

Lane County Assessment and Taxation

FY 2010-11 Proposed Budget Quick Fact Sheet

Proposed Budget: \$7,000,972

Increase from prior year: 3.31%

We cut our materials and services budget in order to absorb the salary and benefit cost increases required by the union contract and to keep our overall expenditure growth close to 3% in order to minimize our impact on the county's structural deficit. The non-union employees have gone without a cost of living increase for two years and there is no cost of living increase budgeted for them next year either. 73% of our budget is in personnel.

Proposed Staffing is at same level as prior 4 years:

54 AFSCME employees

6 Non-represented employees

This meets minimum staffing standards of the Department of Revenue.

Measurements and Outcomes:

The cost of administering the local property tax system is 1.7% of the total taxes billed.

This is comparable to the IAAO best practices national standard of a 1.5% administrative cost.

We have approximately 180,000 property tax accounts on the tax roll. This equates to an annual cost of \$38 per account to map, appraise, apply any exemptions or special assessments, transfer ownership, process subdivisions, inspect new construction, calculate the tax, send the bill, answer the tax-payer's questions, and collect and distribute the funds to the districts.

We will collect \$400 million for 82 tax districts; including \$35 million for Lane County.

Leverage = \$1 of A&T budget returns \$57 in tax revenue.

The county also receives approximately \$1.5 million in state funds in exchange for a minimally staffed A&T operation.

We are in compliance with state appraisal standards and minimum staffing levels.

We will implement 2 new tax laws for this October's tax roll with no new funding from the state to do so.

We are actively engaged in state level conversations about how to streamline county-DOR operations in light of upcoming budget deficits and SRS impacts statewide.