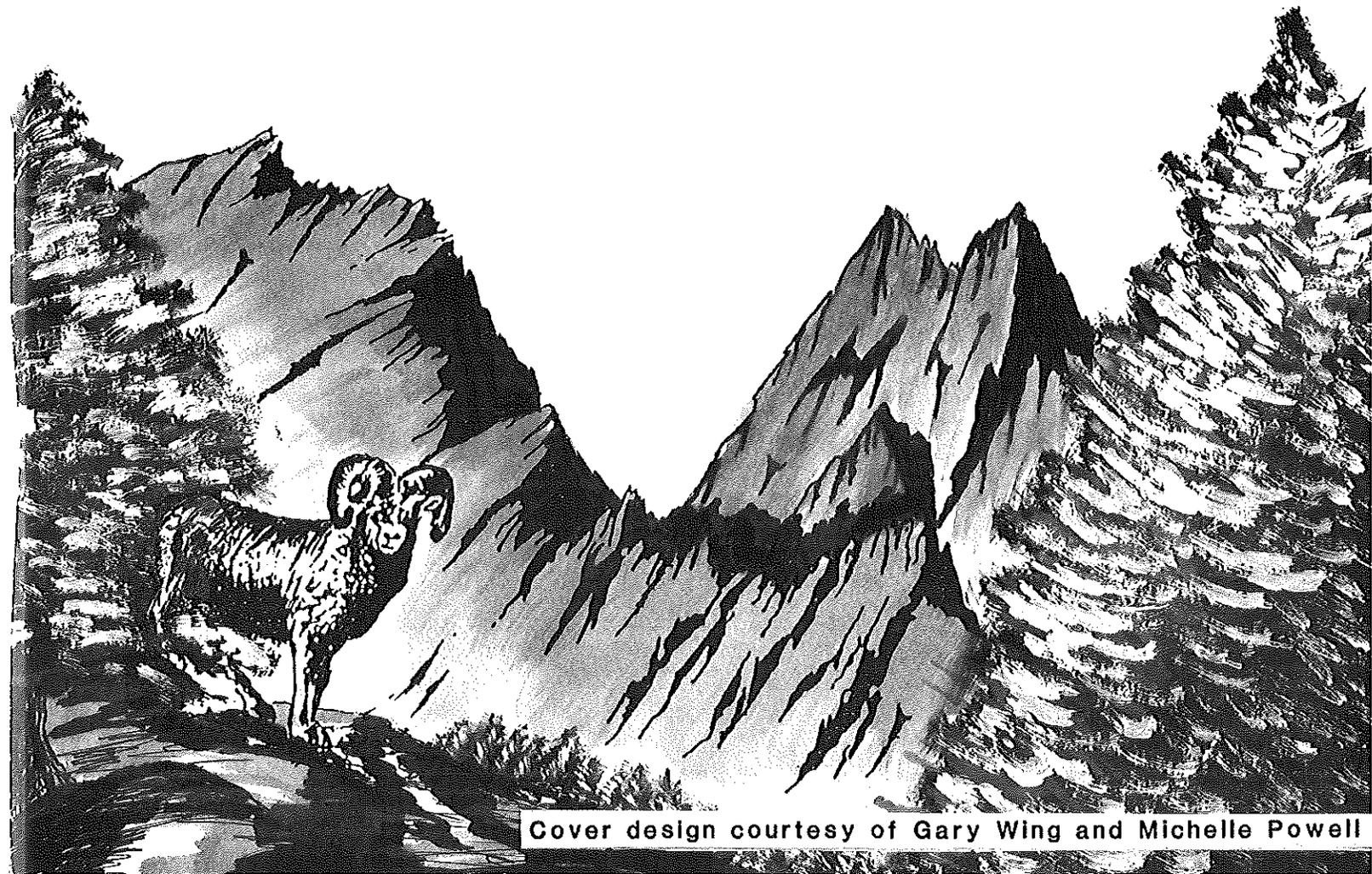


# CLEAR CREEK COUNTY

*Annual Report to the Taxpayers from the*

***BOARD of  
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS***

***1993***



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**Clear Creek County Needs Help  
You Can Provide It**

Our local economy is not enjoying the same benefits of growth that the rest of Colorado is experiencing. We are too dependent on economies outside of Clear Creek County— like the world price of molybdenum, the financial ability of tourists to visit our area, and the quality of jobs and wages available in the Denver area. The last decade has severely crippled our people, our businesses, and our governments. The strong local tax base we once enjoyed is gone and we haven't been able to recapture it—yet.

According to all of the statistics, our economy should be booming. According to realtors our base of rental units is very low (less than 4% vacancy rate when 10% is considered average). We've had the creation of 240 new jobs in the last two years from the gaming industry. Last year

Bob Poirot  
663 County Road 487  
Evergreen West  
674-7219

**Let's Work Together To Bring It About**

saw a record-breaking \$7 million in new home construction, and so far this year the rate is even higher. Our increase in sales tax collections has kept pace with the state's increases. The number of new land use cases has skyrocketed, literally burying the planning and zoning staff of four. Our residents are buying \$12 million in new cars every year.

All the statistics say we are healthy. So why aren't we?

We think it's because too many people are under employed, not making enough money to have the quality of life we desire. We think it's because we are having too much of the wrong kind of growth. We need \$7 million a year in new construction that will create businesses and commercial opportunities to provide jobs and an

Nelson Fugate  
225 12th Avenue  
Idaho Springs 567-2543

increased tax base. More houses for more people only creates more needs for government services. We need to create jobs inside Clear Creek County. Maybe then we can overcome the negativism that seems to have pervaded every conversation and every attempt to change. Maybe then we can have the luxury to truly enjoy our quality of life and the reasons we have chosen to live in Clear Creek County.

Let's work together to create the opportunities, the growth, and the quality of life that we want. Let's do our best to make sure that the changes during the next ten years are the right ones.

We hope you will take the time to study the information in this Annual Report. And analyze it.

Let us know what you think.

Ed Rapp  
3237 Mill Creek Road  
567-2204

Amendment 1 is now in effect and government as we know it will change considerably. Citizens will now have to be more involved with government. They need to be aware of how their tax monies are spent because beginning with the upcoming election in October and November, voters will be deciding what does and doesn't happen in Clear Creek County.

To help you meet your new challenge and responsibility, you need information to help you make the right decisions. The purpose of this Annual Report is to begin to provide that information. By no means, is this report intended to be your only source— you need to become more involved in all levels of government. I hope you will find the time to have the necessary discus-

sions with your neighbors, your elected officials, and with employees of the County.

