

2015 Swift County Final Levy and Budget

Final 2015 Budget
Truth-In-Taxation Hearing
December 2, 2014

Tonight's Agenda

- Overview
- Historical Information
- 2015 Levy Overview
- 2015 Revenues and Expenses
- Questions
- Public Hearing

Overview

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Thank you

- Thank you to all of the department heads and staff who have worked on the 2015 budget. This budget would not have been possible without their help and assistance.
- Special thanks to:
 - Kim Saterbak (Auditor)
 - Marlene Molden (Auditor)
 - Gary Jensen (Human Service)
 - Lori Rooney (Highway)
 - Amanda Ness (Administration)

Overview - Swift is Strong

- Strong Budget Position
 - No Outstanding Bonds
 - Great Employees
- General Fund revenues exceed expenditures by \$199,613 in 2013. (County Staff was key in making this happen!)
 - This was after a deficit in the General Fund of \$84,729 in 2012.

Overview - Challenges

- 2015 Budget contains \$123,432 more in expenditures than revenues
- Employer rates for PERA are increasing
- MCIT contributions are increasing just over 5% for Swift County in 2015 with a lower expected dividend.

Overview - Challenges

- \$2,000,000 SCBH loan – ties up reserves for 20 years
- 3.96 months of cash on hand at the end of 2013 (up from 2.94 at the end of 2012)
 - State auditor recommends a minimum of 5 months.
 - WHY??
 - We don't start receiving first half levy payments until late April/early May.
 - Need reserves for unplanned expenses.

Overview - Challenges

- Greater needs
 - Adding new technology, in particular in the area of GIS.
 - Growing demand for service at Human Services
 - Placing strain on staff and the budget.
 - Even with the new position in 2014 and 2015 additional staff is still needed.
 - DOC 2911 rule changes – 1.5 to 2 new FTEs correctional officers will hit us in 2016
 - Accredited assessors required in 2016/2019.
 - If townships elect for the County to take over then will need 2 to 3 new FTEs.
 - Will need to gear up to the challenge.

Overview - Wages

- Wages for 2015 and 2016 are set in contracts.
- Continue to work with employee groups to implement the classification and compensation study.
 - Continue to include the cost to implement the classification and compensation study in the 2015 budget.
- “Under” employees.
 - Employee under on the current pay plan taken to the next step – up to 2.5%.

Overview - Health Insurance

- Rates will increase 1.08% in 2015.
 - This is after a 0% increase in 2014.
- The move to self-insured health insurance in 2014 has allowed the county to build a reserve that as of today sits at over \$580,000.
 - If the utilizations trends continues over the next 9 months, a rate reduction of 5% or more for 2016 is realistic.

Opportunities

- Great workforce of dedicated public employees

Historical Information

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Historic CPA

Year	CPA	Need Aid	Tax Base Equalization Aid
2015	\$196,020	\$ 196,020	\$ 0
2014	\$200,850	\$ 200,850	\$ 0
2013	\$160,939	\$ 160,939	\$ 0
2012	\$384,876	n/a	n/a
2011	\$384,876	\$ 193,192	\$ 191,684
2010	\$747,207 Unalloted to \$561,470	\$ 238,044	\$ 509,163
2009	\$846,119 Unalloted to \$754,636	\$ 235,742	\$ 610,377
2008	\$799,304 Unalloted to \$677,102	\$ 217,851	\$ 581,453
2007	\$882,841	\$ 225,896	\$ 656,945
2006	\$871,395	\$ 233,228	\$ 638,168
2005	\$933,229	\$ 243,235	\$ 689,994

Historic Levies

Year	Certified Net Levy	Percentage Change
2015	\$ 9,431,965	6.0%
2014	\$ 8,898,984	3.0%
2013	\$ 8,635,405	5.9%
2012	\$ 8,155,264	3.9%
2011	\$ 7,850,554	9.0%
2010	\$ 7,201,210	3.4%
2009	\$ 6,964,275	7.6%
2008	\$ 6,474,520	15.4%
2007	\$ 5,611,645	11.8%
2006	\$ 5,020,617	9.0%
2005	\$ 4,606,071	0.0%

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Levy Overview

- Proposed levy distribution

Fund Area	Amount
Revenue	\$ 5,172,473
Road and Bridge	\$ 1,905,027
Human Services	\$ 2,392,875
Library	\$ 120,473
Solid Waste	\$ 0
Total Final Gross Levy	\$ 9,590,848

- Proposed levy calculation

Gross Levy	\$ 9,590,848
CPA	\$ 196,020
Operating Levy	\$ 9,394,828
Special Levies	\$ 37,137
Total Final Net Levy	\$ 9,431,965

