

# Washington County, Minnesota 2003 Budget Overview - Did You Know?

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## Property and Taxation

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### Assessment, Taxpayer Services and Elections (ATSE)

- The **License Centers** will process approximately 209,000 motor vehicle and driver's license transactions.
- During the 2002 General Election there were 142,100 registered voters; 15,755 of whom registered on election day; 5,723 absentee ballots were processed; 104,754 citizens voted, resulting in a voter turnout rate of 73.7%.
- The department will process nearly 35,000 mortgages, 10,500 property deeds, and 165,000 property tax payments.
- During the year, over 65,000 property tax related telephone calls will be received.

### Recorder

- **Vital Statistics** administers all functions of birth, death, and marriage. In 2001, the division received 2,595 birth notices and 979 death certificates and issued 1,624 marriage licenses.
- The **Abstract Division** processed over 90,000 real estate and other related documents. It will maintain the tract index system for real estate transactions, administer the Uniform Commercial Code System (personal property mortgages), maintain the Sheriff's Certificate Foreclosures Index, provide federal and state tax liens index for Washington County, and record and maintain all military discharges.
- The **Torrens Division** creates real estate titles, files and creates new real estate titles for plats for Torrens properties, and maintains permanent records for reproduction.

## Health and Community Services

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### Community Services

- **Social Services** provides protective and support services for vulnerable adults and children and persons with developmental disabilities. The division expects to have an average monthly caseload of over 4,500 in 2002.
- The **Adult Services** unit projects it will respond to 5,200 adult intake calls, perform 360 vulnerable adult investigations and protection referrals, have 400 home care clients, and 26 elderly adult foster care cases.
- Development Disabilities projects it will serve 841 clients.

- **Children Services** projects the average number of children in placement per day at 163. The unit also is projecting the number of child intake calls at 1,800 and the number of child maltreatment reports at 875, of which 425 are projected to be determined.
- **Child Support** collected over \$23,500,000 in child support for families and handled an estimated 6,000 child support cases.
- **Medical Assistance** will serve more than 12,000 people at a cost of \$75,240,000. The majority of recipients are children, the elderly and individuals with developmental disabilities.
- **Adult Mental Health** serves 471 persons who are seriously persistently mentally ill (SPMI). The unit purchases treatment services for 1,350 adults in outpatient psychiatry and 1,150 are served through outpatient services. Calls to the 24-hour crisis line are projected at 1,367 with 297 crisis clinic assessments being conducted.
- In the **Chemical Health Services** unit, 2,450 assessments were done. Detoxification is projected at 803 admissions with 1,806 days of detoxification.
- **Child Mental Health** is projecting 160 child case management services, 825 child outpatient services and 600 child psychiatry clients.
- **Workforce Center** expects to be visited by 6,800 job seekers. This is a 15% increase over 2001.
- **The Veterans Service Office** expects to have over 1,700 visits and nearly 3,600 phone calls from veterans seeking services.

## Public Health and Environment

- The **Environment Division** estimates that through its services: 672 contacts will be made regarding indoor air quality and risk of illness related to environmental exposures; 850 food establishments will be licensed; 375 septic permits will be issued; and 700 well water samples will be conducted.
- The household waste facility will collect over 909,965 pounds of waste
- 150.9 tons of recycled waste was collected by the County's Office of Recycling program
- The **Community Health Division** estimates that its employees will: provide nearly 3,023 immunizations in public health clinics; investigate 953 disease inquiries; serve 1,624 women, infants and children recipients each month; and make 2,881 visits and client contacts.
- Over 2,400 people participated in educational health presentations on subjects such as childhood injury, tobacco and nutrition.

## Criminal Justice

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### County Attorney

- The Juvenile Division operates the juvenile diversion program, prosecutes juveniles, and certifies juvenile offenders as adults.
- The Adult Civil Division collects child support, establishes paternity, collects reimbursement for foster care, represents the County in day care and foster care licensing and case management, handles commitment proceedings for mentally ill and chemically dependent persons, and reviews county contracts, bid documents, and ordinances.
- Referrals of crime victims to community resources, restitution services for victims, and victim representation in adult and juvenile court is handled by the Victim Witness Assistance Division.
- Prosecution of adult felony cases and misdemeanors is the responsibility of the Adult Criminal Division.