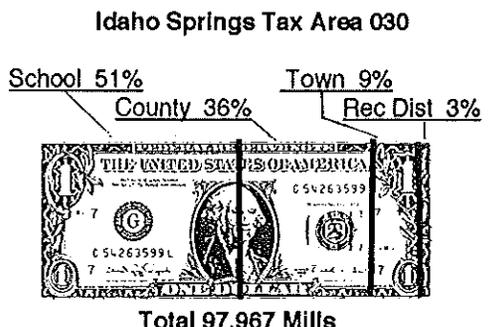
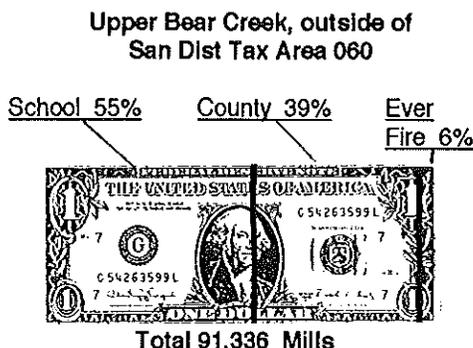
Government is a complex business. We hope this report is useful in helping you learn more about your county government.

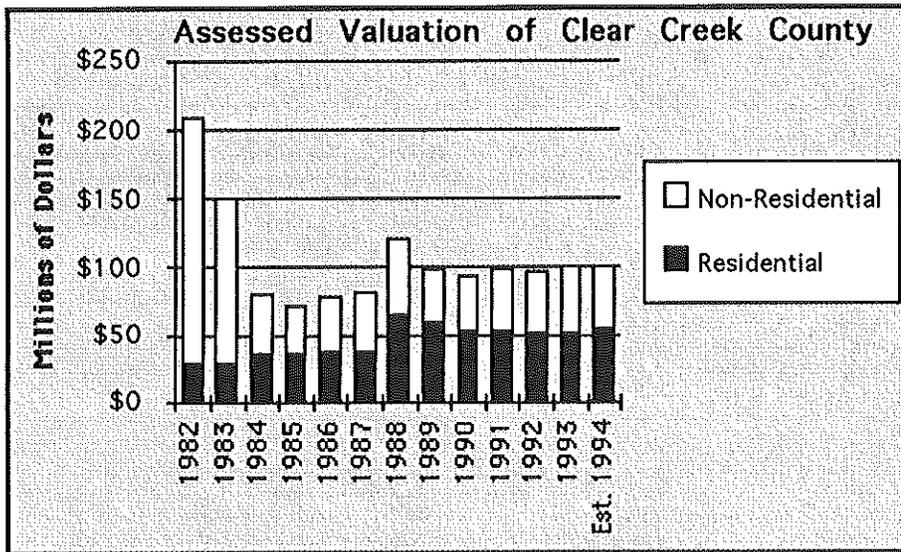
Jack Benson  
County Administrator

**Where Your Property Tax Dollar Went in 1993**

*Property taxes are different all over the county. It depends on where you live. But regardless, all property owners will pay the county and school property taxes.*

*These examples show the range of property tax rates that exist throughout the county.*





*In spite of 6 years of construction and inflation, the assessed value of Clear Creek County hasn't changed. Instead the valuation has shifted from a once strong natural resource base to residential.*

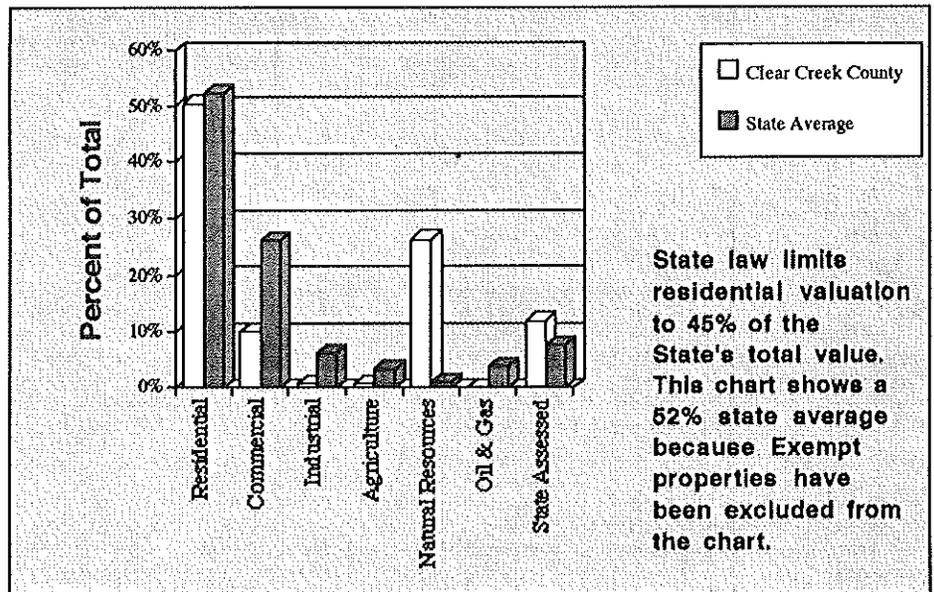
#### Strategy For A Better Future

If we can get more businesses to build in our county, we'll all benefit from more jobs, more sales taxes, a higher valuation, and LESS property taxes that each of us will have to pay.

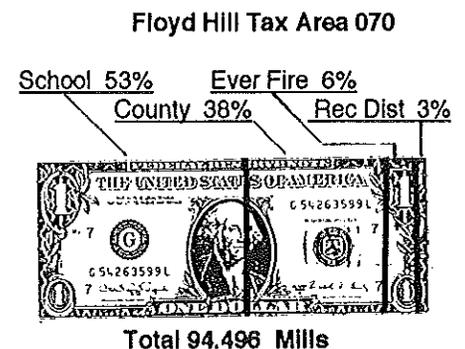
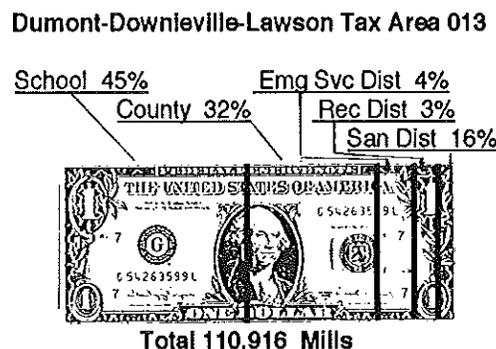
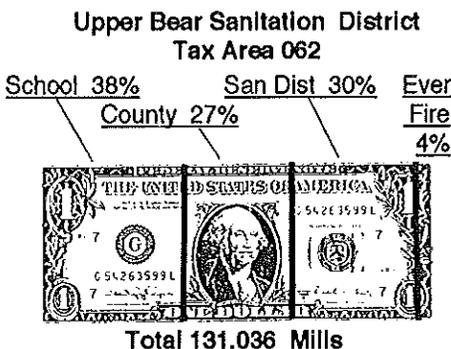
We are fortunate to have Loveland Ski Area and Interstate 70 traffic to bolster our winter economy, and the summertime vacationers who travel through our communities. To expand our economy, we need to help our businesses in the winter and summer, provide new tourist and visitor activities for the spring and fall, or create an economy that is not dependent upon visitors.

