	-19.38%
Veterans Service	\$ 324,913.00	\$ 314,913.00	3.03%
General Govt	\$ 535,850.00	\$ (60,650.00)	85.39%
Sheriff	\$ 6,357,631.00	\$ 5,701,029.00	3.81%
TWCC	\$ 664,333.00	\$ 664,333.00	7.25%
Emergency Mgmt	\$ 73,241.00	\$ 73,241.00	8.24%
Public Trans.	\$ 61,655.00	\$ 61,655.00	41.97%
Parks&Trails	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 9,000.00	0.00%
Ditch-Ag	\$ 119,153.00	\$ 109,153.00	7.76%
Extension	\$ 246,549.00	\$ 246,549.00	4.61%

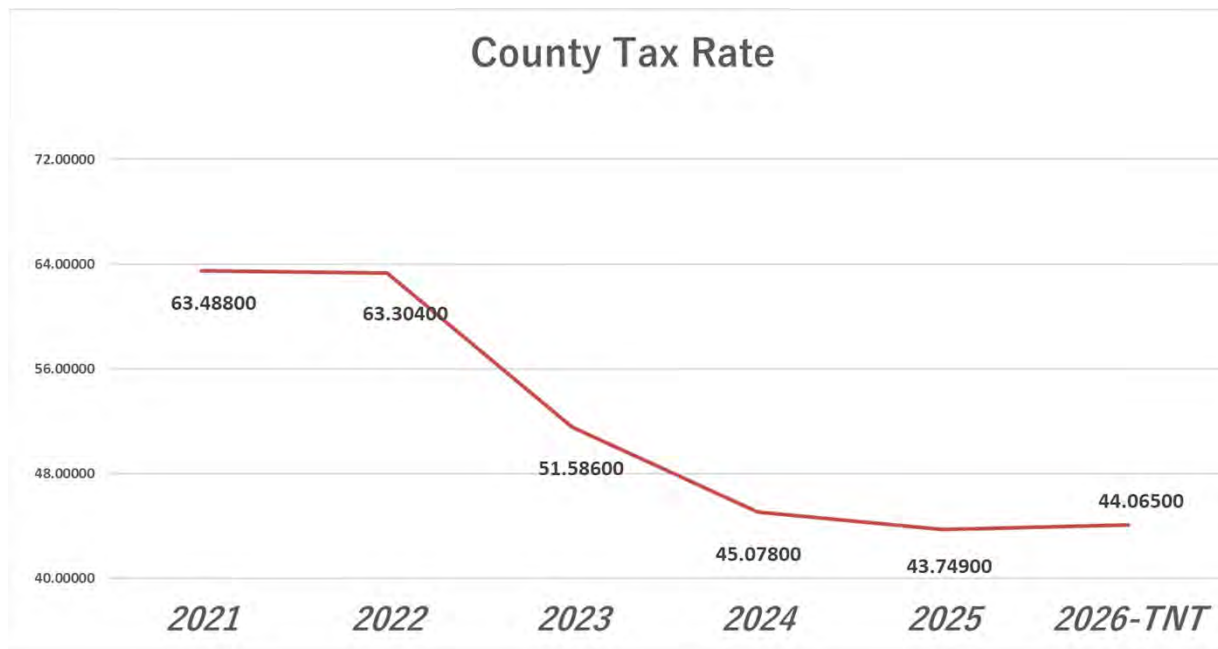


2026 Proposed Budget & Proposed Levy

Department	2026 Proposed Total Budget Expenses	2026 Proposed Total Net Levy	% Change Total Net Levy
Soil&Water	\$ 1,290,037.00	\$ 194,048.00	-16.00%
Economic Dev.	\$ 104,000.00	\$ 104,000.00	8.72%
HRA	\$ 3,800.00	\$ 3,800.00	0.00%
Water Plan	\$ 25,395.00	\$ 5,360.00	0.00%
Reg. Library	\$ 362,537.00	\$ 362,537.00	4.21%
Fair	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 20,000.00	0.00%
Public Works	\$ 15,204,361.00	\$ 2,262,357.00	-21.72%
Human Services	\$ 10,740,262.00	\$ 4,137,488.00	10.30%
Park Board	\$ 34,000.00	\$ 25,000.00	0.00%
Public Health	\$ 2,876,079.00	\$ 282,945.00	27.45%
Bonded Indebt	\$ 419,984.00	\$ 419,984.00	1.11%
<i>Totals:</i>	\$ 47,223,646.00	\$ 21,735,567.00	



