



La Plata County Financial Overview

Fiscal Sustainability Community
Steering Committee

June 25, 2015

Focusing on Financial Stability

Why we are here?

- Property Tax revenues have decreased due to oil & gas revenue decline
- Long term Road & Bridge operations and capital project plans exceed available resources
- Long term Capital Facilities plans will utilize our reserves
- Long Term Finance Committee has completed financial forecasting and made recommendations

Our Stewardship Philosophy

- Manage County's finances conservatively
- Use reserves appropriately
- Maintain our infrastructure and level of service
- Actively engage our citizens
- "Live within our means"

What We Have Done

- Prepared 10-year Facilities Capital Plan and Road Infrastructure Plan
- Developed long term financial forecasting model
- Adopted New Fund Balance Reserve Policy
- LTFC recommendations for long term financial planning to address current and future needs
- Implemented organizational Lean Initiatives, identifying efficiencies and budget savings
- Improved budgeting practices

Budget Practice Changes

- In depth budget analysis
- Development of budget work plan
- Improving and updating technological resources
- Implementation of our organizational Lean Initiative

2014 La Plata County Operations

	General Fund	Road & Bridge Fund	Dept. Human Services	Capital Improv't Fund	Nonmajor Funds	TOTAL
Beginning Fund Balance	\$ 57,719,090	\$ 5,236,002	\$ 2,699,440	\$ 7,101,746	\$ 702,202	\$ 73,458,480
Operations:						
Current Revenues	32,616,880	8,995,960	5,600,766	2,772,473	2,459,855	52,445,934
Operating Expenditures	30,836,165	6,558,029	5,774,076	42,825	2,750,181	45,961,276
Change in Fund Balance-	1,780,715	2,437,931	(173,310)	2,729,648	(290,326)	6,484,658
Capital & One Time:						
Capital & One Time Revenues	377,171	3,215,736	-	-	272,500	3,865,407
Capital & One Time Expenditure	211,676	3,108,970	-	2,444,567	25,000	5,790,213
Change in Fund Balance-Capital	165,495	106,766	-	(2,444,567)	247,500	(1,924,806)
CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE	1,946,210	2,544,697	(173,310)	285,081	(42,826)	4,559,852
Ending Fund Balance	59,665,300	7,780,699	2,526,130	7,386,827	659,376	78,018,332
Less Reserved Fund Balance*	(54,502,499)	(7,096,540)	(415,213)	(1,704,103)	(24,977)	(63,743,332)
ENDING UNRESERVED FUND	\$ 5,162,801	\$ 684,159	\$ 2,110,917	\$ 5,682,724	\$ 634,399	\$ 14,275,000
Reserved Fund Balance:*						
Nonspendable	129,028	311,200	-	5,447	-	445,675
Restricted by Outside Sources:						
TABOR	1,563,138	-	-	-	-	1,563,138
Conservation Trust Fund	2,652,677	-	-	-	-	2,652,677
Jail Site Remediation-Brown	445,523	-	-	-	-	445,523
Capital Improv Road Impact	-	1,650,305	-	-	-	1,650,305
Law Enforcement	311,585	-	-	-	-	311,585
Next Years Budget Deficient	7,769,448	3,177,707	415,213	1,698,656	24,977	13,086,001
Restricted by Reserve Policy:						
Emergencies and Disasters	7,064,450	-	-	-	-	7,064,450
Operating Restricted	8,477,340	1,957,328	-	-	-	10,434,668
Assigned for:						
Capital & Improvements	26,089,310	-	-	-	-	26,089,310
Reserved Ending Fund Balance:	54,502,499	7,096,540	415,213	1,704,103	24,977	63,743,332

2014 Colorado County Comparison Report*

Budgetary and Statistical Data for Colorado's 52 Small and Medium Sized Counties

La Plata County Assessed Valuation

- Budget year 2014 = \$1,846,194,190
- -18.97% Change from 2013 and -35.79% from 2008

