

LYON COUNTY

SUMMARY FINANCIAL STATEMENT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2016

The purpose of this report is to provide a summary of financial information concerning Lyon County for interested citizens. Questions about this report should be directed to E.J. Moberg, County Auditor/Treasurer, at (507) 537-6724.

A FULL AND COMPLETE COPY OF THE COUNTY FINANCIAL STATEMENT IS AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST BY CALLING (507) 537-6724, BY WRITING TO THE AUDITOR/TREASURER, 607 WEST MAIN ST, MARSHALL, MINNESOTA 56258, OR VIA WWW.CO.LYON.MN.US – SEARCH FOR 2016 AUDIT.

A User's Guide to County Financial Statements

The following definitions will help citizens understand the terminology that is used in the county's financial statements.

Basic Financial Statements

Lyon County's basic financial statements consist of three parts: government-wide financial statements, fund financial statements, and notes to the financial statements. The management's discussion and analysis and certain budgetary comparison schedules are required to accompany the basic financial statements and, therefore, are included as required supplementary information.

Government-wide financial statements display information about the county's financial reporting entity as a whole, except for its fiduciary activities. These statements should present separate information for the governmental and business-type activities of the county (primary government), as well as for its component units.

Fund financial statements display separate financial information for the county's governmental, proprietary, and fiduciary funds. Information for governmental and enterprise proprietary funds is presented separately for major funds and aggregate total for non-major funds. Internal services and fiduciary fund information is presented in aggregate by fund type.

Notes to the financial statements provide additional information and disclosure for information in the financial statements.

Governmental activities are generally activities of the county financed through taxes, intergovernmental revenues, and other non-exchange revenues. These activities are usually reported in governmental funds and internal service funds.

Business-type activities are county activities financed in whole or in part by fees charged to external parties for goods or service. These activities are usually reported in enterprise funds.

Financial reporting entity consists of the primary government (county), organizations for which the county is financially accountable and other organizations for which the nature and significance of their relationship with the county are such that exclusion would cause the reporting entity's financial statements to be misleading or incomplete. The nucleus of a county's financial reporting entity is the primary government, the county.

Primary government is a term used in connection with defining the financial reporting entity. The primary government is the focus of the financial reporting entity. For the county, the primary government represents the financial activities, funds, or accounts directly under the control of the county board.

County Governmental Fund Types

The **General Fund** is the general operating fund of the county. It is used to account for all financial resources, except those that are required to be accounted for in another fund.

Special Revenue Funds are used to account for the proceeds of specific revenue sources that are legally restricted for specified purposes.

Debt Service Funds are used to account for the accumulation of resources for, and the payment of principal, interest, and related costs of general long-term debt.

The **Capital Projects Fund** is used to account for financial resources to be used for capital acquisition, construction, or improvement of capital facilities.

County Proprietary Funds

Enterprise Funds are used to report an activity for which a fee is charged to external users for goods or services.

An **Internal Service Fund** is used to account for health insurance premiums and payments.

County Fiduciary Funds

Investment Trust Funds are used to report governmental external investment pools that are maintained by the county for other entities.

Agency Funds are used to account for assets held by the county as agent for individuals, private organizations, other governments, and/or other funds; for example, taxes collected and held by a county for a school district.

Character Classification of County Expenditures

The county's governmental expenditures are classified by character or the periods expenditures are presumed to benefit. The county has the following character classifications.

Current operating expenditures are presumed to benefit the current fiscal period.

Debt Services are presumed to benefit prior fiscal periods as well as current and future periods and includes amount expended for the payment of principal, interest, and other costs associated with debt.

Capital outlays are presumed to benefit current and future fiscal periods and include amounts expended for the construction or acquisition of county capital assets.

Intergovernmental represent resources transferred by to the county to other governments.

Classification of County Functions

Functions are a group of related activities aimed at accomplishing a major service or regulatory program for which the county is responsible. The county has the following function classifications:

The **General Government** function includes expenditures for general county activities such as, the county commissioners, county administration, county attorney's office, county auditor/treasurer's office, county assessor's office, the planning and zoning office, and other county general service offices.

