



# Truth In Taxation

December 1, 2005



# Welcome

- Questions on assessed value?
- Market values shown on your Truth In Taxation notice are final and are NOT a subject for the hearing tonight.
- Values for the 2005 assessment (taxes payable 2006) were discussed and established at the local Boards of Review and the County Board of Equalization held earlier this year.



# The purpose of this hearing is...

1. To explain the proposed budget and proposed tax levy for 2006.
2. Obtain public feedback on the proposed County budget.



# Budget Development Timeline

- **Jan.** Market values are determined.
- **March** Property tax statements mailed.
- **April** County officials begin work on budget.
- **Sept.** Proposed budget is announced.
- **Nov.** Truth-in-Taxation notices mailed.
- **Dec.** Truth-in-Taxation meeting held; 2006 budget is adopted on Dec. 13.

# Ongoing Opportunities for Citizen Input

- Participation on citizen committees
- County website
- County Board meetings
- “Write Now” citizen surveys
- “County Communicator” citizen newsletter
- Open houses & informational meetings



# Truth-In-Taxation Statement

- Levy Authorities
  - Blue Earth County
  - Cities or Townships
  - School Districts
  - Region Nine Development Commission
- Taxable market value for taxes payable in 2005 and 2006.
- Meetings for school districts and cities are held at other times.



	<b>Taxes Payable in 2005</b>	<b>Taxes Payable in 2006</b>
<b>Taxable Market Value:</b>	\$112,800	\$114,300
<b>Property Classification:</b>	RES. HSTD.	RES. HSTD.

Your **taxable market value** for property tax payable in 2006 was sent to you in the spring of 2005. The period to discuss possible changes has passed and changes can no longer be made to your property valuation. It is included here for your information only.

Mailing Addresses and Telephone Numbers	Hearing Dates and Locations	(1) Actual 2005 Property Tax	(2) Proposed 2006 Property Tax
<b>TOTAL</b> excluding special assessments		\$ 892.00	\$ 918.00
Percent of Change			2.9%
<b>BLUE EARTH COUNTY</b> DENNIS MCCOY, CO. ADMIN. P O BOX 8608 MANKATO MN 56002-8608 Tel: 507 304-4251	DEC 1, 2005 6:00 PM COUNTY BOARD ROOM 204 S 5TH ST. MANKATO, MN 56001	\$ 371.80	\$ 365.05
<b>CITY OF MANKATO</b> CHERYL LINDQUIST, CLERK P.O. BOX 3368 MANKATO MN 56002-3368 Tel: 507 387-8607	DEC 5, 2005 7:00 PM INTERGOVT. CENTER 10 CIVIC CENTER PLAZ MANKATO, MN 56001	\$ 314.74	\$ 314.70
<b>STATE GENERAL TAX</b>	No Meeting Required	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
<b>0077 MANKATO</b> ED WALTMAN, SUPT. P.O. BOX 8741 MANKATO MN 56002-8741 Tel: 507 387-1868  VOTER APPROVED LEVIES OTHER LOCAL LEVIES	DEC 6, 2005 7:00 PM INTERGOVT CENTER 10 CIVIC CENTER PLAZ MANKATO, MN 56001	Your school district was scheduled to hold a referendum at the November special election. If this referendum was approved by the voters, the school district's property tax for 2006 may be higher than the proposed amount shown on this notice	
		\$ 142.46	\$ 141.61
		\$ 61.11	\$ 94.77
<b>SPECIAL TAXING DIST REGION 9</b>	No Meeting Required	\$ 1.89	\$ 1.87

# Special Property Tax Refund

- For people who own and reside in their home on both January 2, 2005 and January 2, 2006.
- There is no limit on household income in this program.
- Your 2006 property taxes must have increased by more than 12 percent and be at least \$100 over your 2005 taxes. The increase must not be attributable to new improvements.
- The maximum refund anyone can receive is \$1,000. The refund is 60 percent of your property tax increase in excess of the greater of 12 percent or \$100.
- Filing deadline is August 15, 2006.
- Call 651-296-4444 for form M1PR



# Budget “Fast Facts”

- The Blue Earth County property tax per capita remains lower than the Region 9 county average.
- 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 proposed 2006 tax levy is a 6.62% increase from 2005.