2014 median mill levy was 20.021

Ranging from 7.500 to 46.553

LPC mill levy 8.500, or 42% of the median mill levy

LPC Assessed Valuation is ranked 19th

Property Tax revenue per capita is ranked 41st

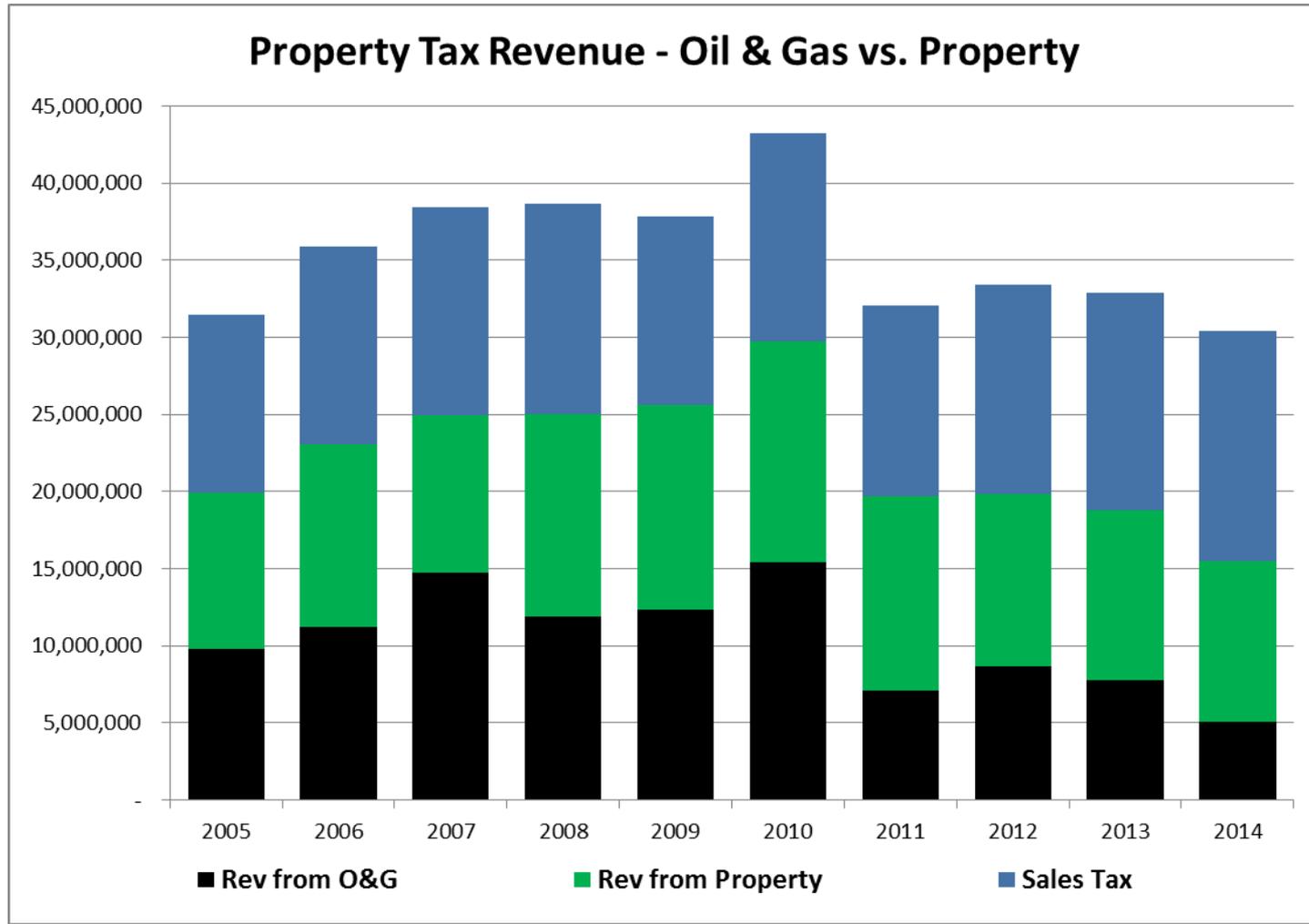
La Plata County Mill Levy

- La Plata County Mill Levy has been 8.5 mills for more than the last 25 years
- Compared to the other 63 Colorado Counties, La Plata County has the fourth lowest mill levy in the state.

A home in the County valued at \$350,000 would pay the following taxes (example does not including any special districts):

