

2020

YEAR-IN-REVIEW

COMMUNITY REPORT



Letter from the Commissioners

We're proud to present our 2020-2021 Community Report. Inside are impressive facts and accomplishments showing the quality services Larimer County provides every day that adds value to the lives of our residents. The past two years have been challenging in many ways, with COVID-19 impacting every aspect of our daily lives. As we look forward, we continue to work toward improving our service to the people we serve, one of our core Guiding Principles. In 2023, our community will have a new 64-bed behavioral health facility to address

gaps in care and enhance access, and in 2021 will award \$2.525 million in grants serving diverse programs. In response to COVID-19, 227,634 tests were given and managed over 13,000 Joint Information Calls. 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 asset – the innovation and dedication from our employees, and partnerships with many public and private 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.



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(L-R) Jody Shadduck-McNally, District 3; John Kefalas, District 1; and Kristin Stephens, District 2

Letter from the County Manager



The 2020 year-in-review Community Report summarizes the county's efforts in one of the most trying years our community has faced. From fires and floods to the ongoing pandemic, we sincerely believe the resiliency of our staff and community allowed us to accomplish so much this past year. We hope you find the report informative, and we encourage your feedback. We enjoy serving the community and strive to improve our performance. Please let us know how we can help.

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- ▶ **Monthly Commissioner Community Meetings**
- ▶ **Commissioner Open Houses**
- ▶ **Boards and Commissions**
- ▶ **Larimer County 101**
- ▶ **Public Meetings**
- ▶ **Email Alert Subscriptions**
- ▶ **Monthly Newsletter**



Elected Officials



Bob Overbeck
Assessor



Angela Myers
Clerk & Recorder



James A. Wilkerson IV, M.D.
Coroner



Gordon McLaughlin
District Attorney



Justin Smith
Sheriff



Chad Washburn
Surveyor



Irene Josey
Treasurer

Community Planning, Infrastructure & Resources

2020

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

2020 Innovation Awards Program Winner



\$3,000 GRAND PRIZE Pre-Trial Services Mobile App

In 2019, The Pretrial Mobile App was used for 47,025 check-ins and 7,238 court event follow-ups. Using an average time interval of 45 seconds per check-in, and one minute per court event follow-up entry, the total staff savings equates 42,500 minutes, 708 hours or 14 hours per week. The app allowed for a 64% reduction in staff time for these interactions. Pre-trial Services is poised to make future efficiencies, with a current project in development: an electronic bond application process. This will save pre-trial staff even more time and will assist the District Attorney, Public Defender and Judicial Departments as well.

Natural Resources

The tragic loss of **Ranger Brendan Unitt** in August 2020 prompted a new County-wide annual public service award, the Ranger Unitt Community Service Award, to honor a Larimer County employee who demonstrates a passion to serve the community above anything else.



The Ranch

The Ranch housed about 600 beds in its 189,000 square-foot space during the height of the pandemic. Afterwards, the state designated The Ranch as one of four state-wide vaccination sites. The Ranch was also used as a temporary isolation site for the homeless.

Road & Bridge

382 Miles of Paved Roads Maintained

419 Miles of Unpaved Roads Maintained

100 Miles of Subdivision Roads Maintained



Solid Waste



44,322

Tons Recycled

408,189

Tons Landfilled



Public Records & Information Services

2020

• Birth & Death Certificates

• Elections & Voter Registration

• Marriage Licenses

• Property Value Assessment

• Property Tax Collection & Distribution


• Public Records


• Vehicle Licensing & Registration

Treasurer

Compared to 2019, the Treasurer's Office increased the use of the following payments by:

44.7% Credit/Debit Card 

50.4% Electronic, No-Fee 

34.4% Office Drop-Box 

Assessor

18,000 Senior Homeowners Exemptions

382 Disabled Veteran Exemptions

1,200 Hours Assessing Damage from the Cameron Peak Fire



Clerk & Recorder



Recording

3,333 Marriage Licenses
111,332 Recorded Documents

Vehicle Licensing

328,291 Renewal Cards Mailed
156,313 Online Renewals
20,490 Kiosk Renewals
22,733 Chat Sessions

Elections Turnout

54.5% March Primary
46.6% June Primary
89.8% November General

2021 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.

Total Budget... **\$601.6** million

48% Operational
35% Capital Projects
14% Non-Operational
3% Disaster Recovery



Operational Budget... **\$289.2** million

32% Public Safety
25% Community Planning, Infrastructure & Resources
25% Human & Economic Health
12% Support Services
6% Public Records & Information Services



Human & Economic Health Services

2020

- Adult Protective Services
- Air Quality Monitoring & Education
- Behavioral Health
- Child Care Assistance
- Child Protection & 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 & Inspection
- Workforce Training & Counseling

Behavioral Health

In 2020, Larimer County Behavioral Health distributed more than double the grant funding into the community than it distributed in 2019.

2019 **29 Grants** \$1 million

2020 **43 Grants** \$2.5 million

Health & Environment



227,634 COVID-19 Tests Given

48,000 COVID-19 Contact Tracing Calls

13,330 COVID-19 Joint Information

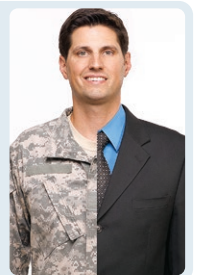
3,300 Women, Infant & Children Clients Served monthly

599 Restaurant Inspections

Veteran Services

14,317 Interactions

The SITREP newsletter-launched in August 2020 with information, events and resources for veterans and their families.



Economic & Workforce Development

From January 2020 - June 2021, the Larimer County Economic and Workforce Development department provided 209 residents with scholarships to boost employability.



CSU Extension*

North Forty Food Pantry metrics

6,008 Residents Served
46% Seniors
158,000 Meals Served

*in partnership with the North Forty Mountain Alliance and 12 other partners

Human Services

- ▶ **Benefits & Community Support** provided \$37 million in SNAP benefits for 19,415 households.
- ▶ **Office on Aging** issued \$381,000 in vouchers to 415 households in need.
- ▶ **Children, Youth, & Family Division** fielded 5,031 child neglect/abuse referrals, leading to 1,526 case assessments and 843 cases; involving a total of 1,547 children.



Public Safety Services

2020

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

Sheriff's Office



In 2020, the Initial Attack Module was formed. Composed of six full-time firefighters, the group was instrumental during the Cameron Peak Fire. The Initial Attack Module also trains local firefighters, educates the public on wildfires and reduces wildfire fuel.

Office of Emergency Management

3 DISASTER DECLARATIONS

- ▶ COVID-19
- ▶ Cameron Peak Fire
- ▶ East Troublesome Fire



The Cameron Peak Fire was both the largest fire in state history and the county's longest fire in history.

In 2020, the Larimer County Emergency Operations Center was active for the longest continuous period in history.

District Attorney

- ▶ Expanded the Adult Mental Health Division Program to better address behavioral health needs
- ▶ Created an Economic Crime Task Force to combat rising financial crime
- ▶ Coordinated with other departments to create a Victim Rights and Resources website

41% of All Juvenile Cases Diverted

90% Success Rate Achieved

12,206 Total Cases Handled by the DA

Criminal Justice Services

- 25 Adult Drug Court Graduates
- 20 DUI Recovery Court Graduates
- 5 Wellness Court Graduates
(782,512 incarceration days diverted)



Coroner

2,900 Deaths Investigated in 2020