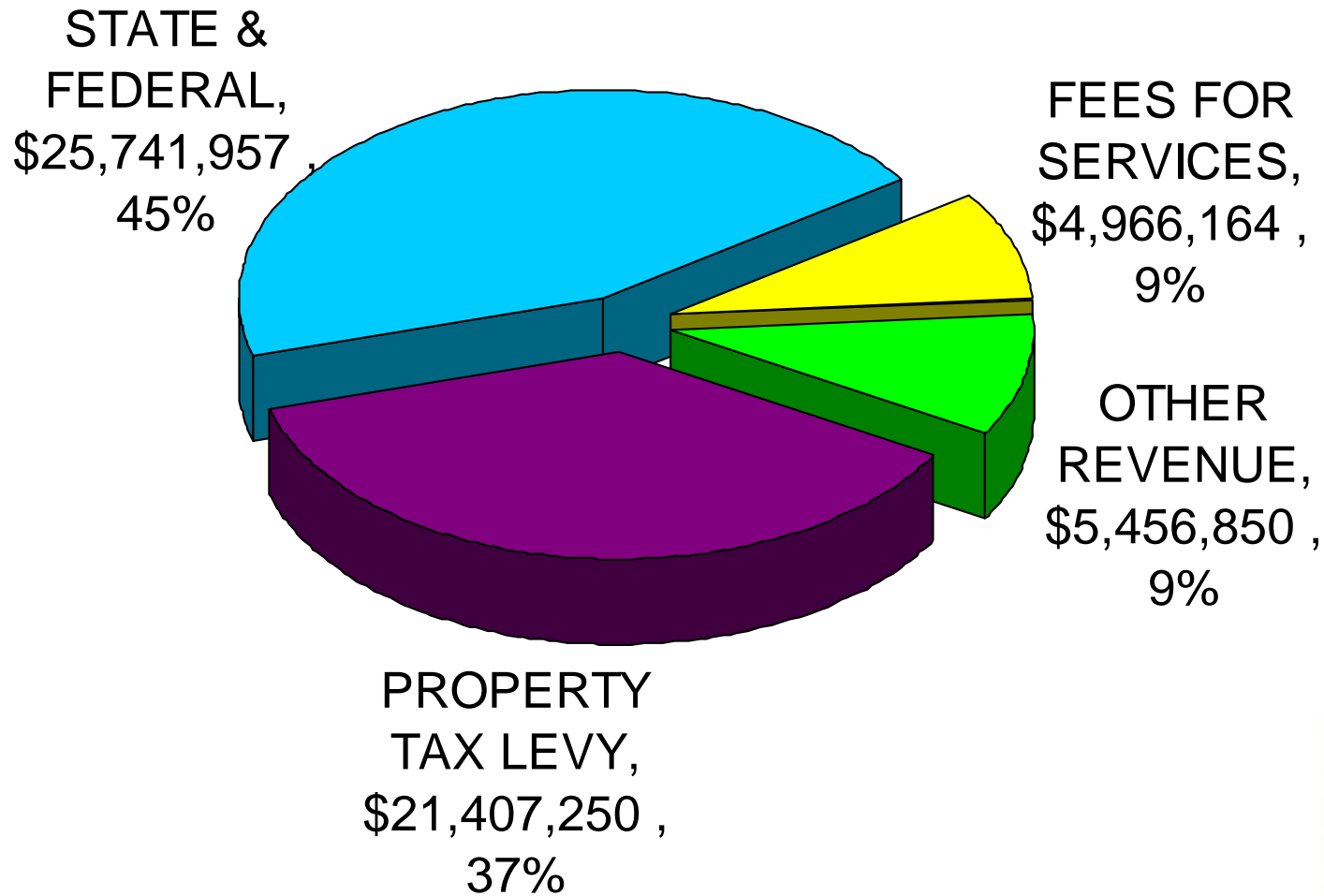


# Priority Areas

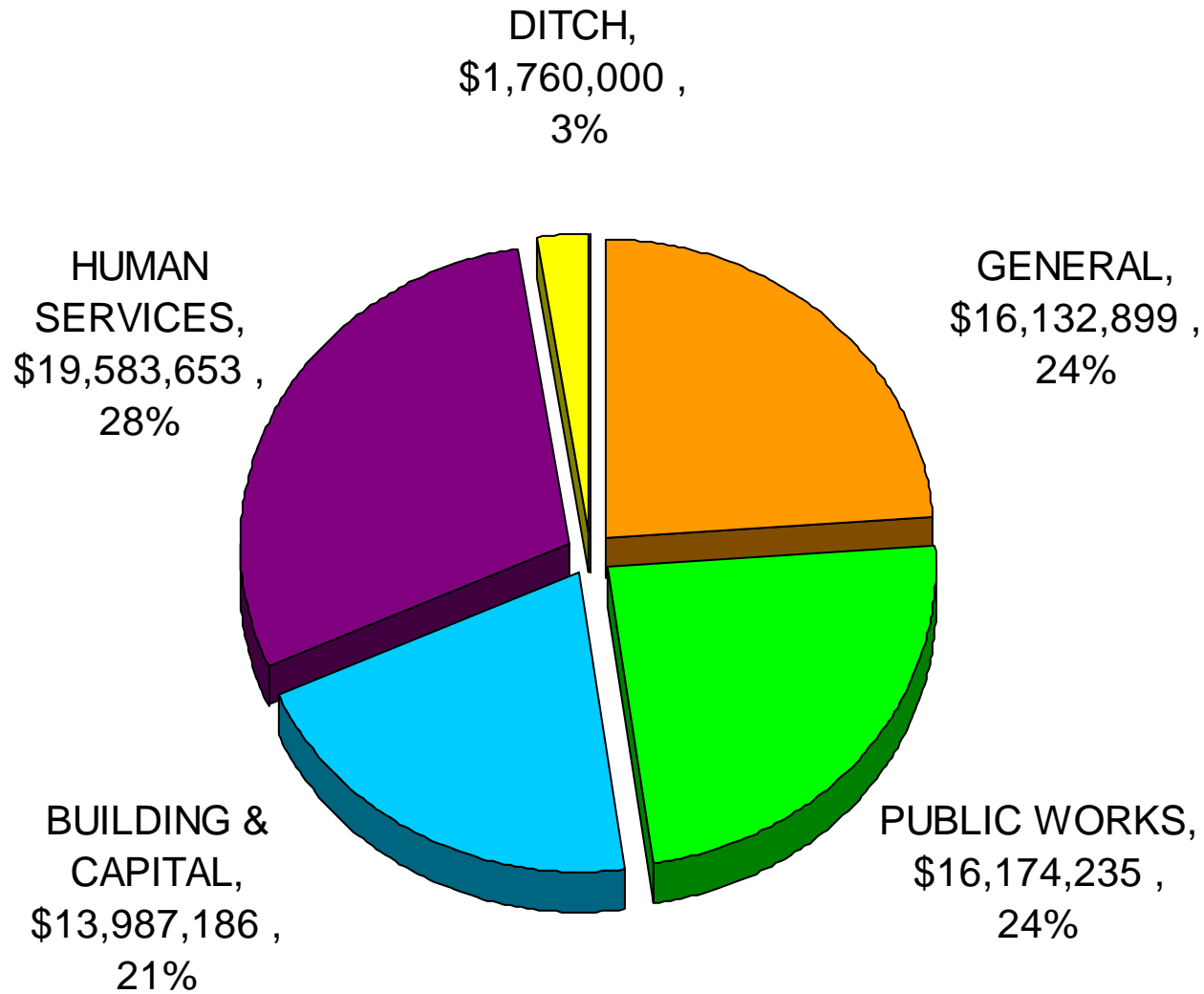
- Public safety (including probation, prosecution, jail staffing and patrol)
- Core human services (including mental health and child protective services)
- Technology
- Transportation Improvements



