

Bingham County Fiscal Year 2022 Budget

Board of County Commissioners Chairman - Whitney Manwaring Mark R. Bair Jessica Lewis

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Bingham County

Bingham County is located in southeastern Idaho with a population of 47,175. It serves the cities of Blackfoot, Shelley, Firth, Basalt and Aberdeen as well as surrounding rural unincorporated communities. The county seat is located in Blackfoot. Rich volcanic soil and access to irrigation from the Snake River and Blackfoot River have made Bingham County a productive agriculturally based county. The county economy depends heavily on agriculture but the proximity to the Idaho National Laboratory and two large cities, Idaho Falls to the north and Pocatello to the south, provide a wide variety of employment opportunities.

The Budget Process

Preparing the budget is a lengthy process guided by Idaho Code §31-1602 through 1605. Beginning in May, department heads are asked to submit detailed expenditure budget requests by fund for the upcoming fiscal year to the County Clerk. Expenditures are then compared against projected revenues within these funds. These projections are based on the prior year's revenues along with trend analysis for the previous five years. Meetings are held with the Commissioners, Clerk and Department Administrators to refine and evaluate the expenditure requests. A tentative balanced budget is formulated for each department and fund, and published in the newspaper by the third week in August. A public hearing is held to allow public comment regarding the proposed budget. The Commissioners then approve and adopt the budget by resolution for the upcoming fiscal year.

Revenues and Expenditures

The Bingham County proposed budget for fiscal year 2022 is \$34,529,345.

Revenues: Broad and diverse sources of revenue are utilized to protect property taxpayers and promote the county's financial security. There are three revenue categories used for budgeting in Bingham County:

- "Other" revenue consists of charges for services and user fees, licenses and permits, state and federal revenue sources, and interest on investments.
- Projected "other" revenue for fiscal year 2022 is:

\$19,423,704

Proposed property tax – proposed tax to be levied is:

\$13,788,515

Fund balance reserves – proposed reserves to be used: \$ 1,317,126

Total Revenues

\$34,529,345

Budget Highlights:

Personnel investment is a significant component of the county budget. County personnel have worked earnestly through ever changing COVID restrictions to effectively provide essential services to the citizens of Bingham County as well as visitors from surrounding counties. Nearly half of the County's budget is made up of salaries and benefits, making employees the county's most valuable asset. Increasing revenues from sources other than property tax contribute to personnel investment. This proposed budget includes a 2% cost of living adjustment for employees.

- Law enforcement employees have been moved to a new salary structure to remain competitive with surrounding Eastern Idaho law enforcement agencies. Training and certification for new personnel is costly for example hiring and training of a patrol officer averages \$100,000. Staying competitive protects this investment.
- Bingham County is a member of Gem Plan, a health care pool with 22 other counties. This has helped control the fluctuations in costs seen by other providers. Bingham County will see zero increase in healthcare costs for FY 2022.
- Health District: Idaho Code §39-424A puts responsibility to the counties for providing additional annual aid to the public health districts. This legislative act has added \$128,652 to the yearly county contribution to Southeastern Idaho Public Health.
- Indigent Services: Medicaid expansion has decreased the need for medical indigent assistance in Idaho, lowering some costs in the Indigent Services Fund. A negotiated contract between the county and Bingham Memorial Hospital for jail medical services has also reduced costs.
- Special Projects: A one-time highway user revenue payment from the State of Idaho currently held in fund reserves will assist in the East River Road Improvement Project.
- PILT Payment in Lieu of Taxes for Federal lands in Bingham County: Completion of the new Public Works Shop paid through the PILT fund has been completed.
- American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA): Federal dollars are sent directly to counties to cover increased expenditures, replenish lost revenue and mitigate economic harm from the COVID-19 pandemic. \$1 million has been budgeted in expense and revenue but the county is waiting on final guidance from the US Treasury regarding use of the funds. ARPA funds are more restrictive that CARES Act funding.