Our county government will support the multitude of organizations that are attempting to fill these needs—our Chambers of Commerce, the Tourism Board, the historical societies, the merchant's association, the Economic Development Corporation, and the businesses that have already invested in our future.

### Valuation by Type of Property

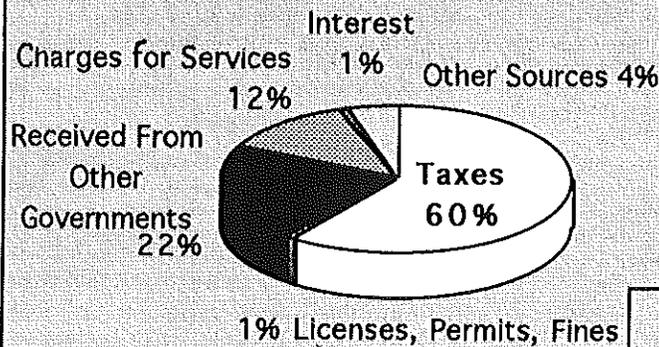


*Our Commercial valuation is half of the state average. And our industrial valuation is almost nonexistent. The best way to provide relief on residential property taxes is to promote new construction in these other types of property.*



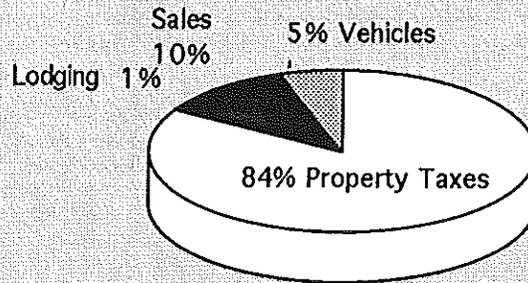
# County Revenues . . . Where Do They Come From

## Source of 1993 Revenues



Only 10% of our taxes come from Sales Tax. Summit County receives 30%, Jefferson County 17%, and Grand County 20%. We need more businesses.

## Source of 1993 Taxes



## How Is Property Tax Determined?

The actual market value of your property is multiplied by a percentage set in the State Constitution. There are two rates: this year, the residential property rate is 12.86%; all other property (including commercial and vacant land) is 29%.

Prior to 1985, the residential assessment rate was 30%. In 1985, it became 21%.

In 1987 it was 16%.

In 1989 it was 15%.

In 1991 it was 14.34%.

This year, for taxes to be paid next year, the rate is now down to 12.86%.

**Example:** A House Worth \$100,000  
 $\$100,000 \times 12.86\% = \text{Assessed Value of } \$12,860$

**Example:** A Business Worth \$100,000  
 $\$100,000 \times 29\% = \text{Assessed Value of } \$29,000$

Taxes are then figured by multiplying the assessed value times the current mill levy for the county, schools, town, etc.

## What Is A Levy?

Once the local government establishes the amount of property tax revenue it needs, this amount is divided by the total assessed valuation (the total of all property in the boundary of the government as multiplied by the percentages above). Each property is then assessed by multiplying the assessed value of that property by this fraction.

**Example:** Assessed Value of the county is \$100,000,000.  
 Amount of revenue needed is \$ 4,000,000.  
 $\text{Levy} = \$ 4,000,000 \text{ divided by } \$100,000,000 = .040$

The taxes on the \$100,000 house (above) would be:  
 $\$100,000 \times 12.86\% = 12,860 \times .040 = \$ 514.40$

The taxes on the \$100,000 business (above) would be:  
 $\$100,000 \times 29\% = 29,000 \times .040 = \$ 1,160$

The .040 multiplier would be called 40 mills, thereby the name *mill levy*.

