

Sherburne County

Hearing for the 2019 Budget & Levy
December 10, 2018 @ 6:00 pm





Sherburne County Mission

To provide the necessary services in a cost effective manner to support quality of life for Sherburne County citizens

Agenda

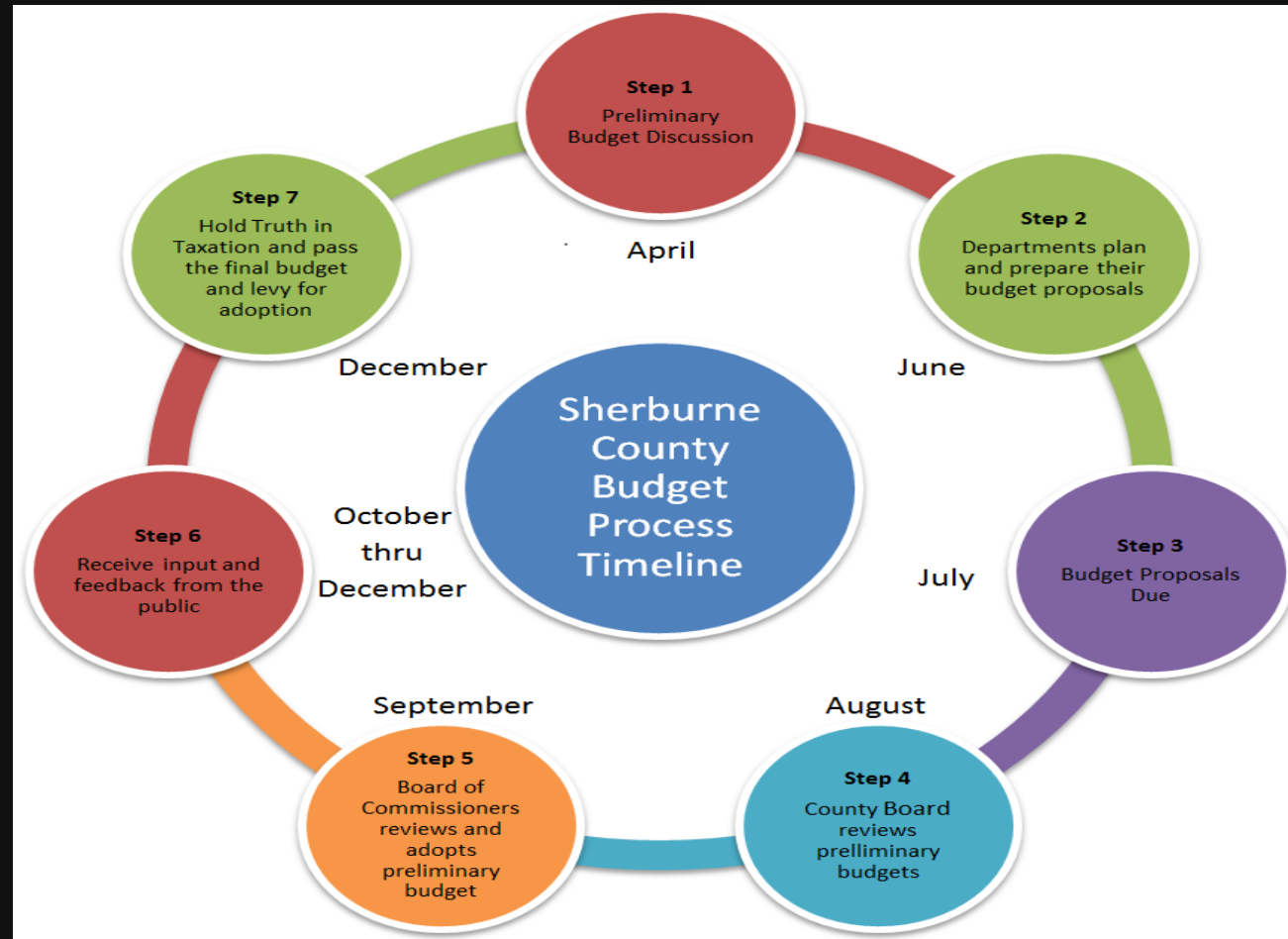
- 1) Market Value Questions
- 2) 2019 Budget Process, Priorities, and Budget Summary
- 3) Tax/Levy Impact Summary to the Taxpayer
- 4) Proposed Expenditures & Revenues
- 5) Where Do Your Tax Dollars Go
- 6) Property Tax Refund Program
- 7) Q&A/Discussion

