

2016 PROGRAM ISSUES

- Plan and accommodate the anticipated drop in assessed valuation in 2017 due to the dramatic drop in oil prices in 2015.
- Implement the *Bright Futures* program to provide financial aid to Weld County high school graduates and veterans pursuing post high school education or training.
- Begin the two year construction of the concrete five-lane CR 49 south corridor from US 34 to I-76 as part of a design/build contract.
- Complete road and bridge mitigation projects resulting from the 2013 flooding.
- Continue to fund a Haul Route Program (HARP) to improve county roads impacted by the energy industry due to new oil and gas drilling exploration.
- Begin 2016 with a fully funded pension plan.
- Restructured the Sheriff's organization and budget to accommodate the new Sheriff's vision for the office.
- Add eight addition staff in order to expand the capacity of the jail to 734 beds.
- Implement a new integrated public safety information system.
- Fund the oil and gas revenue fluctuation reserve in the Contingency Fund at \$30 million.
- Add staff in the Veteran's Office to increase service level due to aging Vietnam veterans and the Iraq and Afghanistan veterans requiring more services.
- Begin charging 10% of the actual dispatching costs in 2016 to all agencies, and progressively increasing the actual cost by 2.5% each year until 2020, when the user rates will be 20% of actual costs for dispatching.
- Implement SB 15-242 which expands the Child Welfare staffing by four in reaction to the 2014 Colorado Child Welfare Workload Study.
- Medicaid caseloads have grown by 72% in the past three years, partially due to economic factors and partially due to Colorado's implementation of the Affordable Care Act to the point 25% of county residents are on Medicaid.
- Accommodate the impact of HB14-1317 on the delivery of day care.
- Participate for the third year in the Title IV-E (Foster Care and Adoption Assistance Entitlement Grant) waiver project.
- Continue efforts to control health care costs for county employees and their dependents.
- Transfer administration of the work release program from the Sheriff to Justice Services