The county uses conservative financial management principles with the understanding that this is the public's money and we are about the public's business.

		PROPOSED FY		Revenue Other			
FUND	2021 BUDGET	2022 BUDGET	Fund Reserves	Than Taxes	Proposed Taxes	Total Revenue	8/23/2021
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1 General Fund	7,370,978	8,008,248	,	3,762,987	4,245,261		
2 Road and Bridge	4,465,087	4,931,260	-	4,330,325	600,935		
3 Airport	7,000	6,800	-	6,800	0	-,	
5 Justice	7,049,397	8,005,052	-	3,375,627	4,629,425		
6 District Court	1,673,845	1,660,107	-	823,200	836,907		
8 Fair	11,000	11,000	-	-	11,000		
11 Health District	410,435	539,087	-	-	539,087		
12 Historical Society	48,000	55,000	-	-	55,000	-	
16 Indigent Services	1,313,828	909,503	-	355,207	554,296	909,503	
18 Parks and Recreation	276,648	357,198	-	140,011	217,187	357,198	
20 Revaluation	582,586	733,479	-	16,921	716,558	733,479	
23 Solid Waste	2,391,636	3,090,524	443,479	2,647,045	C	3,090,524	
24 Tort	469,030	482,820	-	-	482,820	482,820	
25 Veteran's Memorial	5,000	5,000	-	-	5,000	5,000	
27 Weeds	285,554	301,931	-	-	301,931	301,931	
28 911 Emergency	697,008	673,756	165,756	508,000	(673,756	
32 R & B Special Projects	1,747,000	2,472,994	577,000	1,302,886	593,108	2,472,994	
38 Waterways	69,995	129,995	60,000	69,995	(129,995	
50 PILT	1,500,000	750,000	_	750,000	(750,000	
51 ARPA		1,000,000		1,000,000	(1,000,000	
52 Court Facility	20,000	20,000	4,700	15,300		20,000	
54 Treatment Court	122,830	136,099	15,399	120,700	(136,099	
56 Interlock Monitoring	8,500	8,500	4,800	3,700	(8,500	
58 Junior College	100,000	100,000	25,000	75,000	(100,000	
60 Consolidated Elections	91,256	140,992	20,992	120,000	(
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TOTAL	30,716,613	34,529,345	1,317,126	19,423,704	13,788,515	34,529,345	

BINGHAM COUNTY RESOLUTION NO. 2021-48

A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022 FOR THE COUNTY OF BINGHAM, STATE OF IDAHO

WHEREAS, Idaho Code §31-1605 requires a public hearing upon budget appropriations; and,

WHEREAS, The Board of County Commissioners met in Commission Chambers at the Bingham County Courthouse on August 24, 2021, pursuant to designated published time:

AND WHEREAS, after discussion of the budget, and no objections found thereto,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that upon conclusion of said hearing the Bingham County Board of Commissioners determined and fixed the amount of the FY 2022 Bingham County budget in the amount of \$34,529,345 which is not greater than the amount of the published tentative budget, nor includes an amount to be raised from property taxes greater than the amount advertised.

ADOPTED the 24TH day of August, 2021.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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BINGHAM COUNTY RESOLUTION NO. 2021-49

A RESOLUTION RESERVING FORGONE FOR THE COUNTY OF BINGHAM, STATE OF IDAHO

WHEREAS, Bingham County, Idaho intends to reserve forgone for the 2021 Dollar Certification in the amount of **\$257,774**.

WHEREAS, Bingham County, Idaho has met the notice and hearing requirements in Idaho Code §63-802 on reserving the forgone amount.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the majority vote taken by the Board of County Commissioners on August 24, 2021, that the above stated amount is to be included in the total forgone amount for use at a future date.

ADOPTED the 24TH day of August, 2021.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

By:

Whitney Manwaring, Chairma

Mark R. Bair, Commissioner

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ATTEST:

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