Market Value Questions

- If you have any questions about your property's market value and/or classification Assessor's Office staff are available to visit with you.
- Feel free to meet with them now, or schedule an appointment for a later date



2019 Budget Process



2019 Budget Priorities

- Promote Healthy, Safe and Livable Communities
- Encourage Economic Vitality
- Enhance and Expand Partnerships While Creating and Informed Public
- Continue to be Fiscally Prudent and Stewards of the Public Trust
- Foster Organizational Excellence

Challenges Beyond 2019



- Building Remodel Project – Increased Operating Costs
- Facility Infrastructure Issues (Roofing, Masonry, Windows)
- Employee Insurance Rates – County Employee Clinic
- Succession Planning
- 11 Union Contracts Set to Expire 12/31/18
- County Growth Increasing Demand for Services
- Flat State Revenue Despite Growth

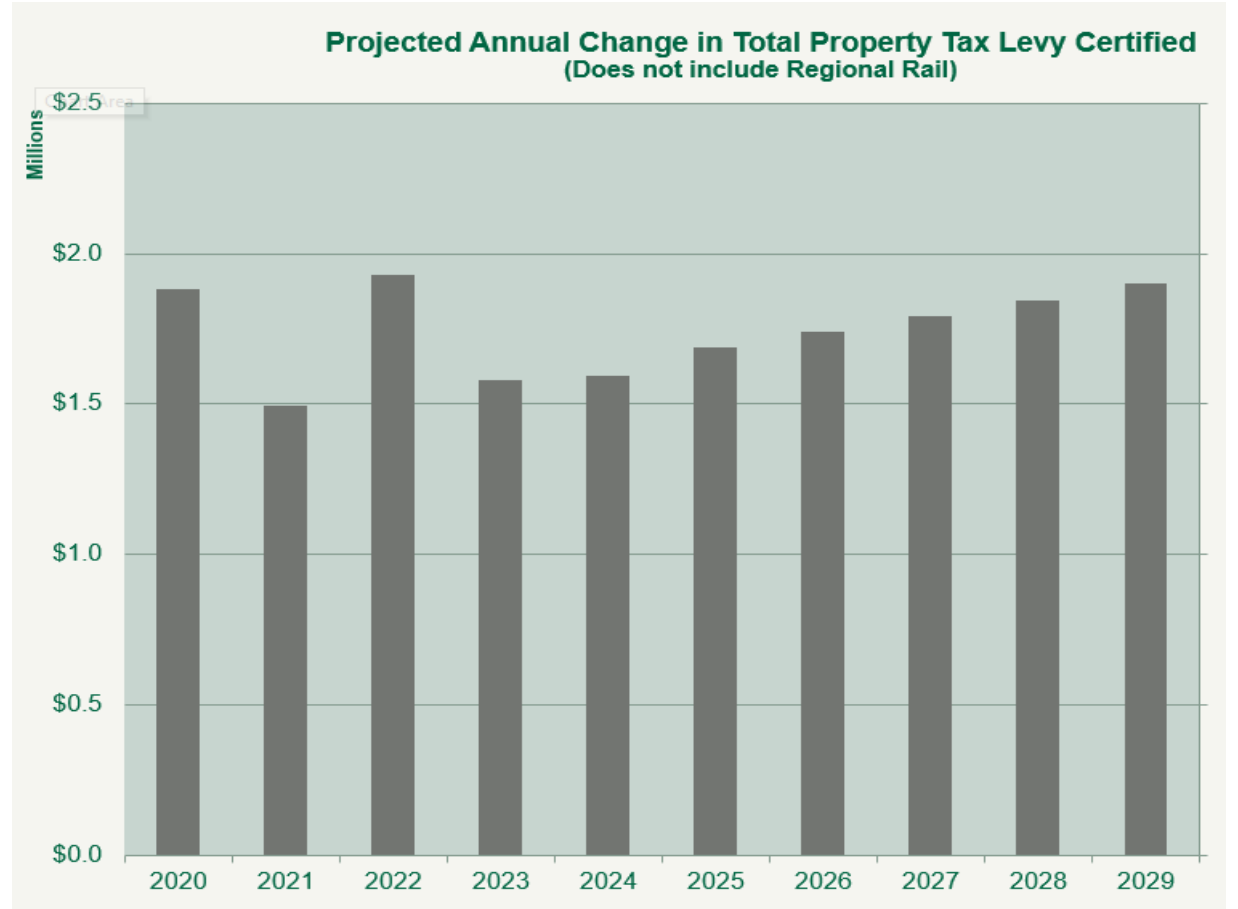
2019 County Budget Summary – Good News



- 6.9% population growth 2010-2017 (88,499 to 94,570)
- New housing permit growth: 140 in 2012 to 496 in 2017
- Added \$143,500,000 in new construction to the 2019 tax base
 - 55% increase over 2018
- Average residential taxable value has increased approximately 9.2% to \$222,000
- \$200,000 in Workers Compensation insurance cost reductions in 2018
- Developed a Long Range Financial Planning tool to assist in future planning

Budget Forecasting

- Predicting Future Levy Costs
- Variable Inputs to:
 - Non-personnel
 - Personnel
 - Tax Base Growth
 - New Construction
 - Expenses



2019 Budget Summary (cont.)



- The budget contains the following staffing requests (Total Levy Impact = \$383,800)
 - 1 Maintenance Helper FTE
 - 1 Assistant Probation Officer FTE
 - 1 Parks FTE
 - 1 Graduate Engineer (Non Levy)
 - 1 Sheriff IT FTE (Non Levy)
 - 1 Environmental Specialist (Non Levy)
 - 2 Correctional Officers (One Non Levy position)
 - 4 Social Workers
 - 1 Case Aide (July 1 Start)
 - 1 Lead Eligibility Specialist

2019 Budget Summary (cont.)



- New Position Summary
 - 6 = No Levy Impact
 - 4 = Partial Levy Funded
 - 4 = 100% Levy Funded