# 2006 Revenue \$57,572,221

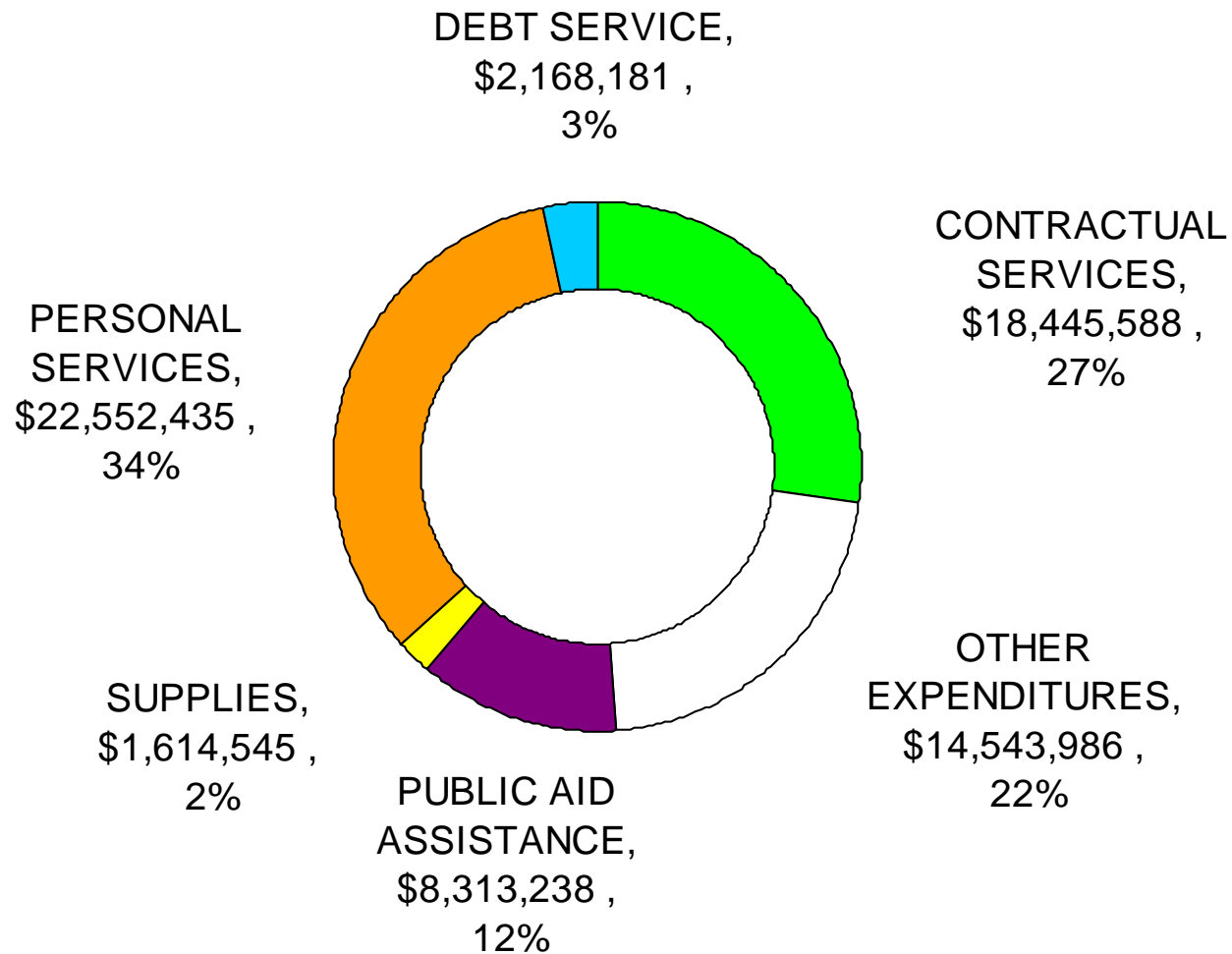


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# 2006 Expenditures Detail

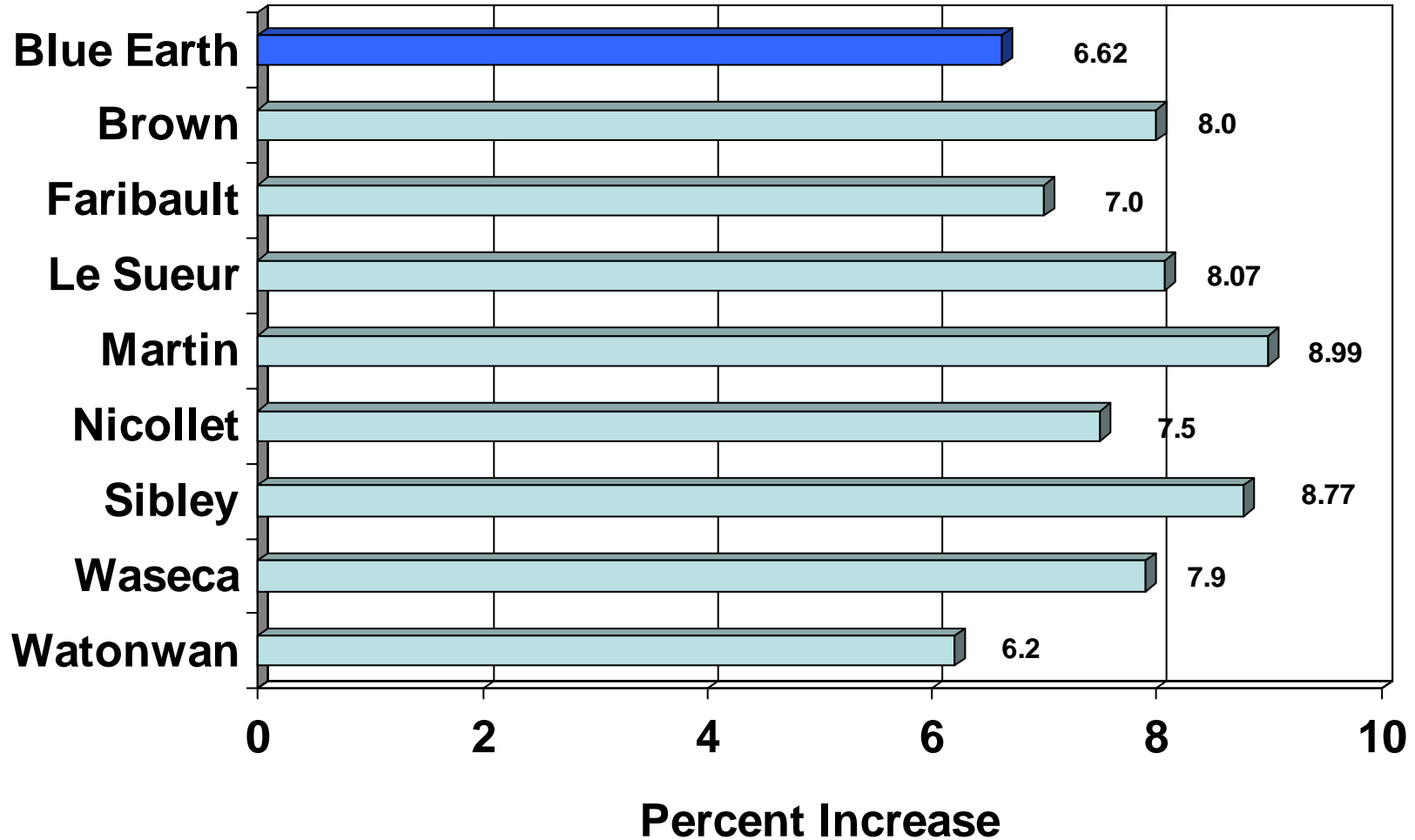
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# Jurisdiction Comparisons of Proposed Levy - Cities

<b>City of Mankato</b>	<b>9.97%</b>
<b>City of Lake Crystal</b>	<b>2.39%</b>
<b>City of Eagle Lake</b>	<b>10.00%</b>
<b>City of Good Thunder</b>	<b>3.24%</b>
<b>City of Madison Lake</b>	<b>12.00%</b>
<b>City of Mapleton</b>	<b>11.33%</b>
<b>City of Pemberton</b>	<b>5.00%</b>
<b>City of St. Clair</b>	<b>2.79%</b>
<b>City of Vernon Center</b>	<b>5.01%</b>
<b>9 City Average</b> (excluding Amboy (0.25%) and Skyline (80%))	<b>6.86%</b>
<b>Blue Earth County</b>	<b>6.62%</b>