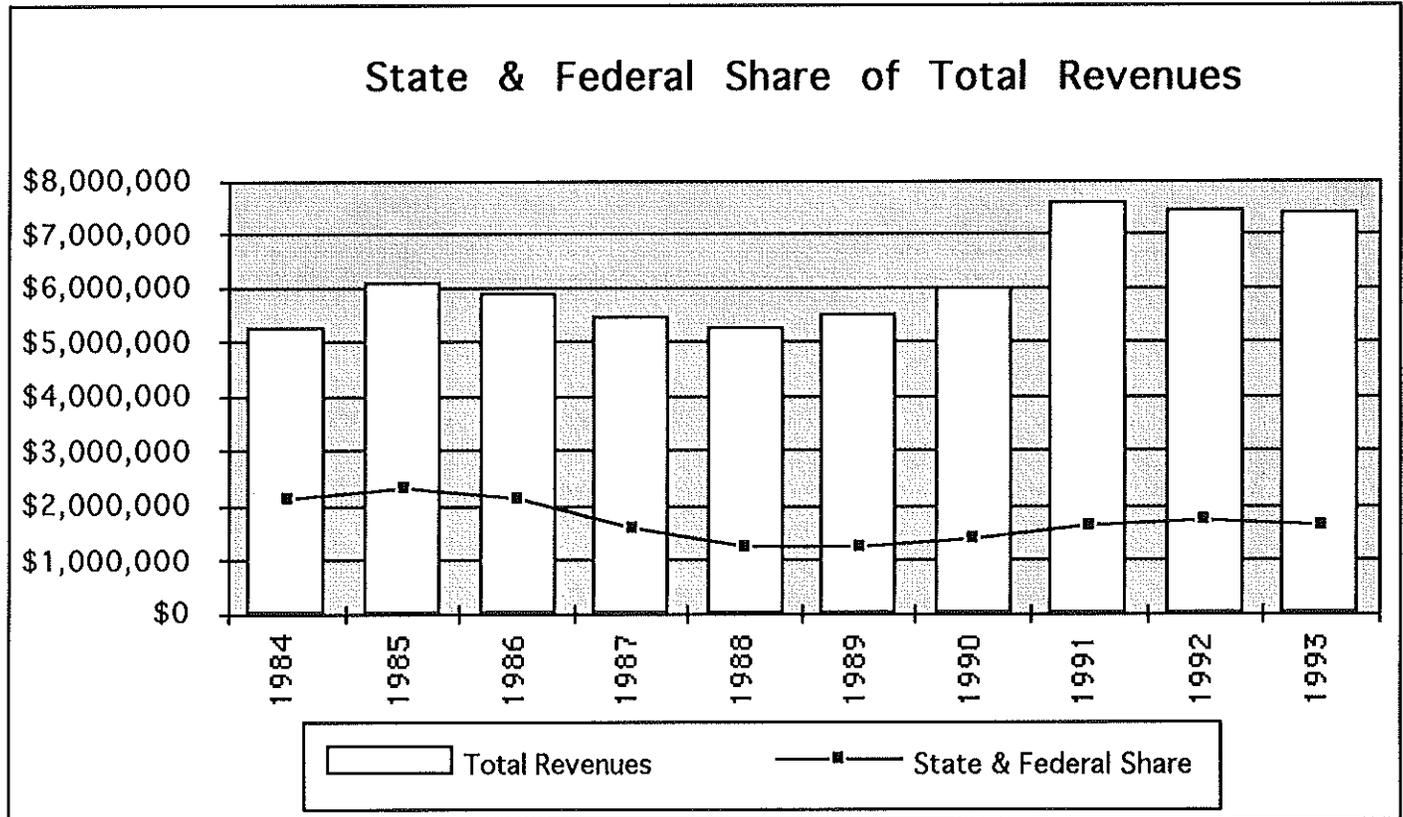
## Sources of County Revenue

### Notes About the Chart Below

In 1991 the final payment had been made on the bonds for the construction of the courthouse (paying off the debt early) and the Sales Tax became part of the county budget. The major increase in revenues that year was because of use of the Sales Tax revenues for 5 and 7 year loans (nearly \$800,000) to

purchase 5 road graders and equipment for the new Emergency Services District, and a \$250,000 increase in state grants.

Since 1985, the grants and funds from state and federal governments have decreased from 38% to 23% of total revenues.



### What Does Amendment 1 Do?

Amendment 1 has two major rules.

1. It limits the revenue collected by the county, and
2. It limits the county spending to the revenue and spending of the previous year *plus* growth from new construction and inflation.

Unless voters approve new levels of revenue and new spending limits, the commissioners cannot collect and spend revenue from new business in the county.

### Is There A Problem?

In spite of more than \$7,000,000 in growth from new construction, the assessed valuation of the county dropped. And that problem compounds every year.

Unfortunately, there are indications that the valuation of the

Henderson Mine (which currently pays 25% of all property taxes in Clear Creek County) will drop considerably. This will have a dramatic effect on property taxes to be paid in 1995. Based on information currently available, this is the year there will be major changes in

government services because of the loss of revenues.

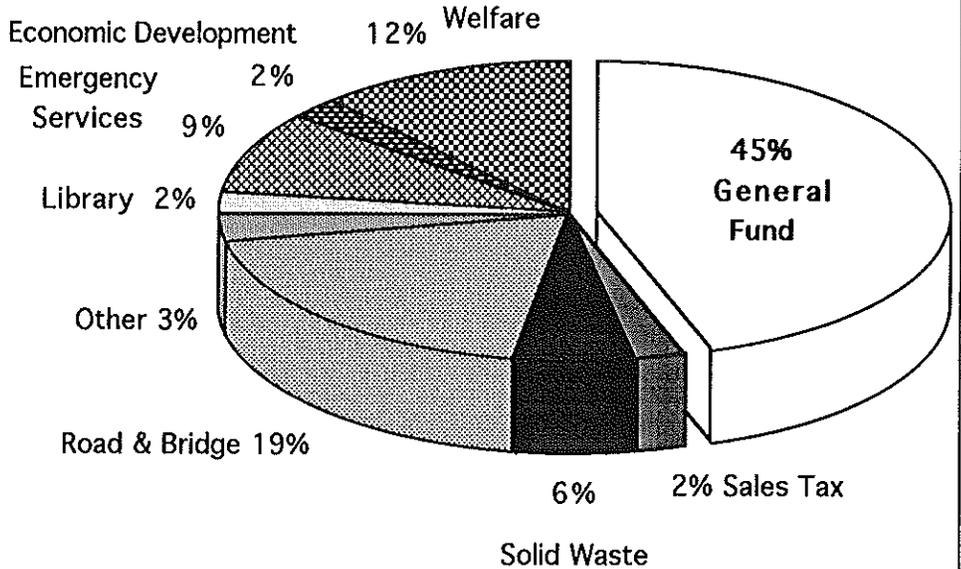
We will be facing major ballot issues in 1994. You need to become quickly informed about government, taxes, spending, and services, so you can make wise decisions.

# The County Budget

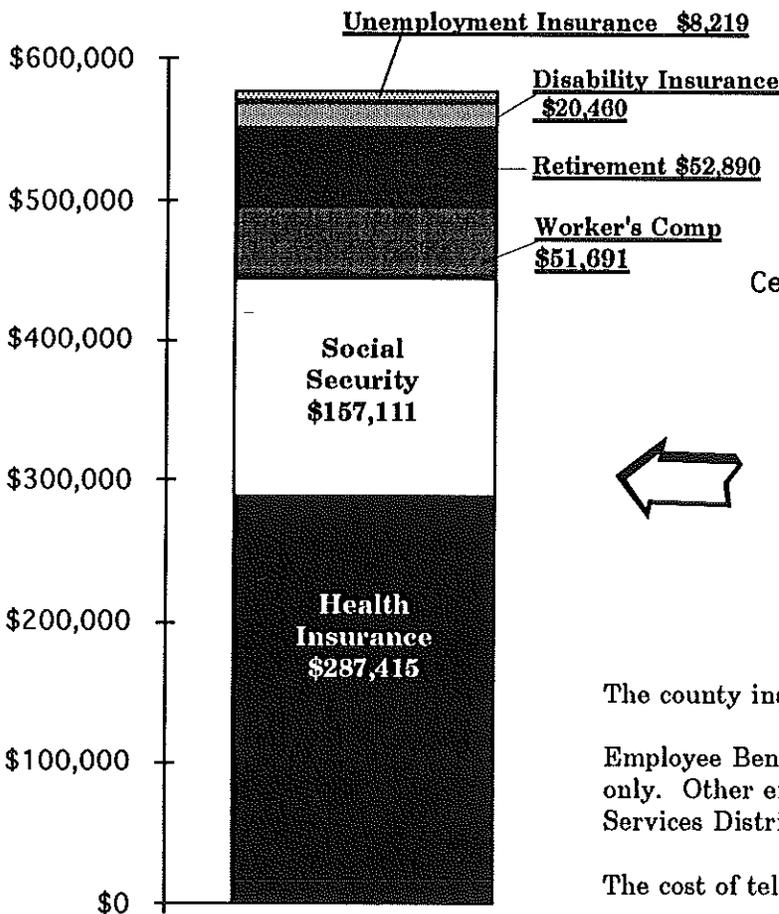
People and budgets always refer to the cost of government by funds. The information in this box shows, by the different funds, where the money goes.

