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.

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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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

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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.

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.

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
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

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

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

Assessor

- 18,000 Senior Homeowners Exemptions
- 382 Disabled Veteran Exemptions
- 1,200 Hours Assessing Damage from the Cameron Peak Fire
Human & Economic Health Services

2020

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

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

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.

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.
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.

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.

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