2019 Tax/Levy Impact Summary



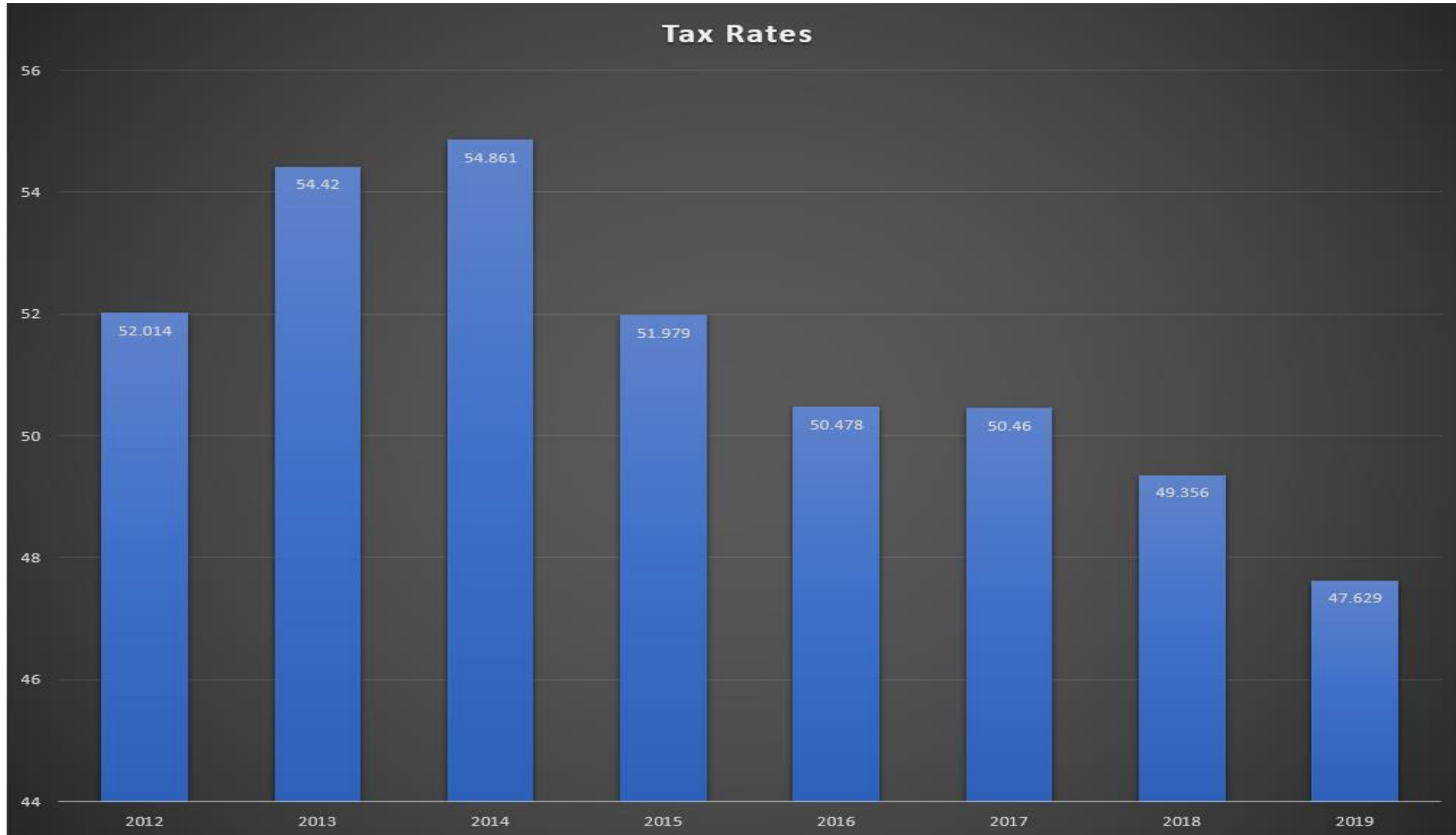
- Staff is recommending a 2019 Countywide budget of \$95,099,651 and a levy of \$48,235,236 an increase of 4.07% over the 2018 levy.
- This is a \$315,000 reduction in the preliminary 2019 levy.
- Recommending a Regional Rail levy of \$0 = 100% reduction from the 2018 Regional Rail levy (\$1,409,995).
- The net impact of the two levies is a 0.99% countywide levy increase.