1993 Expenditures by Fund

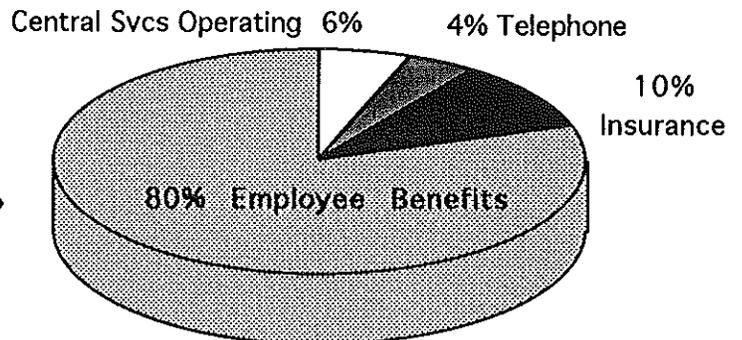
| Expenditures       | \$7,761,955 |
|--------------------|-------------|
| General Government | \$3,476,343 |
| Sales Tax          | \$ 168,534  |
| Solid Waste        | \$ 448,332  |
| Roads              | \$1,481,048 |
| Other              | \$ 260,594  |
| Library            | \$ 159,028  |
| Emergency Svcs     | \$ 677,104  |
| Economic Devt      | \$ 185,373  |
| Welfare            | \$ 905,559  |



## Benefit Costs for General Fund Employees Only \$577,786



## Central Services \$722,146



The county insurance and liability coverage is \$73,000.

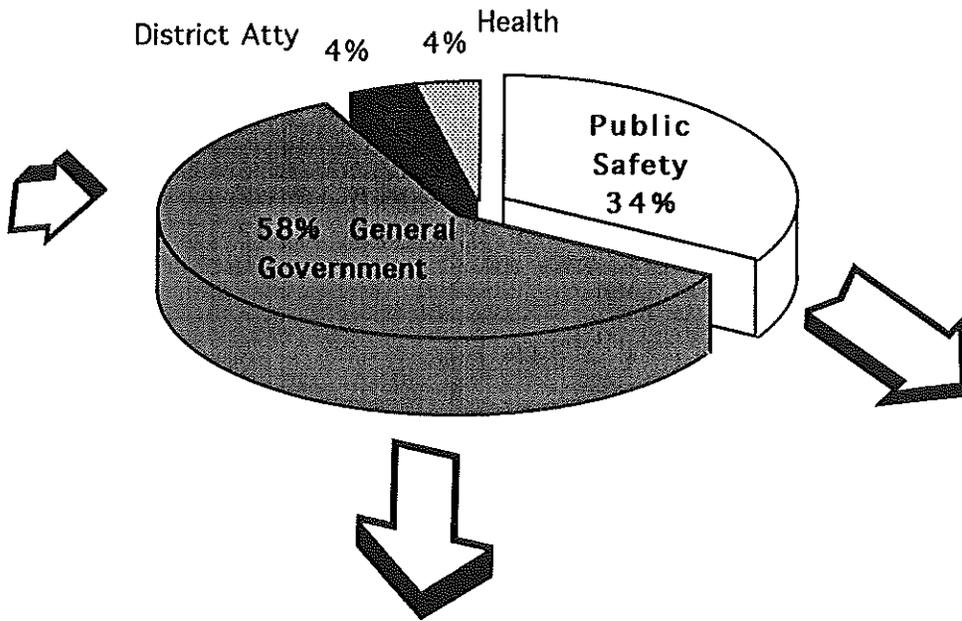
Employee Benefits are for those employees under the General Fund only. Other employees, such as those in Road & Bridge, Emergency Services District, Library, etc. are covered in those funds.

The cost of telephones is more than \$30,000 each year.

# Where Does It Go?

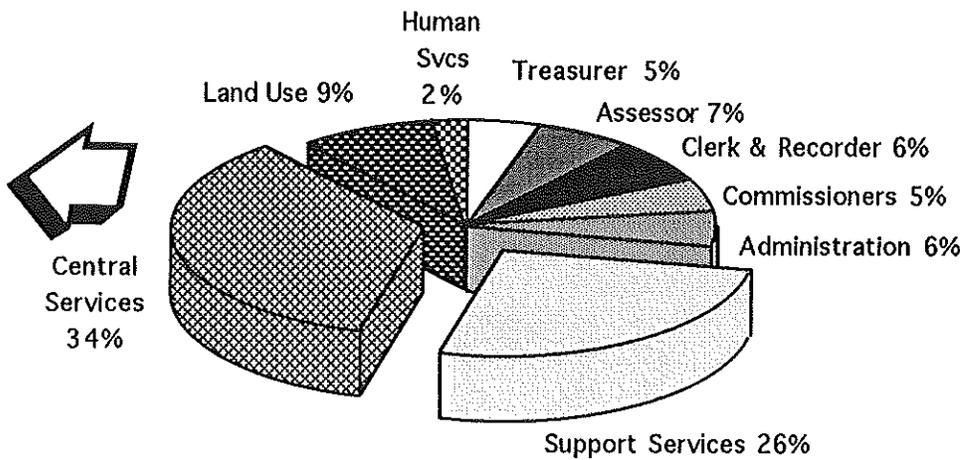
Maybe it is better to look at the county expenses in terms of the services that are provided. These charts show the different functions and services provided in the General Fund.

## General Fund Expenditures by Function \$3,476,343

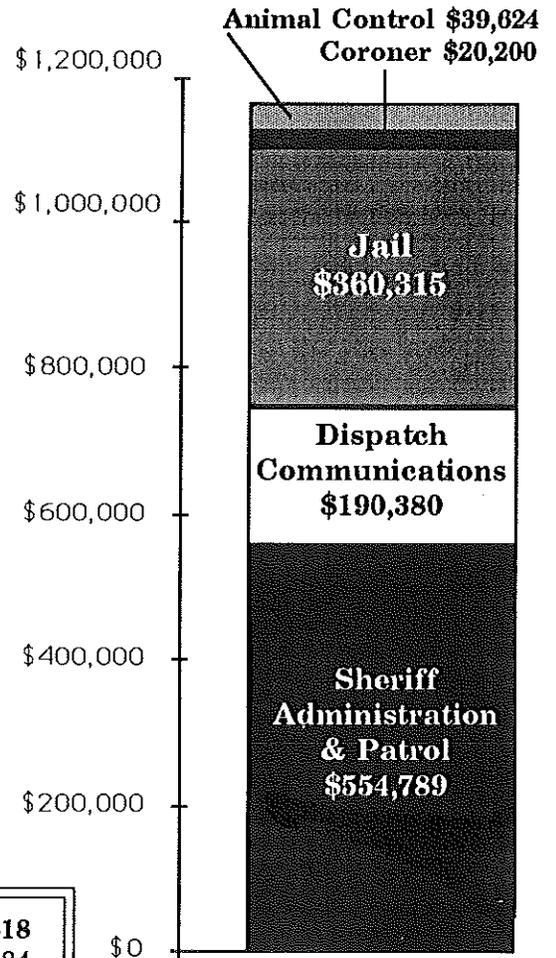


| Total Expenditures by Function |              |
|--------------------------------|--------------|
| General Government             | \$ 2,063,307 |
| Public Safety                  | \$ 1,165,308 |
| District Attorney              | \$ 125,423   |
| Health                         | \$ 122,305   |

