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# BINGHAM COUNTY **APPROVED** FISCAL YEAR 2025 BUDGET

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#### **Bingham County**

Bingham County is located in southeastern Idaho with a 2020 census population of 47,992. 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 county's 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**

The budget is the financial plan for the county. 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 Post Register/Idaho State Journal 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.



"I found room in the budget to update your office equipment. Would you rather have a box of paperclips or a new pencil?"

#### **Revenues and Expenditures**

The Bingham County proposed budget for fiscal year 2025 is **\$41,390,762**.

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 2025 is: \$22,878,971
- Proposed property tax proposed tax to be levied is: \$14,610,219
- Fund balance reserves proposed reserves to be used: <u>\$ 3,901,572</u> Total Revenues **\$41,390,762**

Fund Balance: A fund balance is the remaining "cash on hand" at the end of the year that is dedicated to cover three months of expenditures, act as a financial safety net for emergencies, accumulate dedicated funds to future projects, and ensuring stability for the county.

#### **Budget Highlights:**

- Bingham County is a member of Gem Plan, a health care pool with 22 other counties. Bingham County will have a 5.9% increase in healthcare costs for FY 2025. To assist employees, the increase in the costs for dependent care will be absorbed by the county.
- Nearly half of the County's budget is made up of salaries and benefits, making employees the county's most valuable asset. Revenues from sources other than property tax contribute to personnel investment. Departments also made cuts in their line item requests to assist with funding a 2% cost of living adjustment for employees.
- Information Technology is a critical infrastructure for the county. IT has moved beyond computers being networked together. Cybersecurity services and disaster recovery is an important element to the IT budget. Increasing costs include a much-needed new county-wide phone system, software renewals, data storage, and moving all employees to the Microsoft 365 platform. Department specific software have been moved from this fund to the departments.
- Justice Fund: This fund accounts for 102 employees under the direction of the Bingham County Sheriff. This includes all deputies, civil employees, jail detention deputies, and 911 emergency communication dispatchers. School Resource Officers in the Snake River (2), Aberdeen, and Firth School Districts are included. The county is committed to staying competitive with surrounding Eastern Idaho law enforcement agency salaries. Training and

certification for new personnel is costly and staying competitive protects this investment. Four new detention deputies will be hired in FY 2025 in preparation for the jail expansion project to be completed this year.

- Public Works: Increased ongoing Transportation Revenue Sharing from the State of Idaho has enabled the county to assess less property taxes for Road and Bridge and Special Projects, and support competitive wages enabling succession planning for skilled and trained employees. This increased funding has also assisted with capital investment in new Road and Bridge equipment.
- District Court: The budget reflects a decrease in the District Court Fund with the removal of costs associated with Public Defense. With the implementation of the State Public Defense Office, associated costs with public defense will now be paid by the State of Idaho.
- American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA): Federal dollars in the amount of \$9,092,488 were sent directly to counties to cover increased expenditures, replenish lost revenue and mitigate economic harm from the COVID-19 pandemic with the first half received in FY 2021. By the end of this fiscal year 2024, ARPA money will have been expended. Projects included contributions to the Eastern Idaho Sewer District, Atomic City water system, ambulance purchases, jail expansion and courthouse remodeling, and emergency services / 911 equipment.
- PILT (Payment in Lieu of Taxes): Increase in budget to \$2,000,000 to complete the jail expansion / courthouse remodel. This amount has been in reserve in the fund balance in preparation for this expense.
- Property Tax: Proposed property tax request is \$14,611,219. This is the allowable 3% and new construction increase per Idaho Code.
- For additional information regarding current and past budgets go: <u>www.binghamid.gov/departments/clerk</u> or <u>https://transparent.idaho.gov</u>

Bingham County uses conservative financial management principles with the understanding that this is the public's money and we are about the public's business. 08/20/2024

