

2019-2020

# COMMUNITY REPORT

COMMITTED TO EXCELLENCE



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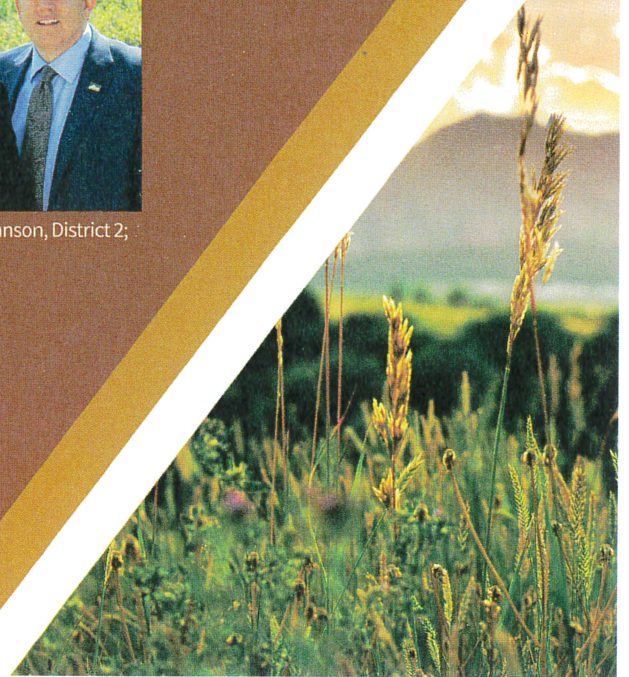
# LETTER FROM THE COMMISSIONERS

## To Our Residents,

We're proud to present our 2019-2020 Community Report. Inside you'll find impressive facts and accomplishments showing many quality services Larimer County provides every day that add value to the lives of all our residents. Adding value to the people we serve is one of our core Guiding Principles. From the 2018 voter-approved Behavioral Health Initiative, we distributed \$1 million in 2019 and \$2.5 million in 2020 to community-based organizations throughout Larimer County to expand equitable access to behavioral health care. In response to COVID-19, to date, we distributed \$115K to groups on the front lines responding to this public health emergency. Our commitment is to identify and implement new and more effective ways to provide services that meet and exceed your expectations. These accomplishments wouldn't be possible without our greatest assets - the dedication and innovation from our employees, and our partnerships with many public and private-sector organizations in Northern Colorado. Together, we all make Larimer County a top place to live, work and raise a family. We welcome your feedback and input anytime! Contact us at [bocc@larimer.org](mailto:bocc@larimer.org), or visit us online at [www.larimer.org](http://www.larimer.org).



(from left) John Kefalas, District 1; Steve Johnson, District 2; Tom Donnelly, District 3



## LETTER FROM THE COUNTY MANAGER

The 2019-20 Community Report summarizes services delivered by County government to our citizens both within and outside of city and town boundaries. The report is divided into service areas and includes highlights of our recent work as well as data illustrating trends over time. We hope you find it informative, and we encourage your feedback. We enjoy serving the community and strive for improving our performance. Please let us know how we can help.



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## STAY ENGAGED

[LARIMER.ORG/BOCC](http://LARIMER.ORG/BOCC)

- Monthly Informal Commissioner Community Meetings
- Commissioner Open Houses
- Boards and Commissions
- LC101 – Citizen Academy
- Public Meetings
- Email Alert Subscriptions
- LC Connection Monthly Newsletter



## ELECTED OFFICIALS



Bob Overbeck  
Assessor



Angela Myers  
Clerk & Recorder



James A.  
Wilkerson IV, M.D.  
Coroner



Cliff Riedel  
District Attorney



Justin Smith  
Sheriff



Chad Washburn  
Surveyor

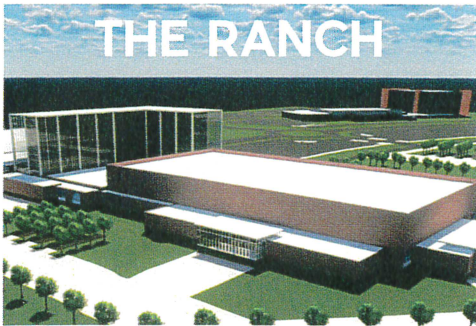


Irene Josey  
Treasurer



# COMMUNITY PLANNING, INFRASTRUCTURE & RESOURCES

- Building Inspections
- Community Planning and Development
- County Parks, Open Spaces and Trails
- Noxious Weeds and Forestry Services
- Engineering
- Landfill and Solid Waste Management
- Road and Bridge Maintenance and Repair
- Rural Land Use
- The Ranch



Concept sketch by Populou

**The Ranch Master Plan**, completed in 2019, includes objectives for both updates and new facilities.

## 2019 AWARDS



In 2019, The North Front Range **Regional Wasteshed Coalition** received awards from the National Recycling Association and Recycle Colorado.