## General Government \$2,063,307



## Public Safety \$1,165,308



| General Government \$2,063,307 |            |
|--------------------------------|------------|
| Treasurer                      | \$ 98,473  |
| Assessor                       | \$ 136,070 |
| Clear & Recorder               | \$ 129,733 |
| Commissioners                  | \$ 102,400 |
| Administration                 | \$ 122,239 |
| Land Use                       | \$ 177,966 |
| Support Services               | \$ 531,518 |
| Human Services                 | \$ 42,762  |
| Central Services               | \$ 722,146 |

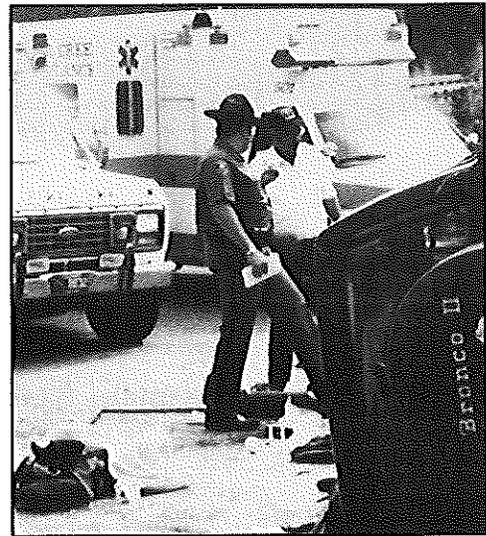
| Support Services \$531,518 |           |
|----------------------------|-----------|
| Archives                   | \$ 36,084 |
| Information Svcs           | 65,038    |
| Finance/Budget             | 61,267    |
| Maintenance                | 171,637   |
| County Attorney            | 77,386    |
| Clerical Staff             | 120,106   |

## VOLUNTEER EFFORTS SUPPORTING CLEAR CREEK COUNTY

Volunteers! So many have given so much. Volunteers have helped Clear Creek County grow and through their continuing efforts will shape the way of tomorrow. In addition to 128 hardworking and dedicated county employees, Clear Creek County is blessed with residents who exhibit a true sense of community. Without the commitment of the myriad of volunteers many of Clear Creek County's goals could not have been achieved.



More than 135 dedicated volunteers protect the property and lives of citizens and visitors. They spend numerous hours training so they are prepared for any emergency.

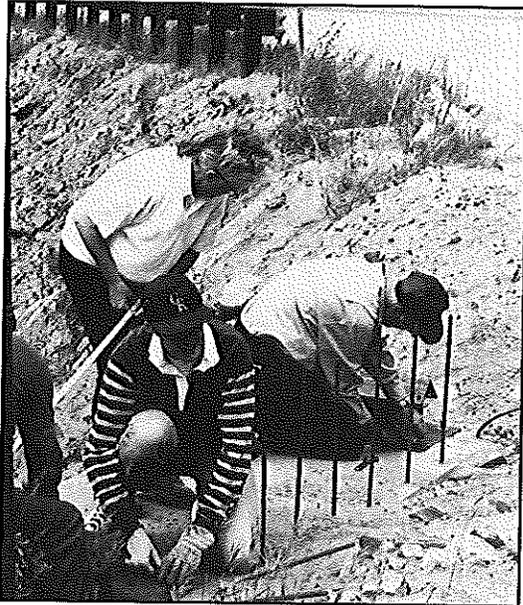


Volunteers for the Emergency Services District give the community a service that the county might otherwise find impossible to afford. When the pagers and sirens go off, these volunteers respond 24 hours a day. Their services are invaluable.



Clear Creek County depends on the commitment of citizens to provide the advice and direction to help achieve good government. The commissioners appoint volunteers to staff the various commissions and boards, as well as respond to a variety of other special interest groups. The commitment of citizens who sit on the various commissions and boards provide valuable assistance to the county staff in the research, discussion and planning that is required to help us improve our communities and quality of life. Pictured above is the Youth Services Board of Directors.

Volunteers, from the Planning Commission and Board of Adjustments, which assist in growth and development, to the Emergency Services District aiding citizens and visitors in their time of need, have, through their continuous dedication, willingness to be involved and foresight helped Clear Creek County grow. So many are there, it is impossible to mention them all. Our heartfelt thanks goes to the numerous volunteers who have given countless hours of time and effort.



Volunteers from throughout the county (and from outside) came together three years ago to provide a lasting memorial for Scott Lancaster. Today, the Scott Lancaster Memorial Bike Path is a reality, thanks to their commitment.

Library volunteer Janet Claus reads to preschool children every Tuesday at the John Tomay Memorial Library in Georgetown.



The Project Support in Clear Creek County is totally operated because a large, dedicated group of volunteers made it happen. Year after year, these volunteers mount aggressive membership campaigns and generate continuing income from the Queen's Wardrobe Thrift Store. Only a minimal amount of the Center's funding is provided by local government because the volunteers found a better way.



Others we would like to mention are...

Planning Commission \* Stakeholder Group \* Hazardous Material Team \* Sheriff's Reserves \* Library Board of Directors \* Victims Advocates \* Board of Adjustments \* Historic District Public Lands Commission \* Crimestoppers \* Swift Water Rescue Team \* And the many others to numerous to mention.

Photos courtesy of: Clear Creek Courant, Kelly Babeon, Georgetown Fire Department, Dave Dauenhauer and Gail Buckley

## Voting By Mail . . .

### . . . How It Works

Ballots will be mailed to all registered electors sometime between October 8th and October 18. If you don't receive a ballot, please call the County Clerk's Office.

**Important Steps**—After voting your ballot, please remember three important steps:

- a. Leave the stubs attached to your ballot cards
- b. Sign your name on the return/verification envelope
- c. Include your birth date on the return/verification envelope

Ballots missing any of the above will not be counted.

All ballots must be returned by 7:00 p.m. on November 2 in order to be counted. You can return the ballot by mail or you can bring it to the County Clerk's Office.

**Absentee Ballots**— If you are going to be absent from the county during this time period, you can request an absentee ballot from the clerk & recorder.

### **Confidentiality**

Each ballot packet will contain a secrecy envelope. Voters should insert the ballot card in the secrecy envelope after voting. This secrecy envelope should then be placed in the return/verification envelope (already signed and birth date included) and returned to the County Clerk's Office.

Ballots will be logged in, verified, and placed in a locked ballot box. The ballots will not be counted after 7:00 p.m. on November 2nd.