This division also diverts adult non-violent offenders and prosecutes criminal forfeiture cases for property used to commit felonies and drug crimes.

## **Sheriff**

- The Jail Division provides alternative sentencing options for offenders through the Home Detention and Work Release programs. The Home Detention program projects usage of 337 inmates serving 11,708 days. Work Release is expected to be used by approximately 145 inmates serving 4,992 days. These programs will generate approximately \$270,000 in revenue while reducing housing costs by about \$1.3 million.
- The current jail capacity is 228 inmates.
- The Patrol Division will respond to approximately 30,000 calls for service and has a complement of six patrol dogs.
- Approximately 39,000 911 calls will be received by the communication center of the Special Services Division.
- Investigations conducts investigations related to illegal activities including fraud and narcotics. Included in the duties of the Narcotics Unit of the Investigations Division are gang-related activities and teaching the Drug Awareness and Resistance and Education (D.A.R.E.) curricula.

## **Community Corrections**

- The Supervision Unit estimates that it supervised over 9,800 individuals on probation. Of this number, 9,050 are adults and 750 are juvenile.
- The Court Unit projects that 920 offenders will participate in the Sentence-to-Service Program. These individuals worked off 10,000 jail days that provided a net added value of \$700,000. The projected number of bail evaluations is 1,050 with pre-sentence investigations projected at 675.
- The Community Justice/Programming Unit estimates that 24 juveniles will participate in the People Learning A Cooperative Existence (PLACE) program. Placement expenditures are estimated to be \$2,123,000 for 390 juveniles. Juvenile diversion cases are projected at 850 with 2,000 juveniles estimated to complete community-based prevention and early intervention programming.
- Administration/Training provides program planning, administration, budget, evaluation, fiscal reporting, training, and personnel functions for the department.

## **Courts**

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- Caseloads by filing are estimated as follows: Civil - 4,743; Family - 1,429; Juvenile - 1,850; Probate - 294; Criminal - 1,802; and Traffic - 37,223. The total case filings are estimated to be 47,341.

## **Transportation and Physical Development (TPD)**

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- Road and Bridge provided snow and ice control for over 400 miles of road, using 5,000 tons of salt and 10,000 tons of sand.
  - Over 15,000 gallons of paint are used annually for striping the County's 287 miles of County road. 15

bridges, 60 traffic signals, and over 13,000 traffic signs are maintained.

- The Parks Division maintains eight county parks, totaling 4,275 acres, including 182 miles of bicycle and pedestrian trails.
- Over 1,000,000 visitors used the parks with over 125,000 swimmers enjoying County facilities.
- The Facilities Division cleans and maintains twelve county buildings. This division also oversees all major remodeling and new construction projects.
- The former Woodbury Library is in the process of being remodeled to accommodate the Woodbury License Center, South Adult Mental Health Unit, Assessor, and Workforce Center
- Survey and Land Management provides the public and other county departments with survey and land information, land use and zoning.

## Library

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- The library system operates nine libraries and provides a variety of services to the Bayport and Stillwater libraries.
- Library users can register for a card, renew materials, place reserves, search databases only available through the Library and ask questions for reference librarians without going to the library. These services are all available on the Library's web site.
- The Library web site receives over 600,000 hits per month; this represents over 30,000 separate visitors accessing the library catalog and informational databases.
- The former Woodbury Branch Library was renamed the R.H. Stafford Library and moved into its new building in November. During the first three weeks in the new building, it had over 30,000 visitors/customers. During the same three-week period, loans totaled 53,000, which is a 40% increase over loans during the same period in 2001.
- Loan projections for each of the libraries for 2002 are: Woodbury - 669,400; Park-Grove 313,700; Stillwater: 342,400; Forest Lake - 308,500; Wildwood - 218,800; Oakdale - 233,300; Valley - 59,200; Bayport - 64,200; Marine - 49,000; Lake Elmo - 39,800; and Newport - 7,000.
- Total loans projected for all the libraries, including the two associated city libraries, are 2,206,200.