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## BUDGET TOTALS

Fiscal Year:	iscal Year: 2025 Budget #: 2 Description:		BUDGET Type:	ype: EXPENDITUR
Fund	Department	FY 2024 Approved Budget	FY 2025 Approved Budget	
0001	GENERAL FUND (CURRENT EXPENSE)			
01	CLERK / AUDITOR	1,318,559.00	1,378,841.00	
02	ASSESSOR	671,353.00	643,918.00	
03	TREASURER / TAX COLLECTOR	277,947.00	283,537.00	
05	COMMISSIONERS	341,620.00	352,205.00	
06	CORONER	191,461.00	198,600.00	
07	PROSECUTING ATTORNEY	1,202,253.00	1,252,831.00	
09	HUMAN RESOURCES	176,919.00	205,045.00	
10	BUILDING AND GROUNDS	836,748.00	877,277.00	
11	EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT	117,421.00	119,893.00	
13 14	COUNTY AGENT	173,099.00 1,037,098.00	182,494.00 1,279,369.00	
14	INFORMATION TECH ELECTIONS	120,724.00	120,360.00	
18	GENERAL	1,591,118.00	1,609,102.00	
20	EASTERN IDAHO PARTNERSHIP	113,556.00	116,945.00	
21	PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT	697,418.00	780,929.00	
32	JUVENILE DETENTION	350,000.00	350,000.00	
	TOTAL GENERAL FUND (CURRENT EX	9,217,294.00	9,751,346.00	
0002	ROAD AND BRIDGE			
40	ROAD AND BRIDGE - GENERAL	4,317,144.00	4,203,728.00	
46	ROAD & BRIDGE - CRUSHER	281,450.00	316,610.00	
47	ROAD & BRIDGE - SHOP	621,600.00	614,300.00	
	TOTAL ROAD AND BRIDGE	5,220,194.00	5,134,638.00	
0003	AIRPORT			
00	AIRPORT	6,800.00	5,400.00	
	TOTAL AIRPORT	6,800.00	5,400.00	
0005	JUSTICE FUND			
02	SHERIFF	5,409,484.00	5,662,110.00	
03	JAIL	3,317,243.00	3,960,652.00	
04	SHERIFF GRANTS	210,995.00	211,409.00	
05	DISPATCH	1,010,349.00	1,049,105.00 509,854.00	
09	SHERIFF- ABERDEEN	406,477.00	11,393,130.00	
		10,354,548.00	11,393,130.00	
0006	DISTRICT COURT			
50	DISTRICT COURT	827,455.00	879,018.00	
52		710,000.00	50,000.00 675,597.00	
54 55	PROBATION - ADULT MISDEMEANOR PROBATION - JUVENILE	577,664.00 351,802.00	358,797.00	
55	TOTAL DISTRICT COURT	2,466,921.00	1,963,412.00	
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0008		11 000 00	11,000.00	
00	FAIR, DISTRICT / STATE	11,000.00		
	TOTAL FAIR, DISTRICT / STATE	11,000.00	11,000.00	

0011	PREVENTIVE HEALTH			
00	PREVENTIVE HEALTH	718,717.00	718,510.00	
	TOTAL PREVENTIVE HEALTH	718,717.00	718,510.00	
0012	HISTORICAL SOCIETY & MUSEUM			
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00	HISTORICAL SOCIETY & MUSEUM	75,000.00	75,000.00	
	TOTAL HISTORICAL SOCIETY & MUSE	75,000.00	75,000.00	
0018		355,203.00	357,165.00	
00 01	PARKS AND RECREATION GRANTS	555,205.00	337,100.00	
	TOTAL PARKS AND RECREATION	355,203.00	357,165.00	
0020	REVALUATION			
00	REVALUATION	504,854.00	495,161.00 262,126.00	
01	GIS	234,676.00	757,287.00	
0023	TOTAL REVALUATION SOLID WASTE	739,530.00	151,201.00	
70	SOLID WASTE SOLID WASTE - GENERAL	3,515,382.00	3,674,575.00	
	TOTAL SOLID WASTE	3,515,382.00	3,674,575.00	
0024	TORT			
00	TORT	494,984.00	565,000.00	
	TOTAL TORT	494,984.00	565,000.00	
0025	VETERANS MEMORIAL			
00	VETERANS MEMORIAL	5,000.00	5,000.00	
	TOTAL VETERANS MEMORIAL	5,000.00	5,000.00	
0027	WEEDS	007 000 00	228 522 00	
60	WEED DEPARTMENT - GENERAL	327,823.00	328,523.00 <b>328,523.00</b>	
	TOTAL WEEDS	327,823.00	328,323.00	
<b>0028</b> 00	911 EMERGENCY COMMUNICATION 911 EMERGENCY COMMUNICATION	499,057.00	565,501.00	
01	CAPITAL OUTLAY	200,000.00	100,000.00	
	TOTAL 911 EMERGENCY COMMUNICA	699,057.00	665,501.00	
0032	ROAD & BRIDGE-SPECIAL PROJECTS			
00	ROAD & BRIDGE-SPECIAL PROJECTS	2,262,500.00	3,320,500.00	
	TOTAL ROAD & BRIDGE-SPECIAL PRC	2,262,500.00	3,320,500.00	
0038	WATERWAYS	400,000,00	186,690.00	
00	WATERWAYS	180,000.00 <b>186,690.00</b>	186,690.00	
	TOTAL WATERWAYS	166,650.00	100,000.00	
<b>0049</b> 00	OPIOID ABATEMENT ACCOUNT OPIOID ABATEMENT ACCOUNT	30,000.00	50,000.00	
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0050	PAYMENT IN LIEU OF TAXES			
00	PAYMENT IN LIEU OF TAXES	750,000.00	2,000,000.00	
	TOTAL PAYMENT IN LIEU OF TAXES	750,000.00	2,000,000.00	
0051	ARPA- AMERICAN RECOVERY PLAN			

