

Douglas County 2024 Proposed Budget

Did you know?

Douglas County funds almost 40 community partners, who provide behavioral health, human services, economic development, heritage, and land management services for the community.

Things to Know

Assessed Property Value

11.5% of your home's value

Mill Levy or Mill Rate

One mill is \$1.00 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation. For a home that is valued at \$150,000, the assessed value would be 11.5% or \$17,250. One mill would be \$17.25 in tax dollars.

Revenue

Money received by the county from external sources. This can come from taxes, utilities, the state, and more.

Supplemental Requests

Requests for funds to cover new programs or positions.

Transfers Out

Cash flow from one fund to another

The County Administrator prepares the proposed budget for consideration by the Board of County Commissioners. The County Commission will hold public hearings on the proposed budget on July 5, 6 and 7 from 9 a.m. to noon in the County Commission chambers in the historic Courthouse. Deliberations will continue the week of July 10. The budget hearing will be August 30.

The proposed 2024 budget has a flat mill levy of 46.219 mills.



Assessed value: \$69,000
County Property Tax: \$3,200



Assessed value: \$34,500
County Property Tax: \$1,600



Assessed value: \$17,250
County Property Tax: \$800

Your property taxes can be calculated by dividing the **mill rate** by 1,000 and then multiplying it by the **assessed value** of your home.

Revenues

Most of Douglas County's revenues come from property taxes, just over 77%. Of the remaining revenues, the countywide 1 cent sales tax will provide \$9.0 million in revenue in 2024. The quarter cent sales tax for behavioral health will provide an additional \$6.1 million in revenue. Interest income has increased over 2023, but mortgage registration fees are down.

Did you know?

Road and bridge improvements as well as most facility repairs and improvements are funded "pay as you go." This saves interest costs on debt financing. The 2024 proposed budget includes \$5.4 million for the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP)

Programs and Services

During the budget review process, the County Commission has the opportunity to lower the tax rate and to consider adding services. Departments and agencies have submitted over 30 supplemental requests for consideration. A few of these requests are adding 25 positions for Lawrence-Douglas County Fire Medical, increasing base pay for Sheriff's Office staff, adding women's supportive housing services with Artists Helping the Homeless.

Did you know?

Douglas County has 506 full time equivalent employees, providing services to the community. The largest county departments are the Sheriff's Office, Public Works and Criminal Justice Services.

Behavioral Health

The 2024 budget combines property tax and sales tax support into one fund to consolidate financial support for dozens of mental health and substance abuse services in the community. This provides almost \$11.0 million in annual funding for the services including the Treatment and Recovery Center, supportive housing, and intensive case coordination.

