

# Douglas County 2025 Proposed Budget

## Did you know?

Douglas County funds over 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 \$200,000, the assessed value would be 11.5% or \$23,000. One mill would be \$23 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 8, 9, and 10 from 9:00 a.m. to noon at the Public Works Training Room 3755 E 25<sup>th</sup> St. Deliberations will continue July 11 and the week of July 15. The budget hearing will be held on August 28.

The proposed 2025 budget has a flat mill levy of 44.208 mills.



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 \$9.5 million in revenue in 2025. The quarter-cent sales tax for behavioral health will provide an additional \$6.4 million in revenue. Interest income has increased over 2024, 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 2025 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 community partners have submitted over 30 supplemental requests for consideration. Included in these requests are \$2.0 million for the Bert Nash Youth Recovery Center and \$1.5 million for the Heartland

Community Health Center Bluestem Wellness building.

### Did you know?

Douglas County has 529 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 2025 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 \$12.5 million in annual funding for services such as the Treatment and Recovery Center, supportive housing, and intensive case coordination.