### **Fraud Protection**

To help alleviate the concerns of those who are afraid of fraud occurring in this election, I would like to offer the following reassurances: Any ballot returned without the ballot stub, without a signature, or without a birth date will not be counted. Should someone apply for a replacement ballot and we find that person has also submitted the original ballot sent to them, neither ballot will be counted. Any discrepancy will be investigated and all challenges will be turned over to the District Attorney's Office for investigation.

Pam Phipps, Clerk & Recorder

### LOCAL BALLOT ISSUES FOR 1993 ELECTION

#### **Question B** USE TAX ON BUILDING MATERIALS

The county is required by the Environmental Protection Agency to test the groundwater at the Empire and Idaho Springs landfills for the next 20 years, even though both landfills have been closed for several years. To pay for these costs, estimated to be about \$250,000, the commissioners have proposed the creation of a 1% Use Tax on building materials that are purchased outside of Clear Creek County but delivered to the county. The tax would stop when the monitoring is completed. It is believed the Use Tax would generate between \$25,000 and \$30,000 each year.

#### **Question C** USE TAX ON MOTOR VEHICLES TO FUND LANDFILL CLOSURE

The EPA is requiring the reclamation of the two, closed landfills in the county. The county's current reclamation plan has an estimated cost of between \$800,000 and \$900,000. This reclamation is required regardless of whether or not the country continues to operated the transfer station.

The commissioners have proposed a Use Tax on motor vehicles of 1%. There currently is no county sales tax (Use Tax) on vehicles, although the state and most towns collect their 3% "sales tax" (legally called a Use Tax). It is estimated this tax would generate approximately \$125,000 each year.

This revenue would be used exclusively for landfill reclamation, and the tax would disappear when that reclamation is completed. This question allows those costs to be paid from Use Tax, rather than property taxes or other taxes.

#### **Question D** GOLF COURSE

The commissioners are presenting this question to voters, proposing the construction of a golf course near Empire. To pay for the construction, the county will issue bonds to be repaid by money made from the course. If the course did not make enough money to repay the bonds, this question allows a property tax to be levied to insure that sufficient money would be available (in a reserve fund) to pay the annual costs.

The amount of the bonds is \$2,235,000 with a repayment cost of \$4,400,000 over the next 20 years. The reserve fund must be maintained at \$225,000, which is the amount of the annual payment required. The amount of annual property tax could vary from zero to a maximum of \$225,000 (if the course made absolutely no money). At this year's assessed value the maximum mill levy would be approximately 2.3 mills (about \$30 on a \$100,000 house).

#### **Question E** SPENDING AUTHORITY FOR EXISTING ONE PERCENT SALES TAX

This is the only question of the four proposed by the county that is required because of Amendment 1.

Currently, Clear Creek County has a 1% Sales Tax. This question does not increase that amount.

Sales Tax collections have been increasing every year because of increased purchases, primarily by people who live outside the county. Because of the Amendment 1 limits on revenues and spending, the county must receive the approval of the voters to keep those revenues that exceed last year's collections and to spend those revenues. This question would exclude the county's Sales Tax from the limits of Amendment 1.

# A Description of the Function, Programs, and Services Provided in Clear Creek County

## Elected and Administrative

### Assessor

This office is responsible for the evaluation and assessment of all taxable real and personal property within the county. Their duties include the discovery, valuation, and listing of all property classifications. These activities provide the basis of deriving fair and equalized property values in order to distribute the county's tax burden in a fair and equitable manner. In the pursuit of these activities, the Assessor's Office revalued 4,000 homes and 9,000 vacant and residential properties, 360 mobile homes, 240 commercial/industrial properties, and several special use properties. Their quality and accuracy of service was examined and certified through an independent property assessment study. The office employs 5.6 full-time staff, four of whom are either registered, licensed, or certified appraisers.

Assessor: Diane Settle

### Clerk & Recorder

This office is responsible for conducting elections; recording and processing public documents, issuing and recording marriage licenses, and maintaining the county clerk's public document archives; titling and registering motor vehicles, which includes recording motor vehicle liens and the issuance of license plates and temporary permits. During 1993, the office has processed 13,343 motor vehicle transactions - licensing 10,195 vehicles, issuing 873 temporary permits, titling 2,541 vehicles and filing 646 motor vehicle liens. In addition, the office has issued 69 marriage licenses, and recorded 3,520 documents totaling 7,619 pages. The department employs five full-time staff.

Clerk & Recorder: Pam Phipps

### Treasurer

This office is the statutory financial center for all county transactions, tax collections for over 16,000 parcels, preparation of delinquent property tax notifications, delinquent property tax lien sales, and assessment collections for any local or special improvement districts. In addition to the county's fiscal duties, the treasurer serves as the public trustee and is responsible for processing the release of deeds of trust and conducting foreclosure sales that are requested by lenders under provisions contained in the deed of trust. The office employs three full-time staff.

Treasurer: Gerri Thompson

### Surveyor

The county surveyor is an elected position to represent the county in all boundary disputes and work authorized and financed by the Board of County Commissioners.

Surveyor: Gregory Markle

### Coroner

As defined by the state statute, every county shall elect a coroner to act in the absence, or period of incapacitation, of the sheriff and make any necessary inquiries to the cause of death.

Coroner: Gene Day

### County Commissioners

The departments under the direct control of the Clear Creek County Board of Commissioners include several "General Fund" programs, Road and Bridge, Social Services, and solid waste transfer station activities. To effectively manage these activities, the board utilizes a board/administrator organizational structure and groups complimentary functions into team groupings called strategic service units. The goal of these units is to promote efficient and cooperative service while maintaining a flat organizational structure.

### Sheriff's Office

The Office of the Sheriff is an elected position, established through state statute and is responsible for providing law enforcement for the unincorporated areas of the county (about 60% of the county's population), the operation of the county's jail, dispatch services, and animal control. During 1992, the Sheriff's Office dispatched over 11,000 calls, arrested 450 alleged criminals and housed 1,200 individuals in its jail. The department employs 24 sworn officers and six civilian personnel.

Sheriff: Robert Cahill

Undersheriff: Dave Graham

### General Fund Programs

The descriptions on the next few pages provide a review of the variety of services made available through the General Fund. These programs include administrative functions, land use and building activities, and public health services.

#### Administrator's Office.

This office provides for the day-to-day management of the commissioners' service departments, special projects, clerical support management, personnel functions, and budget office support. The office employs four staff, three of whom provide overlapping services to other departments.

Administrator: Jack Benson

#### County Attorney.

The county employ a full-time attorney to advise the Board of Commissioners, all county departments, and other elected officials in all legal matters, contract and resolution preparation, and representation during any legal proceedings. In addition to the attorney, the office employs one full-time secretary.