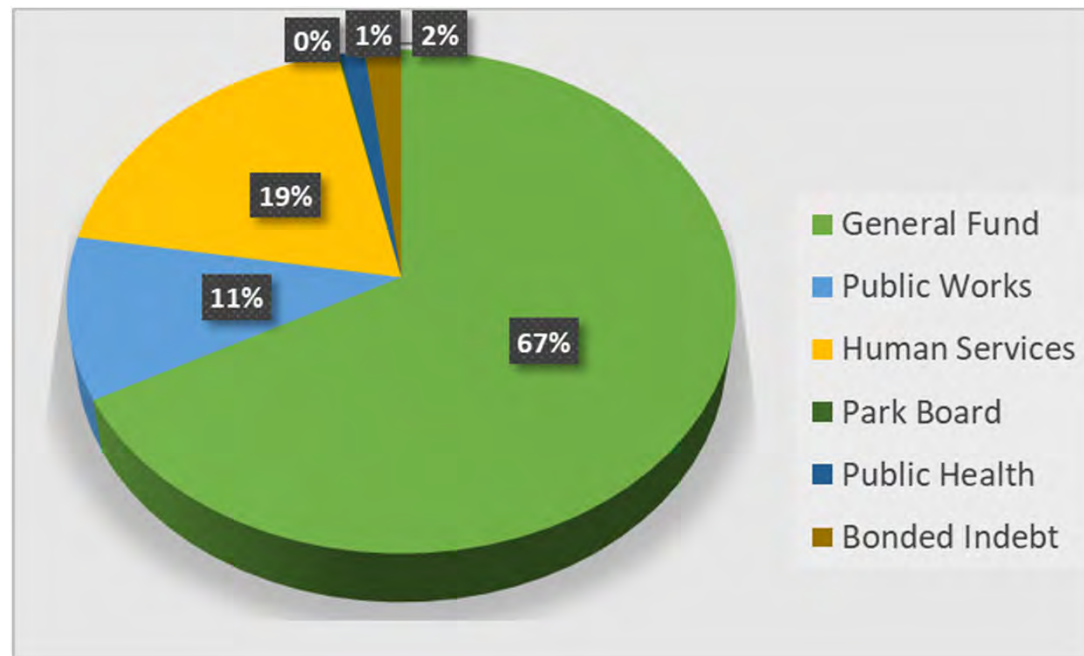
County Tax Rate History



The proposed County Tax Rate is the result of the Net Tax Capacity and Net Tax Levy used to determine the amount of Property Tax to collect for each parcel on the 2026 Property Tax Statements.