Public Safety relates to the objective of protection of persons and property and includes expenditures for corrections activities, operations of the sheriff's department, the county jail, civil defense, and emergency services.

Highways and Streets include expenditures relating to the construction and maintenance of county highways and streets.

Sanitation involves expenditures for the removal and disposal of waste and includes county solid waste collection and disposal, recycling, and sanitary sewer programs.

Human Services represents activities designed to provide public assistance and institutional care for individuals unable to provide essential needs for themselves. Lyon County participates in a joint powers agreement with other counties and formed Southwest Health and Human Services.

Health involves all activities involved in the conservation and improvement of public health. Lyon County participates in a joint powers agreement with other counties and formed Southwest Health and Human Services.

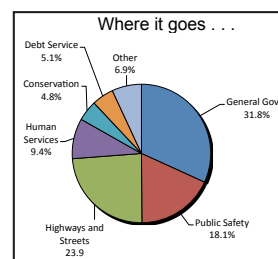
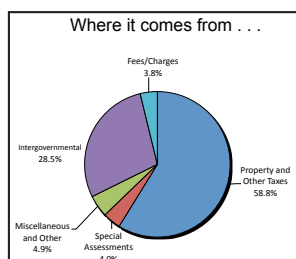
Culture and Recreation involves cultural and recreational activities maintained for the benefit of county residents and visitors. These activities include county libraries, parks, and other recreation programs.

Conservation involves activities designed to conserve and develop such natural resources as water and soil and includes such programs as soil and water conservation, county extension, water planning, and other.

Economic Development activities are directed toward economically developing the area encompassed by the county and providing assistance to and opportunity for, economically disadvantaged persons or business.

Year-End 2016 Lyon County Officials		
Office		Phone Number [(507) area code]
Commissioners		
1st District	Charles Sanow	530-4806
2nd District	Stephen Ritter	829-8070
3rd District	Paul Graupmann	532-5182
4th District	Rodney Stensrud	829-5259
5th District	Rick Anderson	829-2608
County Officials		
Administrator	Loren Stomberg	537-6980
Assessor	Sherri Kitchenmaster	537-6731
Attorney	Rick Maes	537-6755
Auditor/Treasurer	E.J. Moberg	537-6724
Environmental Administrator	Roger Schroeder	532-8210
Highway Engineer	Aaron VanMoer	532-8200
Recorder	Michelle DeSmet	537-6722
Sheriff	Mark Mather	537-7666
Veteran Service Officer	Terry Wing	537-6729

A PROFILE OF LYON COUNTY			
Key Indicator	Total 2016	Total 2015	Percent Increase/Decrease
Estimated Population	25,684	25,776	-0.4%
Net Tax Capacity	\$ 41,261,824	\$ 42,404,606	-2.7%
Percent of Property Taxes Collected	99.3%	99.4%	-0.1%
Total General Revenues	\$ 18,071,387	\$ 15,479,463	16.7%
Total Program Revenues	\$ 11,160,419	\$ 16,502,904	-32.4%
Total Expenses			
Governmental Activities	\$ 23,270,390	\$ 24,751,053	-6.0%
Business-Type Activities	\$ 3,138,144	\$ 4,903,539	-36.0%
Capital Assets, net			
Governmental Activities	\$100,247,712	\$ 93,340,241	7.4%
Business-Type Activities	\$ 4,364,302	\$ 5,359,476	-18.6%
Total Outstanding Net Bonded Debt of County			
General Obligation	\$ 14,798,953	\$ 15,577,239	-5.0%
Special Assessment	\$ 2,765,708	\$ 2,836,917	-2.5%
Bond Rating on Most Recent General Obligation Bond Issue	Standard & Poor's -- AA	Standard & Poor's -- AA	
Total Government-Wide Net Position			
Governmental Activities	\$102,899,902	\$ 99,513,145	3.4%
Business-Type Activities	\$ 10,459,238	\$ 11,022,723	-5.1%
Total Number of Full Time Employees	117	114	2.6%



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