# Jurisdiction Comparisons of Proposed Levy – Region 9 Counties



# Impact of 6.62% Levy Increase on County Portion of the Tax Dollar

TYPE OF PROPERTY	ASSESSOR'S MARKET VALUE	*ANNUAL COST DECREASE
Residential Homestead	100,000	(\$20)
	150,000	(\$31)
	200,000	(\$41)
	300,000	(\$61)
Agricultural Homestead	100,000	(\$16)
	250,000	(\$34)
	400,000	(\$51)
	600,000	(\$75)
Commercial/Indust.	100,000	(\$31)
	250,000	(\$87)
	500,000	(\$188)
	1,000,000	(\$393)

\* Assumes valuation stays constant





# What did I get for my tax dollar in 2005?

- The 2006 average tax on a \$150,000 home is \$55/month, which is comparable to:
  - Monthly cell phone bill
  - Monthly cable television
  - Monthly family gym membership
- The following are estimates for all services provided to Blue Earth County residents in 2005...

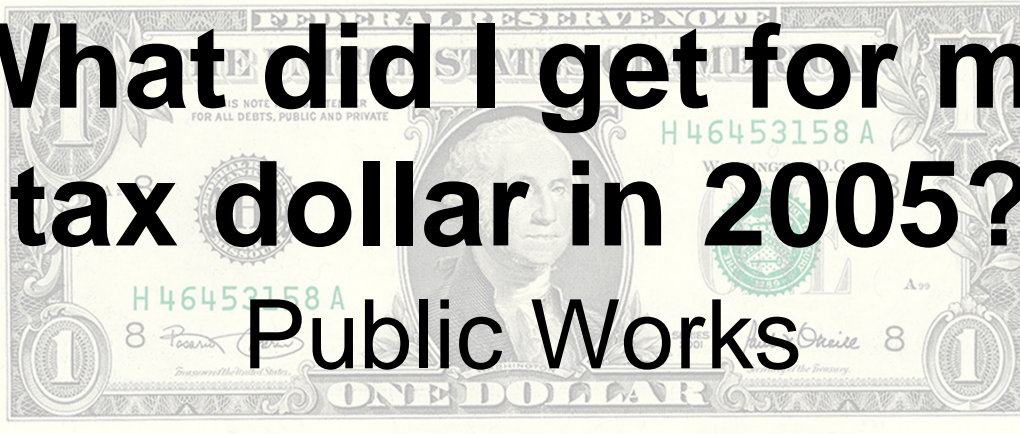
# What did I get for my tax dollar in 2005? Taxpayer Services

- 5,000 physical property assessments
- 15,700 documents recorded and/or processed
- 69,686 vital statistics, drivers license, passport, DNR and motor vehicle transactions
- 5,000 voter registrations processed
- Coordinated 10 elections



# What did I get for my tax dollar in 2005?

## Public Works



- 60 miles of road reconstructed, paved and/or sealcoated
- 3 bridges rebuilt
- 7,071 camping nights in
- County parks
- 800 canoe and boat rentals
- 926 acres of wetland and conservation land in the park system
- 15 County parks



# What did I get for my tax dollar in 2005? Environmental Services

- 75,000 tons of materials recycled
- 125 feedlot inspections
- 210 wells and septic systems inspected
- 28 tons of hazardous waste collected
- 25,000 tons solid waste accepted at landfill
- 210 building permits issued



# What did I get for my tax dollar in 2005?

## Law Enforcement

- 16,778 jail bed days
- 1,718 bookings
- 62,473 meals provided to inmates
- 2,114 prisoner transports
- 43,756 answered 911 calls
- 2,330 arrests
- 3,730 traffic stops