## SOLID WASTE

<b>11,353</b> Cubic Yards of Green Waste Processed	<b>83,272,000</b> Pounds of Recycling Collected	<b>170,331</b> Landfill Visitors
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## NATURAL RESOURCES

Restoration work was completed in 2019 to make the Cache la Poudre River and surrounding lands at River Bluffs Open Space more resilient during flooding and ensure a healthy habitat for fish and wildlife.



Charlie Johnson



## CLERK & RECORDER

**84,000** Documents recorded  
**4,300** Passports processed  
**3,000** Passport photos taken



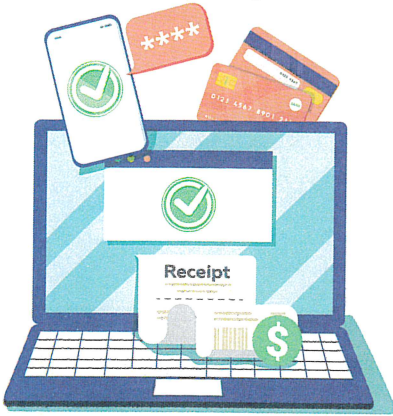
## PUBLIC RECORDS & INFORMATION SERVICES

Birth and Death Certificates  
 Elections and Voter Registration  
 Marriage Licenses  
 Property Value Assessment  
 Property Tax Collection and Distribution  
 Public Records  
 Vehicle Licensing and Registration

## TREASURER

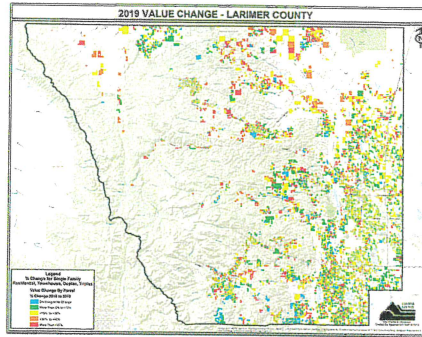
In 2019, Larimer County had 9,061 payments made online or through our automated phone system.

**8,591** Online Payments  
**470** Phone Payments



## ASSESSOR

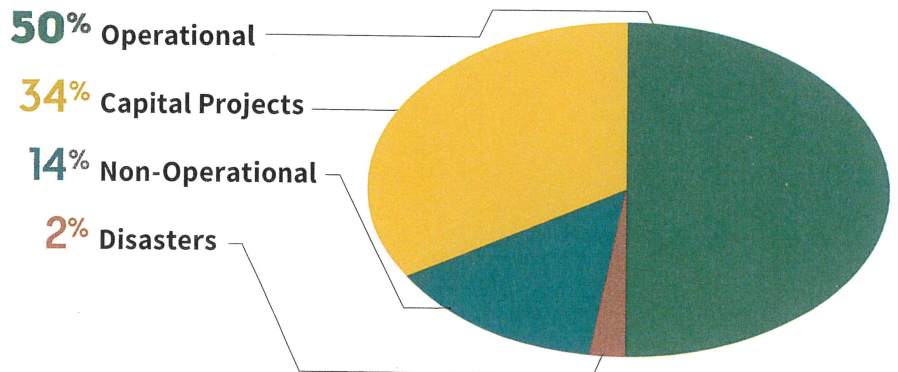
Created a new public HEAT Map to increase transparency for property owners and citizens.



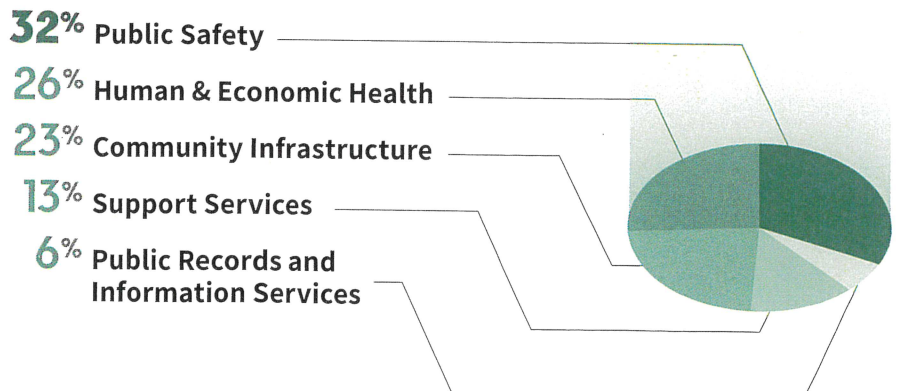
## 2020 BUDGET SUMMARY

Larimer County is one of two Colorado counties holding the highest credit rating (Aaa) from Moody's Investors Service. The rating indicates how the financial services industry views fiscal health and stability of an organization. Only 97 of 3,143 counties in the nation hold this rating.

**Total Budget \$575.8 Million**



**Operational Budget \$289.6 Million**



*Distinguished Budget Presentation Award*

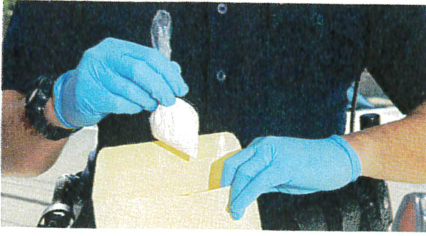
In 2019, Larimer County was awarded the Government Finance Officers Association's Distinguished Budget Presentation Award for meeting the highest principles in budgeting.