County Attorney: Brad D. Bailey

### County Archives

The County Archives include county, school and mining district records from 1859 to the present. Located in the basement of the courthouse, these materials are available to residents, researchers and anyone else interested in a wide variety of topics related to the county. The archivist's job includes protection of the old documents, research, continuing organization of departmental records and destruction of obsolete materials. This office employs one individual on a full-time basis.

Archivist: Christine Bradley

### Youth Services

This department provides counseling and intervention services to "at-risk" youth within the county. The department has several program components to help juveniles avoid future delinquent activities and engage in healthy, positive behaviors. Programs include: Juvenile Diversion - a consequence-oriented, non-judicial alternative to deal with certain criminal acts filed against a child; Youth Empowerment Program

**Mapping Department** This department is a support service to all county offices with a primary purpose of providing mapped products and performing data analysis. The department is currently developing a Geographic Information System (GIS) which will consolidate many types of information by property location and allow access to an immense amount of land-related information at a minimal cost. The department employs one cartographer and shares two part-time staff with Information Services and the Assessor's Office.

Cartographer: Nancy Hemenway

- a preventative outdoor experiential program aimed at empowering youth by strengthening social skills and self-esteem; and, Community Prevention - a coordinating and networking program to encourage healthy lifestyles among the county's youth. The department employs a director and contracts with various organizations for specialized services.

Director: Todd Krewson

### Community Nursing Department

This department provides a variety of health services directed at adults and children in such areas as home health care services, immunizations, education, and communicable disease control. Many of the programs focus on prevention, detection, and, if needed, medical referral. The department maintains two offices, one

in Georgetown and another in Idaho Springs. While most programs are available to all residents, some services are directed at low income individuals. Staff includes three registered, one 3/4 time WIC & EPSDT screener, and a shared secretary with the Planning Department. Nursing Supervisor: Debbie Ross, RN, MSW

### Planning Department

The Planning Department provides staff for the performance of statutory land use review and planning requirements including zoning, subdivision, master planning, growth management, natural hazard mitigation, and land use enforcement activities. In addition, the department is currently involved in various special projects for the board such as the BLM Lands Disposition Bill, long range plan development and implementation, inter-county bike trail development, water supply development, road improvements and other infrastructure enhancements. Planning staff

includes four employees: one planning director, one land use case manager, one code enforcement officer and a part-time secretary.

Director: Bert Weaver

### Building Inspection

The services provided by this department are aimed at protecting the public's safety by regulating the design, construction, materials, use and occupancy, and maintenance of buildings and structures within the unincorporated areas of Clear Creek County.

Inspector: Deb Kirkham

### Information Services

This department is responsible for providing computer support for all county departments. Duties include computer network management, IBM System 34 programming, and hardware/software purchases. Also, the department provides property ownership lists to the general public upon request. The office employs two staff, one of whom is shared with the Mapping Department's GIS program.

Information Services Director:

Mary Johnson

### Budget Office

This office is responsible for the coordination, preparation, and monitoring of the county's annual budget; bookkeeping, accounting, and financial statements for all the county's funds; and, regular invoice and payroll activities. The office employs two staff and shares an employee with the administrator's office.

Budget Officer: Carl Small

### Maintenance Department

This department is in charge of maintenance for the county courthouse and outside walks and lawn. Duties include all cleaning, lawn maintenance, snow removal, trash removal and maintenance inside the building and the outside grounds. The department employs three staff.

Maintenance Director: John Black

### Environmental Health Department

This department is responsible for providing inspections and information to ensure the protection of the public and environmental health. Approximately 160 semi-annual and annual health inspections include food service, child care, grocery stores, schools and camps. This department also protects the quality of water through enforcement of the Individual Sewage Disposal System Regulations and management of surface waters in two watershed basins. Other duties include floodplain evaluation, wetland protection, safety concerns for the county employees and landfill closures. The office shares two secretaries with the Mapping and Building Departments and employs one specialist. Environmental Health Specialist: Donnette Oxley

**Specialized Fund Programs.**

**Road and Bridge**

Crews are responsible for maintaining the condition of 199.56 miles of roads within the county's approved maintenance plan as well as performing selected road construction projects and other special construction projects.

Winter maintenance includes snow removal from roadways, ice and water control, sanding icy conditions and some avalanche control. Summer maintenance involves grading of roadways, replacement or addition of road surface materials, such as road base, gravel, or asphalt, and some water control.

The department employs 20 full-time people: 15 operate heavy equipment, 3 service equipment, one secretary, and one part-time summer employee. Road Supervisor: Earl Deringer

**Social Services**

This group provides multiple services to all age groups from prenatal to senior citizens. The department's focus is primarily on vulnerable and "at-risk" clients, such as low-income families, children in need of protection, the aged, and the disabled.

Contrary to popular belief, the department's mission is to assist only eligible clients in securing core needs, such a shelter, food, and health care, while working towards self-sufficiency, independence, and safe family surroundings. The department employs ten staff. Director: Kevin Richards

**Trash & Landfills**

This fund was formerly used to finance the county's landfills at Idaho Springs and Empire. Due to new federal regulations, both landfills are now closed.

The Idaho Springs site is used as a transfer station to ship all the county's trash to Denver area landfills. Currently, the transfer station expects to handle 116,000 cubic yards of household trash and 2,000 cubic yards of construction debris this year.

Additionally, the county's voluntary recycle center will collect, process and transport an estimated 400 tons of recycle materials, as well as 3,500 gallons of waste oil. In addition to the transfer station activities, department staff are exploring alternative trash processing strategies such as composting or incineration as a means to reduce the volume of trash requiring out-of-county transport.

The department employs four staff. Solid Waste Foreman: Sharon Sealy

**Clear Creek County Emergency Services, General Improvement District.**

The Emergency Services District (ESD) is a unique General Improvement District integrating county-based fire services, the ambulance/emergency medical service (EMS), and the hazardous materials response team (Hazmat).

The philosophy of the District is to provide a total emergency services protection system using community resources in a cost effective manner to minimize deaths, injuries, and loss due to fire and other emergency situations.

District boundaries include approximately 85% ( 346 square miles) of the county excluding areas covered by the Evergreen Fire Protection District. Six fire departments are independently governed by pre-existing bylaws and operate with the district through intergovernmental agreements.

Departments which are directly regulated by the district include St. Mary's Fire Department, the Ambulance Association, and the Hazmat Team.

The district employs four staff and oversees approximately 140 volunteers, a fleet of 40 vehicles, and 10 facility locations. Volunteers respond to approximately 1,100 emergencies per year and are financed through taxes and user fees.

The organizational structure includes: The Board of Directors (County Commissioners), the Advisory Board (four municipal representatives), the District Commission (eleven volunteer department heads, District Administrator (Rod DesGranges) and Fire Marshal (Kelly Babeon)

**County Telephone Numbers**

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