Possible Levy Increase Impacts

VERY Preliminary

- Assumptions:
 - Residential Home \$85,000
 - 2014 value is \$85,000
 - 2015 value is \$87,550 (3% value increase)
 - Residential Home \$200,000
 - 2014 value is \$200,000
 - 2015 value is \$220,000 (10% value increase)
 - Commercial Property
 - 2014 value is \$200,000
 - 2015 value is \$206,000 (3% value increase)
 - 40 Acres of Ag Land
 - 2014 value is \$240,000
 - 2015 value is \$264,000 (15% value increase)

Preliminary Levy Increase Impacts

VERY Preliminary

- Estimated **County portion** Property Tax Change between 2014 and 2015

Percentage Levy Increase	Residential \$85,000	Residential \$200,000	Commercial Property	40 Acres of Ag Land
0%	-\$13.55	-\$0.01	-\$103.05	\$41.90
4%	-\$5.40	\$28.40	-\$56.19	\$81.33
5%	-\$3.36	\$35.50	-\$44.47	\$91.19
6%	-\$1.32	\$42.60	-\$32.76	\$101.05

County Only Taxes - Payable 2014

County	Residential \$85,000	Residential \$200,000	Commercial Property	40 Acres of Ag Land
Lac qui Parle	\$ 167.76	\$ 547.73	\$ 903.54	\$ 760.30
Yellow Medicine	\$ 207.13	\$ 676.28	\$ 1,115.59	\$ 938.73
Bigstone	\$ 222.77	\$ 727.34	\$ 1,199.82	\$ 1,009.61
Swift	\$ 234.43	\$ 765.42	\$ 1,262.64	\$ 1,062.46
Stevens	\$ 255.70	\$ 834.85	\$ 1,377.17	\$ 1,158.84
Chippewa	\$ 259.76	\$ 848.12	\$ 1,399.05	\$ 1,177.25
Pope	\$ 283.39	\$ 925.24	\$ 1,526.28	\$ 1,284.31
Kandiyohi	\$ 349.82	\$ 1,142.15	\$ 1,884.10	\$ 1,585.40

Other Levies

- RDA - \$87,000 (No Change from 2014)
- HRA - \$45,000 (No Change from 2014)

2015 Revenues and Expenses

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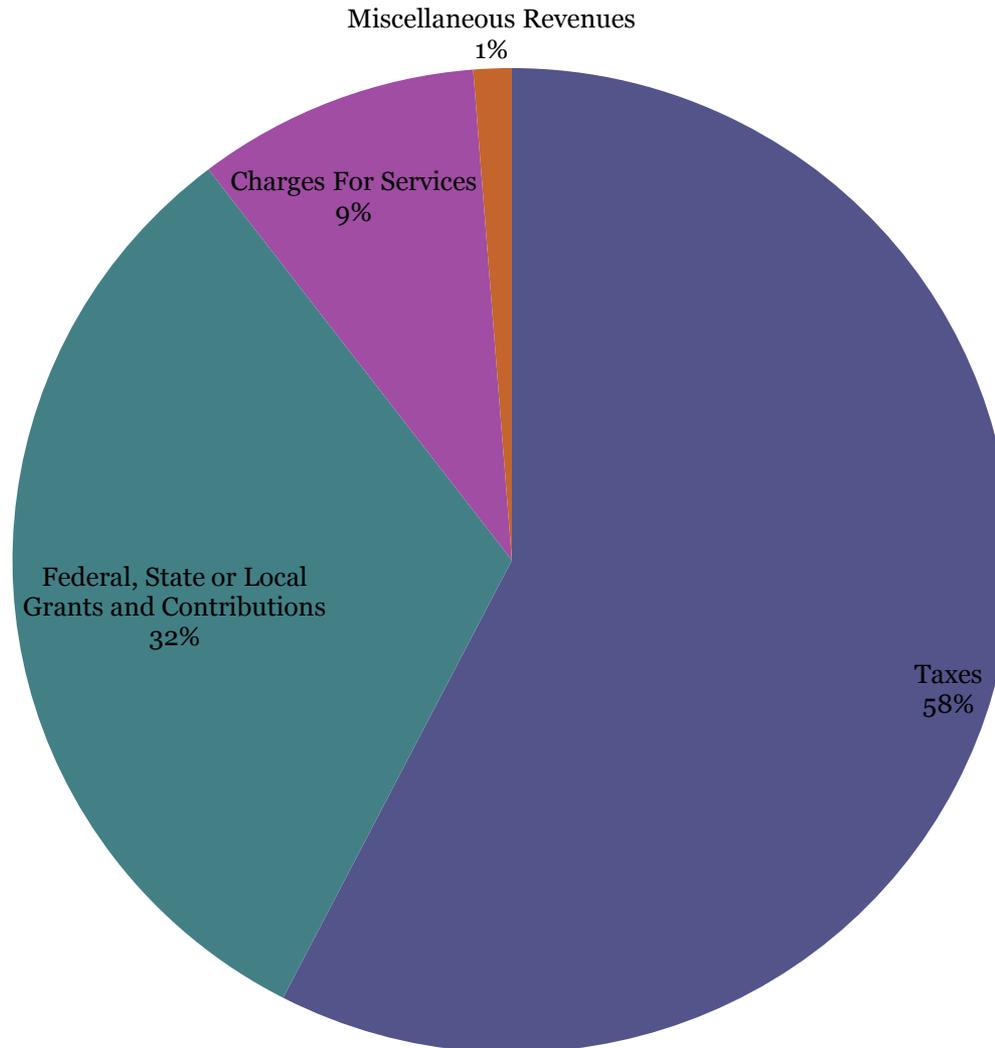
Revenues and Expenses