# What did I get for my tax dollar in 2005? Human Services

- 172 child protection investigations
- 170 out-of-home placements
- 23,867 foster care days
- 232 sexual violence reports resulting in services
- 17,820 hours child welfare case management

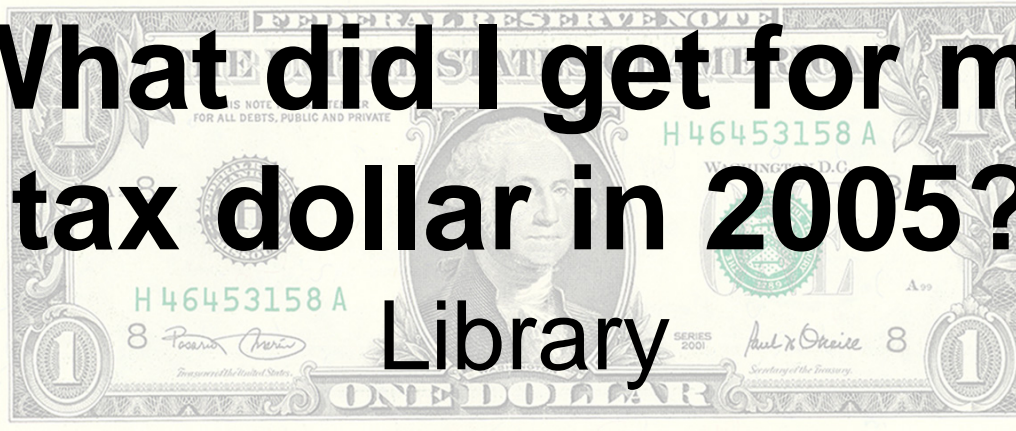


# What did I get for my tax dollar in 2005? Human Services

- 21,736 hours of case management for adults and children with mental illness and/or physical disabilities
- 1,418 therapy hours
- \$5.85 million in child support collected
- 3,477 people who received cash and/or medical assistance



# What did I get for my tax dollar in 2005?



- 22,000 card holders
- 400,000 materials checked out
- 240 children's story times & programs
- 3,900 youth in summer reading program
- 35 adult programs
- 42 public computer terminals



# What did I get for my tax dollar in 2005?

## Veterans



- \$6.7 million administered in Federal benefits
- \$3.6 million administered in health care benefits
- 130 trips to the VA Medical Center (transported 670 veterans for medical care)



# What did I get for my tax dollar in 2005? County Attorney

- 400+ felony complaints issued
- 140+ civil cases
- 300+ paternity & non-support cases
- 100+ children in need of protection or services and commitment cases
- 2,700 total caseload (includes all other cases, such as gross misdemeanors, conservatorships, delinquency cases)



# What did I get for my tax dollar in 2005? Community Corrections

- 1,154 offenders on probation
- 19 offenders enrolled in DWI Intensive Supervision Program
- 56 sex offense related cases receiving Enhanced/Intensive probation
- 372 offenders completing work sanctions ordered by the court
- 6,759 adult work crew hours
- 5,116 juvenile work crew hours
- 4,605 community work service hours



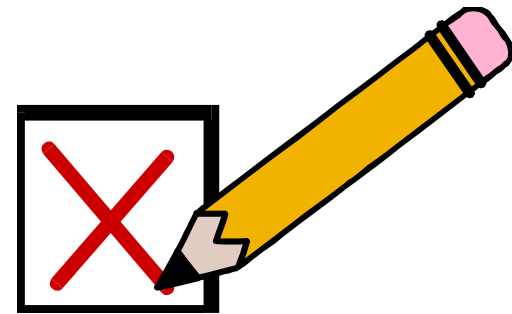
# What did I get for my tax dollar in 2005? Community Corrections

- Completed first year of Drug Court
  - 95 potential Drug Court cases reviewed, given chemical screening and assessments
  - 20 Drug Court open cases succeeding on probation
- Development and implementation of Truancy Court Pilot Project



# Citizen Survey

- Please fill out a survey before you leave tonight.
- Thank you



# Thank You for Attending

- Please contact staff or commissioners if you have other questions or concerns



# Questions and Answers



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