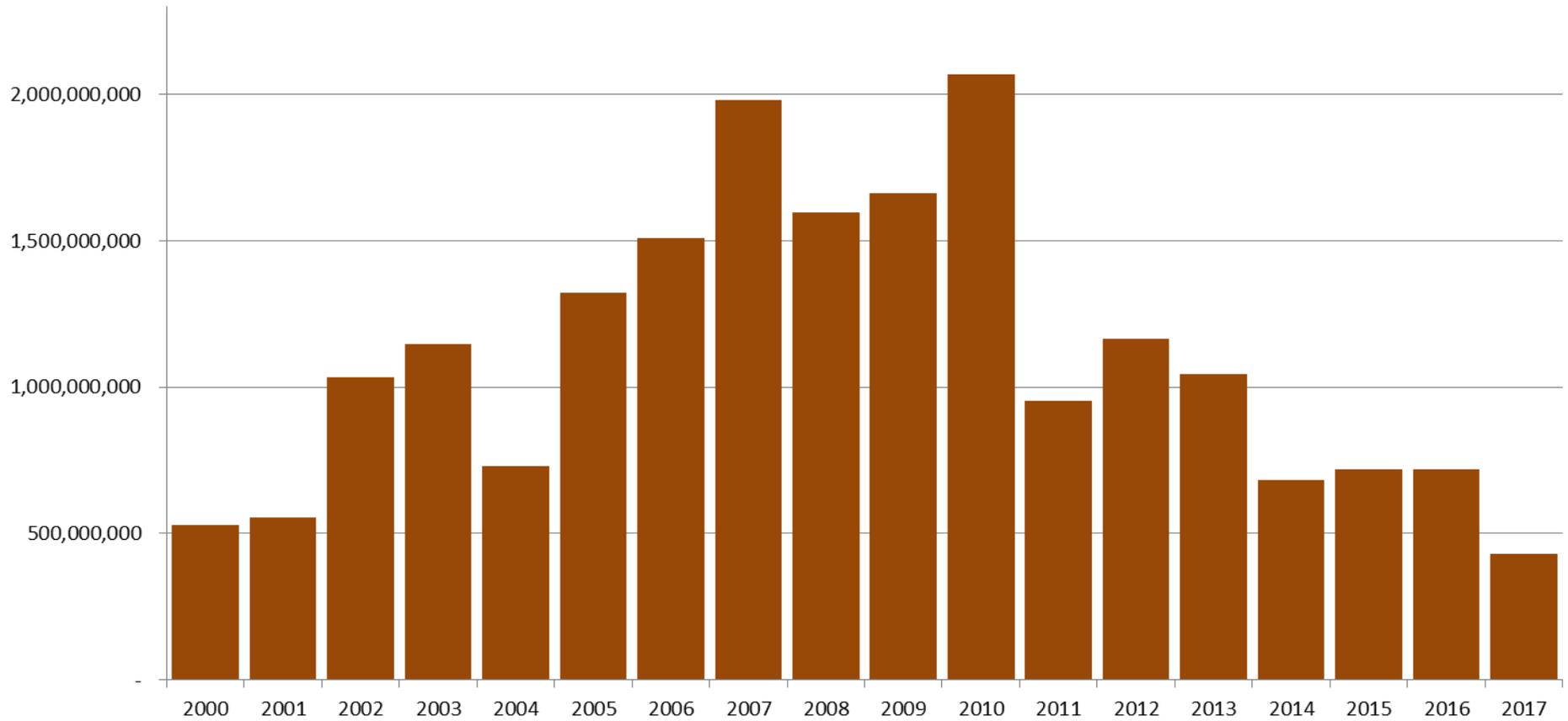
	<u>Mills</u>	<u>Property Tax paid</u>
Southwest Water Conservancy	0.362	\$ 10
Durango School District 9R	19.090	532
La Plata County (8.5 allocated)		-
Gen Fund	7.410	206
Road & Bridge Fund	0.710	20
DHS Fund	0.380	11
Total	<u>27.952</u>	<u>\$779</u>