- The proposed 2015 budget contains:
 - Revenues of \$17,395,935
 - \$ 9,590,848 is the proposed levy with \$9,431,965 in actual County property taxes after CPA and special levies are accounted for.
 - Expenditures of \$17,519,367.
 - Planned deficit of \$123,432
 - The 2014 budget contained a planned deficit of \$108,371 while the 2013 budget contained a planned deficit of \$273,838.

2014 and 2015 Revenue Sources

	2014		2015	
Taxes	\$ 9,500,834	54%	\$ 10,015,448	57%
Federal, State or Local Grants and Contributions	\$ 6,070,865	34%	\$ 5,572,586	32%
Charges For Services	\$ 1,708,628	10%	\$ 1,592,601	9%
Miscellaneous Revenues	\$ 333,500	2%	\$ 215,300	1%
Total	\$ 17,613,827		\$ 17,395,935	

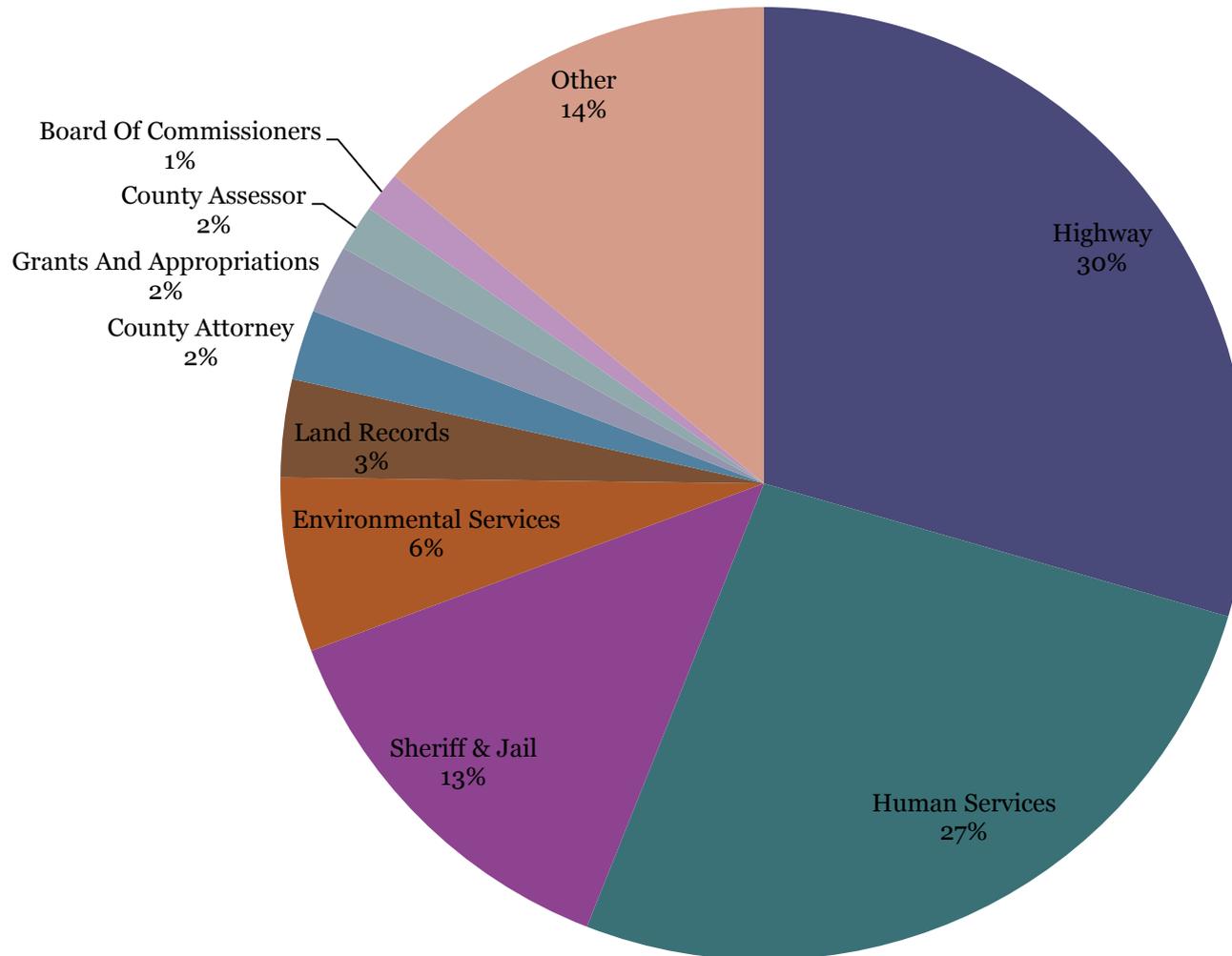
2015 Revenues



2014 and 2015 Expenses by Department

Department	2014	2015
Highway	\$ 5,211,041	\$ 5,169,791
Human Services	\$ 4,510,950	\$ 4,635,275
Sheriff & Jail	\$ 2,627,825	\$ 2,333,307
Environmental Services	\$ 884,570	\$ 1,036,270
Land Records	\$ 284,680	\$ 581,120
County Attorney	\$ 400,750	\$ 416,950
Grants And Appropriations	\$ 440,163	\$ 408,329
County Assessor	\$ 223,405	\$ 275,395
Board Of Commissioners	\$ 235,225	\$ 240,560
Other	\$ 2,903,589	\$ 2,422,370
Total	\$17,722,198	\$17,519,367

2015 Expenditures by Departments



Incredible Value

- “Bundled” Cable, Phone, and Internet service costs residential home owner about \$100.00 a month