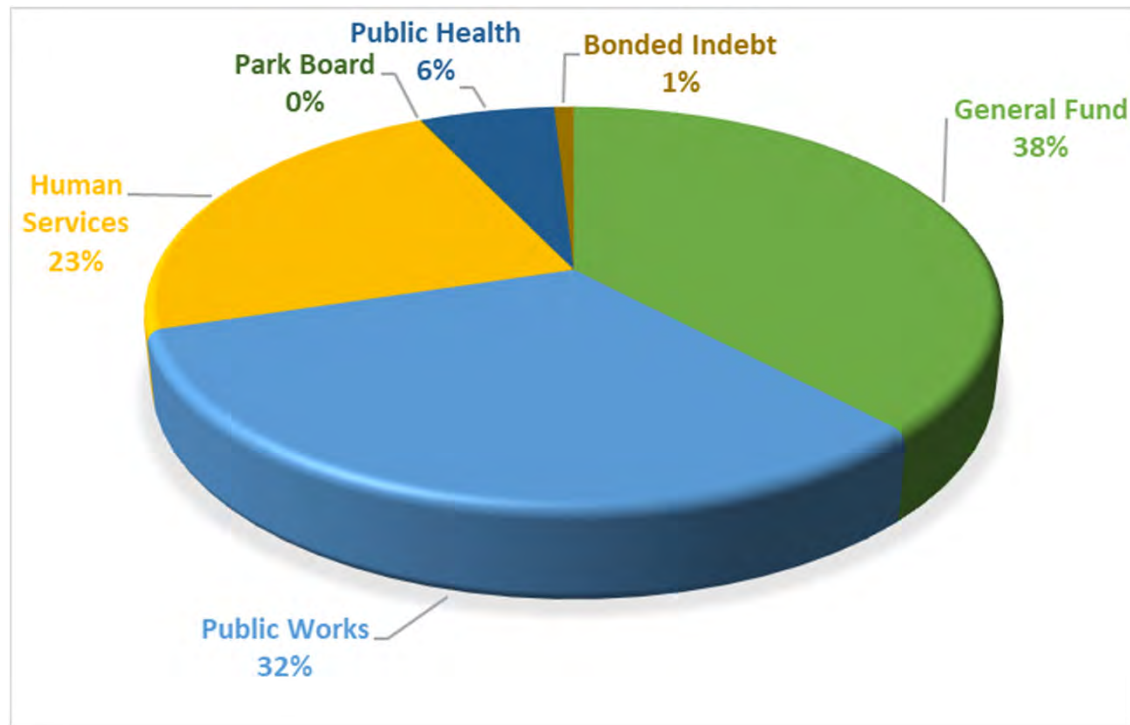


Total County Tax Levy



For every tax dollar **collected** in Todd County, this is the breakout of where the funds will provide support for county operations.

Total Budget Expenditures



This graph depicts for every dollar spent by Todd County which division's operation is being supported.

Proposed 2026 Preliminary Budget & 2026 Preliminary Levy Totals

	2024 Current Net Levy	2025 Current Net Levy	2026 Proposed Net Levy	% Increase (Decrease)
Total General Fund Budget*	12,553,651.00	13,522,424.00	14,219,896.00	5.16%
Comprehensive Water Plan*	5,360.00	5,360.00	5,360.00	0.00%
Regional Library*	349,765.00	347,905.00	362,537.00	4.21%
County Fair*	20,000.00	20,000.00	20,000.00	0.00%
Public Works Fund*	2,878,727.00	2,889,924.00	2,262,357.00	-21.72%
Human Services Fund*	3,584,721.00	3,751,265.00	4,137,488.00	10.30%
Parks & Trails Fund*	25,000.00	25,000.00	25,000.00	0.00%
Public Health Fund*	188,665.00	222,013.00	282,945.00	27.45%
Bonded Indebtedness Fund*	415,306.00	415,354.00	419,984.00	1.11%
Net Levy Total to Support the Budget	20,021,195.00	21,199,245.00	21,735,567.00	2.53%
Fund Balance Usage to Balance Budget	-	300,000.00		
Program Aid	2,090,297.00	2,087,764.00	2,018,099.00	
Final County Levy Total	17,930,898.00	18,811,481.00	19,717,468.00	4.82%



Public Hearing



2026 County Budget & 2026 County Levy Final Adoption

The County Board of Commissioners has the authority to reduce this levy before final adoption no later than December 30th, 2025.



Option #1 – Bring Forward the Preliminary Levy as certified September 2nd 2025.



Option #2 - Cut expenditures which would require reduction of certain services.



Option #3 – Use Cash Reserves to lessen impact on Local Levy Increase.



Contact Us

We are working together for the betterment of Todd County through Teamwork and Transparency.

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- 2025 County Commissioners

- District 1: Barb Becker

- 218-894-1493

- 218-343-3401

- District 2: Tim Denny

- 320-874-1173

- District 3: Bob Byers

- 320-874-1928

- District 4: Lew Noska

- 320-874-2511

- District 5: Randy Neumann

- 320-859-5970

Department	Name	Phone
Administration	Jackie Bauer	320-732-6447
Assessor	Chris Odden	320-732-4431
Attorney	John Lindemann	320-732-6039
Auditor/Treasurer	Denise Gaida	320-732-4469
Community Corrections	Interim Director	320-732-6165
Commissioners	Chair-Bob Byers	320-874-1928
Court Administration	Kim Peterson	320-357-5005
Ditch/Ag Inspector	Nancy Uhlenkamp	320-533-4651
Emergency Management	Michael Wisniewski	320-533-4697
Extension	Tony Hansen	320-732-4435
GIS	Adam Ossefoort	320-732-4248
Health & Human Services	Jackie Och	320-732-4500
MIS	Lisa Parteka	320-732-4470
Planning & Zoning	Adam Ossefoort	320-732-4420
Public Works	Loren Fellbaum	320-732-2722
Recorder	Kim Bosl	320-732-4428
Sheriff	Mike Allen	320-732-2157
Soil & Water Conservation	Adam Ossefoort	320-732-2644
Solid Waste	Chris McConn	320-594-2210
Veterans Service	Pete Berscheit	320-732-4418

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