2019 Tax/Levy Impact Summary

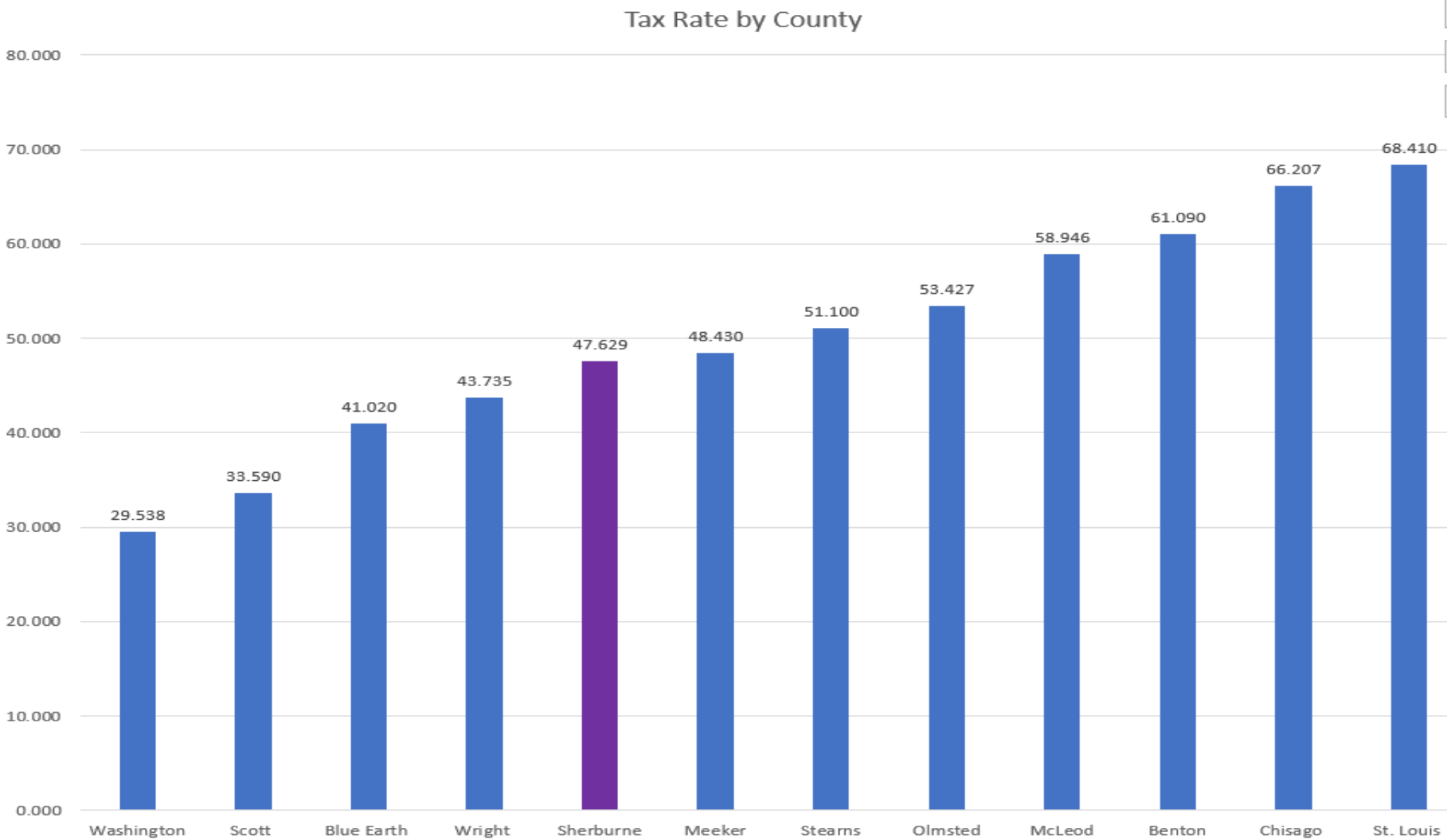


- Due to the increases in tax base mentioned earlier, the recommended levy would reduce the County tax rate for the 5th consecutive year. If your value remained flat, the county portion of your taxes would actually drop.
- Based on the valuation trends mentioned earlier, the average home owner would see an approximate \$60 per year increase to the county portion of their tax bill.
- **However, the Regional Rail Levy is now \$0 resulting in a net increase of \$30 per year on the average valued home.**
- On the other hand, the average commercial/industrial and agricultural land valuations saw smaller value increases resulting in tax reductions in 2019 for many taxpayers.