00	ARPA- AMERICAN RECOVERY PLAN	1,000,000.00	10,000.00
	TOTAL ARPA- AMERICAN RECOVERY	10,000.00	10,000.00
0052	COURT FACILITY FUND		
00	COURT FACILITY FUND	60,000.00	10,000.00
	TOTAL COURT FACILITY FUND	60,000.00	10,000.00
0054	TREATMENT COURTS FUND		
00	TREATMENT COURTS FUND	130,149.00	137,341.00
	TOTAL TREATMENT COURTS FUND	130,149.00	137,341.00
0056	INTERLOCK/MONITORING FUND		
00	INTERLOCK/MONITORING FUND	8,500.00	8,500.00
	TOTAL INTERLOCK/MONITORING FUN	8,500.00	8,500.00
0058	JUNIOR COLLEGE FUND		
00	JUNIOR COLLEGE FUND	100,000.00	90,000.00
	TOTAL JUNIOR COLLEGE FUND	100,000.00	90,000.00
0060	CONSOLIDATED ELECTIONS		
00	CONSOLIDATED ELECTIONS	260,125.00	172,244.00
	TOTAL CONSOLIDATED ELECTIONS	260,125.00	172,244.00
	GRAND TOTAL	38,988,727.00	41,390,762.00
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FUND	2024 BUDGET	PROPOSED FY 2025 BUDGET	Fund Reserves	Revenue Other Than Taxes	Proposed Taxes	Total Revenue	8/21/2024
1 General Fund	9,217,294	9,751,346	782,089	3,975,867	4,993,390	9,751,346	
2 Road and Bridge	5,220,194	5,134,638	46,502	4,788,136	300,000	5,134,638	
3 Airport	6,800	5,400	5,400	-	0	5,400	
5 Justice	10,354,548	11,393,130	600,000	4,452,498	6,340,632	11,393,130	
6 District Court	2,466,921	1,963,412	300,000	1,060,900	602,512		
8 Fair	11,000	11,000	-	÷.,	11,000		
11 Preventative Health	718,717	718,510	-	6,300	712,210		
12 Historical Society	75,000	75,000	20,000	-	55,000	75,000	
18 Parks and Recreation	355,203	357,165	-	99,400	257,765		
20 Revaluation	739,530	757,287	125,000	13,600	618,687	757,287	
23 Solid Waste	3,515,382	3,674,575	212,928	3,461,647	C	3,674,575	
24 Tort	494,984	565,000	200,000	-	365,000		
25 Veteran's Memorial	5,000	5,000	-	-	5,000	5,000	
27 Weeds	327,823	328,523	100,000	-	228,523		
28 911 Emergency	699,057	665,501	60,501	605,000	(		
32 R & B Special Projects	2,262,500	3,320,500	200,000	3,000,000	120,500		
38 Waterways	180,000	186,690	126,690	60,000	(		
49 Opioid Abatement	30,000	50,000	50,000		(		
50 PILT	750,000	2,000,000	977,500	1,022,500	(	2,000,000	
51 ARPA	1,000,000	10,000	10,000	-	(	) 10,000	
52 Court Facility	60,000	10,000	-	10,000	(	10,000	
54 Treatment Court	130,149	137,341	28,718	108,623	(	) 137,341	
56 Interlock Monitoring	8,500	8,500	4,000	4,500	(	) 8,500	
58 Junior College	100,000	90,000	20,000	70,000	(	90,000	
60 Consolidated Elections	260,125	172,244	32,244	140,000		) 172,244	
TOTAL	38,988,727	41,390,762	3,901,572	22,878,971	14,610,219 \$ 14,610,219		

2024 \$13,895,014

#### BINGHAM COUNTY RESOLUTION NO. 2024-30

#### A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025 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 21, 2024, pursuant to the 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 2025 Bingham County budget in the amount of **\$41,390,762** 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 August 21, 2024.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Whitney Manwaring, Chairman

Mark R. Bair, Commissioner

Eric Jackson, Commissioner

ATTEST: Pamela W. Eckhardt **Bingham County Clerk**