Property & Sales Tax Revenues History

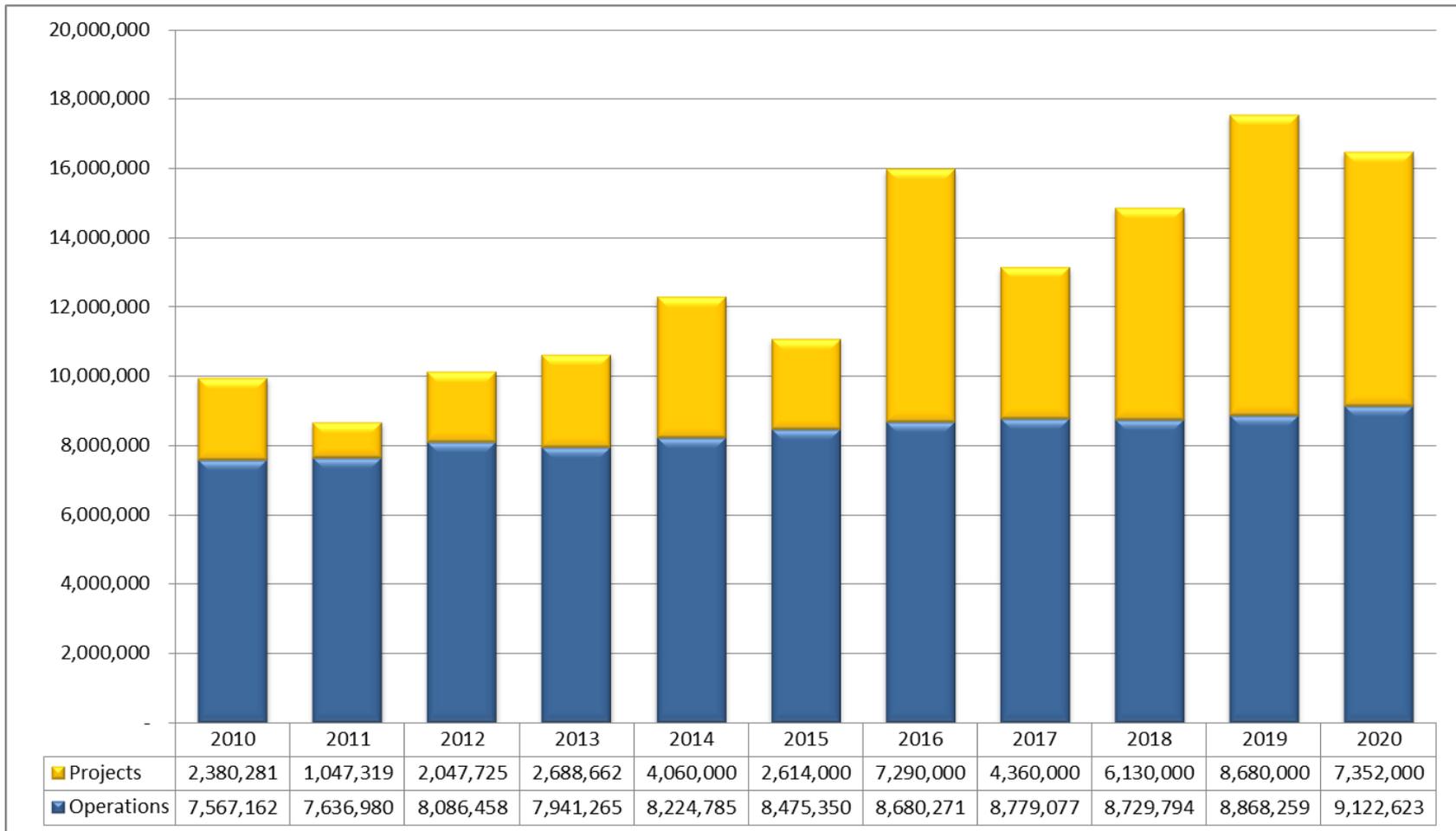


Oil & Gas Assessed Valuation History & Projection

Oil & Gas Assessed Valuation



R&B Projected Expenditures



Average Projects Costs is \$4.4 Million

Average Operations Costs is \$8.4 Million

Key Takeaways

- La Plata County has demonstrated responsible stewardship with the resources entrusted to us
- La Plata County has the 4th lowest mill levy in state
- Road & Bridge funding is insufficient to maintain current level of services
- Some action is required to stabilize and sustain the Road & Bridge Fund and plan for the future

Next Steps

Tentative Meeting Schedule

Meeting Topics

#1 (June 25)

Introductions
Commissioner's Welcome
Overview of County Finances and Projections
Committee Mission, Meeting Schedule and co-chair selection

#2 (July 9)

Long Term Finance Committee
Review and Discuss Options
Polling Presentation

#3 (July 23)

Capital Improvement Needs
Discuss Project Priorities

#4 (August 6)

Continue Discussing Project Priorities
Ballot Measure Process/Timeline/Legal Requirements
Preview of Public Meeting/Open House

TBD (August 13)

Public Meeting/Open House

#5 (August 20)

Open House Debrief/Review Comments
Discuss Recommendation(s) to BOCC
Presentation on Next Steps and Handoff

Resource List

Resource and reference documents below can be accessed on the La Plata County Fiscal Sustainability page located on the La Plata County website at:

http://www.co.laplata.co.us/departments_and_elected_officials/finance/fiscal_sustainability

- Colorado Department of Local Affairs 2014 County Comparison Report – Budgetary and Statistical Data for Colorado’s 52 Small and Medium Sized Counties
- La Plata County 10-Year Capital Improvement Plan dated July 2014
- La Plata County Pavement Surface Evaluation and Rating (PASER) Report for gravel dated August 6, 2014
- La Plata County Pavement Surface Evaluation and Rating (PASER) Report for asphalt dated October 30, 2012
- Long Term Finance Committee Report to the Board of County Commissioners dated January 28, 2015
- La Plata County 2015 Budget Presentation dated Dec. 9, 2014
- Presentation to Fiscal Sustainability Community Steering Committee dated June 25, 2015

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