Cable

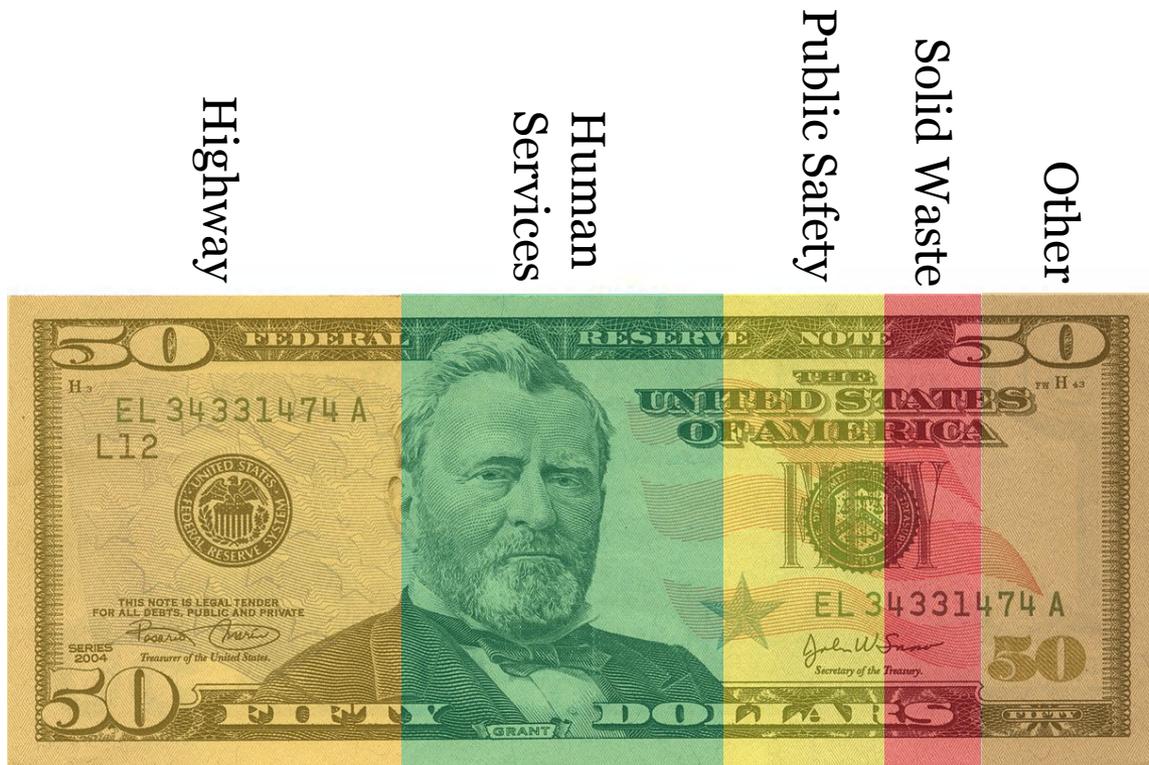
Phone

Internet



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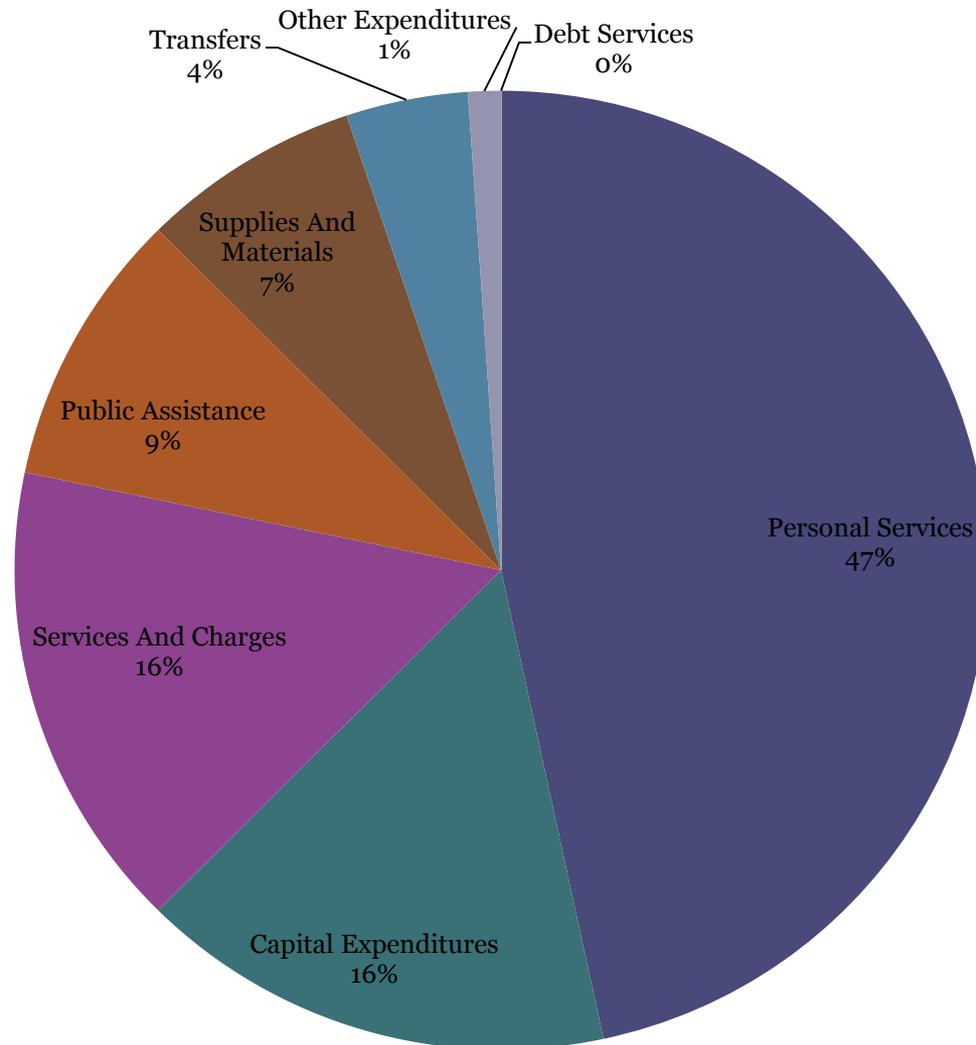
- The county's “bundled” services cost the average home owner under \$50.00 a month.



2014 and 2015 Expenses by Type

Type	2014	2015
Personal Services	\$ 7,918,880	\$ 8,167,435
Capital Expenditures	\$ 2,790,160	\$ 2,773,045
Services And Charges	\$ 2,638,036	\$ 2,771,673
Public Assistance	\$ 1,629,125	\$ 1,626,250
Supplies And Materials	\$ 1,668,563	\$ 1,280,188
Transfers	\$ 709,729	\$ 710,159
Other Expenditures	\$ 367,705	\$ 190,617
Debt Services	\$ -	\$ -
TOTAL	\$ 17,722,198	\$ 17,519,367

2015 Expenditures by Type



Questions?
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