County Tax Rate Trending Downward

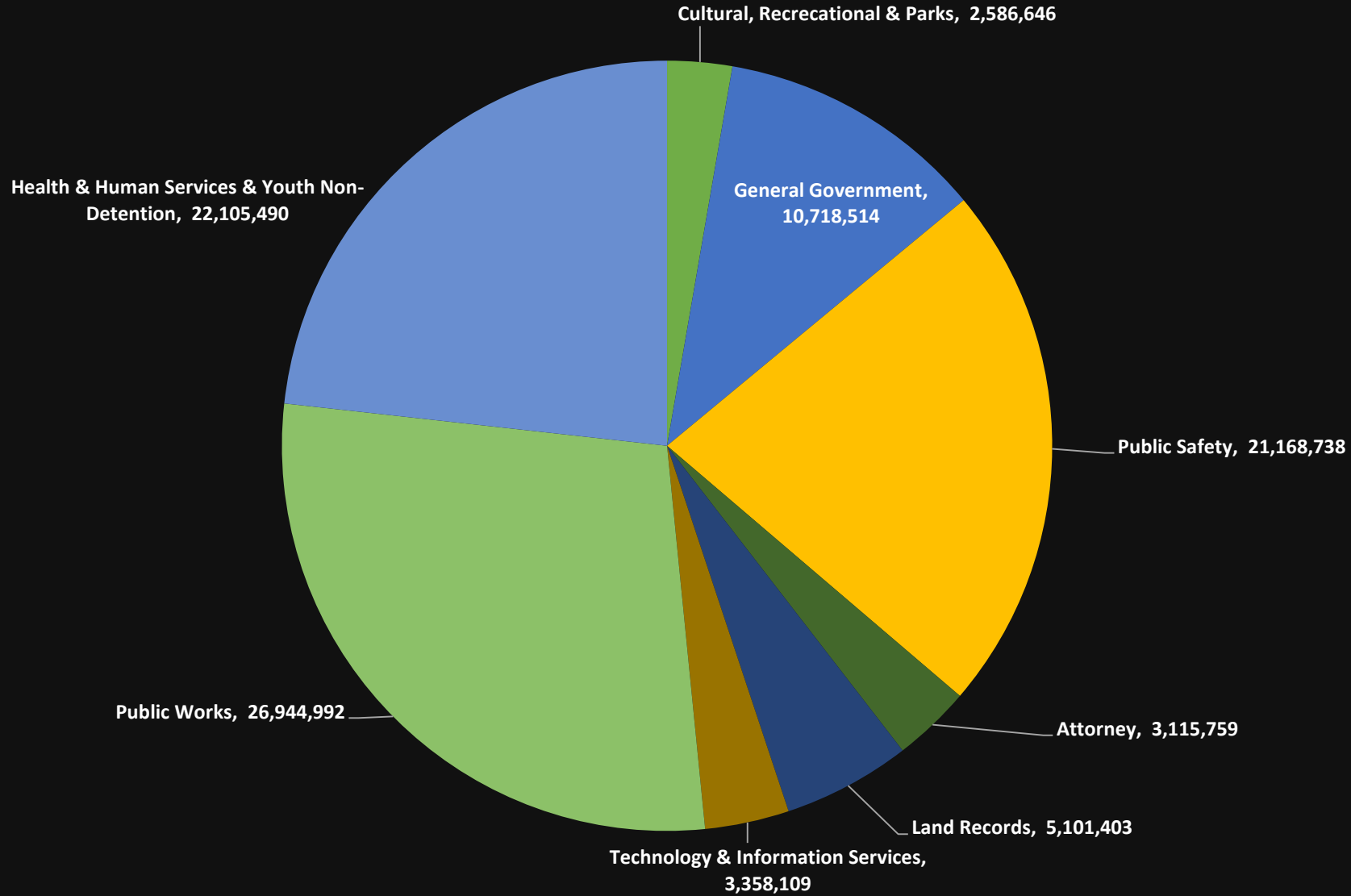


Tax Rate Comparison



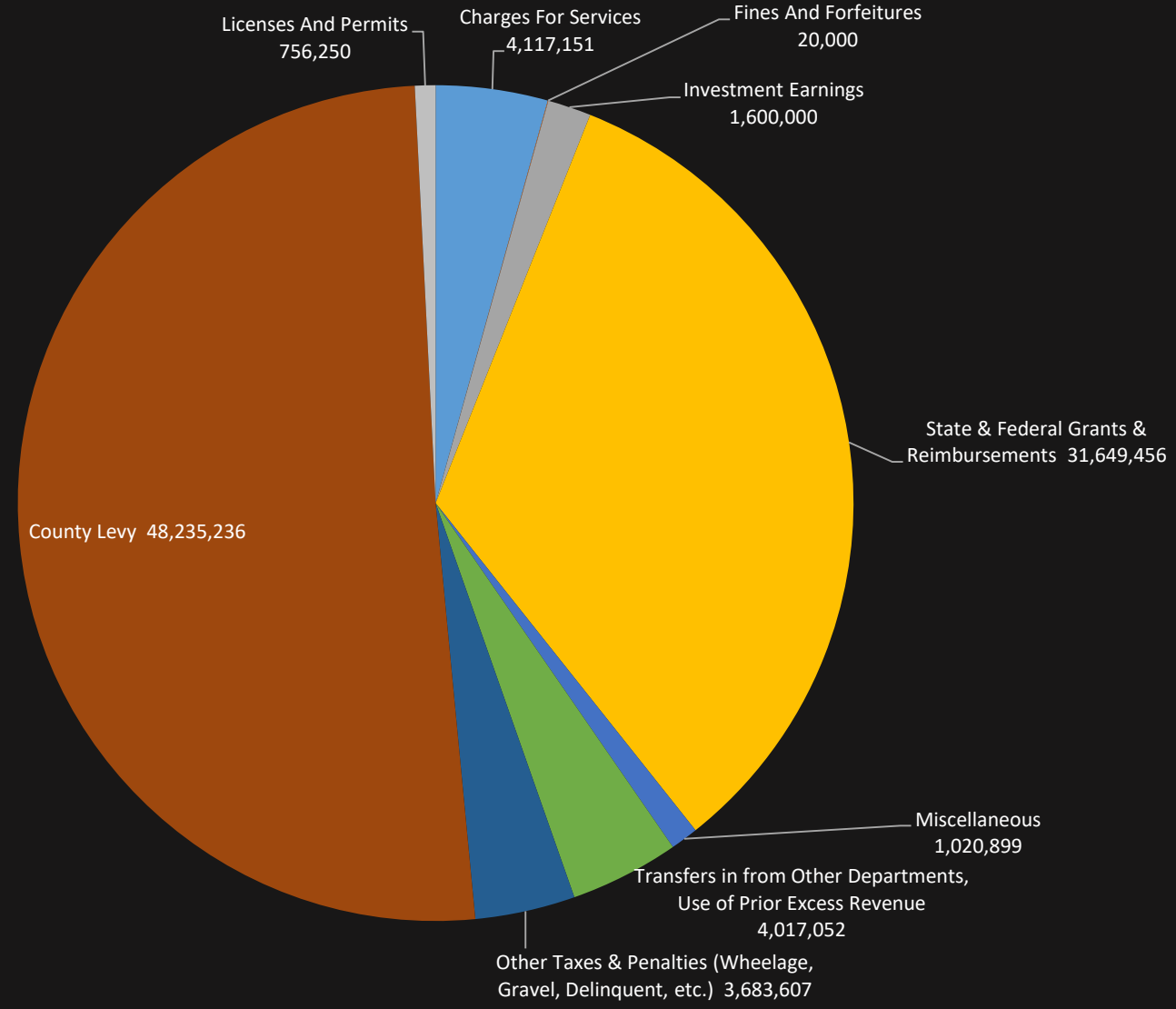
2019 Proposed Expenditures

\$95,099,651





2019 Revenue Sources



Minnesota Property Tax Refund



Minnesota Property Tax Refund

Do you own your home?

If your property is classified as your homestead, there are two property tax refund programs that may be for you.

- **Regular property tax refund:**
You may qualify if your 2018 household income is less than \$113,150.
- **Special property tax refund:**
You may qualify if your property taxes this year were at least 12 percent higher than last year and you owned and lived in your home on January 2 of each year. The increase must be at least \$100. There is no income limit.

Do you rent?

- **Regular property tax refund:**
You may qualify if your 2018 household income is less than \$61,320.

Ready to apply? See the back of this sheet!



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How to claim your refund

- Go to www.revenue.state.mn.us to file electronically or download Form M1PR.
- Call 651-296-3781 or 1-800-652-9094 to have the form sent to you.

Where's My Refund?

Go to www.revenue.state.mn.us after July 1 and type **Where's My Refund** in the Search box to monitor the status of your refund. With the new system, you can:

- See if we've received your return
- Follow your return through the process
- Understand the steps your return goes through before a refund is sent
- See the actual date your refund was sent

When you use **Where's My Refund**, we ask for the exact amount of your refund in addition to your Social Security number and date of birth.

Don't have a computer? You can call our automated phone line at 651-296-4444 or 1-800-657-3676 to get the status of your refund.

What can I do to get my refund faster?

- Avoid common errors (see below)
- Electronically file your return
- Choose direct deposit (use an account you do not plan on closing; the department cannot change the account)
- Complete your return
- Include all documentation

Each return is different and we process them as quickly as we can, making sure the right refund goes to the right person.

Need more information?

www.revenue.state.mn.us



Thank you.

If you have questions in the future please call:

Assessor's Office 763-765-4900

Auditor/Treasurer's Office 763-765-4351

Administrator's Office 763-765-3001