## STRATEGIC LEADERSHIP & ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

Budgeting & Finance  
 Human Resources  
 Fleet Services  
 Facilities  
 Information Technology



## SHERIFF'S OFFICE



### OPERATION MALVERDE

The Northern Colorado Drug Task Force successfully dismantled a large drug trafficking organization in Sept 2019. Multiple jurisdictions were involved and the operation resulted in the arrest of ten individuals that have been charged with over 120 felonies.

## DISTRICT ATTORNEY



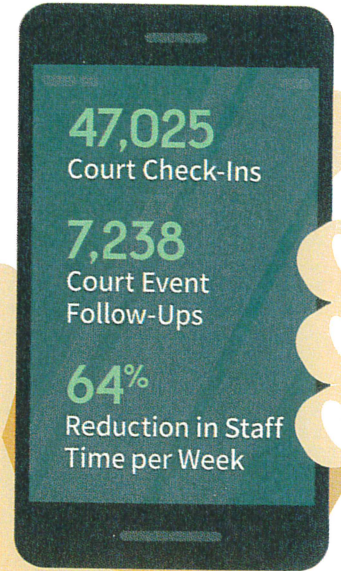
- 16 Adult Drug Court Graduates
- 14 DUI Court Graduates
- 12 Wellness Court Graduates

# PUBLIC SAFETY SERVICES

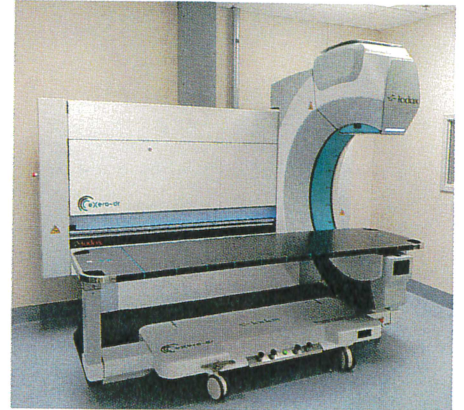
- Alternative Sentencing
- Community Corrections
- Crime Statistics & Reporting
- District Attorney
- Emergency Management
- Investigations
- Coroner
- Jail
- Rural Patrol
- Wildland Fire Management
- Disaster Recovery

## NEW PRE-TRIAL MOBILE APP

In 2019, The Pretrial Mobile App was created to save time for both County Pretrial Staff and the Defendant. Annually, the app check-in process has saved 1,800 hours for Defendants in transportation time, which is often a barrier to success for this population.



## NEW CORONER'S OFFICE OPENS



On April 2, 2019 Larimer County's Coroner's Office moved into its new location in Fort Collins, and for the first time they have a morgue on-site.

## EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT



In 2019, Larimer County held a multi-jurisdictional full-scale exercise called UNITE to test emergency services and emergency management processes for a large mass-casualty incident. Over 400 individuals participated, including 100+ volunteers.



## HEALTH & ENVIRONMENT

In 2019, the Women, Infants & Children Program served:

**1,435**  
Women



**1,988**  
Children



**1,572**  
Infants



Immunization services gave **1,317** Flu shots



Restaurant inspectors conducted **1,297** inspections



## HUMAN SERVICES



In December 2019, Human Services staff celebrated the 20th anniversary of The HUB Juvenile Assessment Center and the outstanding success of the program which provides resources and interventions for youths.

## ECONOMIC & WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT CENTER



Aiden Lee, a 1st place winner for the Young Entrepreneur Tournament in 2019. He received a \$1,000 prize for his business idea, ShopBox.

## THE NATIVE PLANT MASTERS PROGRAM

**63** people participated in 3 courses in 2019.

**17** people volunteered.

Volunteers taught **2,829** adults and **850** youths.



# HUMAN & ECONOMIC HEALTH SERVICES

- Adult Protective Services
- Air Quality Monitoring and Education
- Behavioral Health
- Child Care Assistance
- Child Protection and Foster Care
- Child Support
- Communicable Disease Control
- Economic Development Extension Office
- Food Assistance
- Health Education
- Immunizations
- Medicaid
- Resources for Seniors
- Restaurant Inspections
- Temporary Assistance for Needy Families
- Water Quality Regulation and Inspection
- Workforce Training and Counseling

## BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

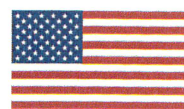
In the inaugural year, \$1 million was distributed to 29 organizations around Larimer County to enhance and expand awareness and access to affordable behavioral health care. The Behavioral Health Facility is scheduled to open Summer 2022.



Architectural Rendering by Page Southerland, Page, Inc.

## VETERAN SERVICES

In 2019 the Veteran's Services Office handled:



**13,112** Phone Calls

**3,137** Walk-ins or Appointments