



MINNEHAHA
COUNTY

Strong Foundation. Strong Future.

Minnehaha County

- ▶ 2015 Legislative Interim Committee Presentation on County Government
- ▶ August 19, 2015

Minnehaha County Elected Officials

▶ Commissioners:

* Cindy Heiberger, Chair

* Gerald Beninga, Vice-Chair

* Jeff Barth

* Jean Bender

* Dick Kelly

▶ Auditor: Bob Litz

▶ Register of Deeds: Julie Risty

▶ Sheriff: Mike Milstead

▶ States Attorney: Aaron McGowen

▶ Treasurer: Pam Nelson

Minnehaha County Strengths

- ▶ County leadership that values out of the box thinking and willingness to address issues.
- ▶ Community leadership that seeks to solve our own issues.
- ▶ Steady, growing economy.
- ▶ Highway budget does not require general funds.

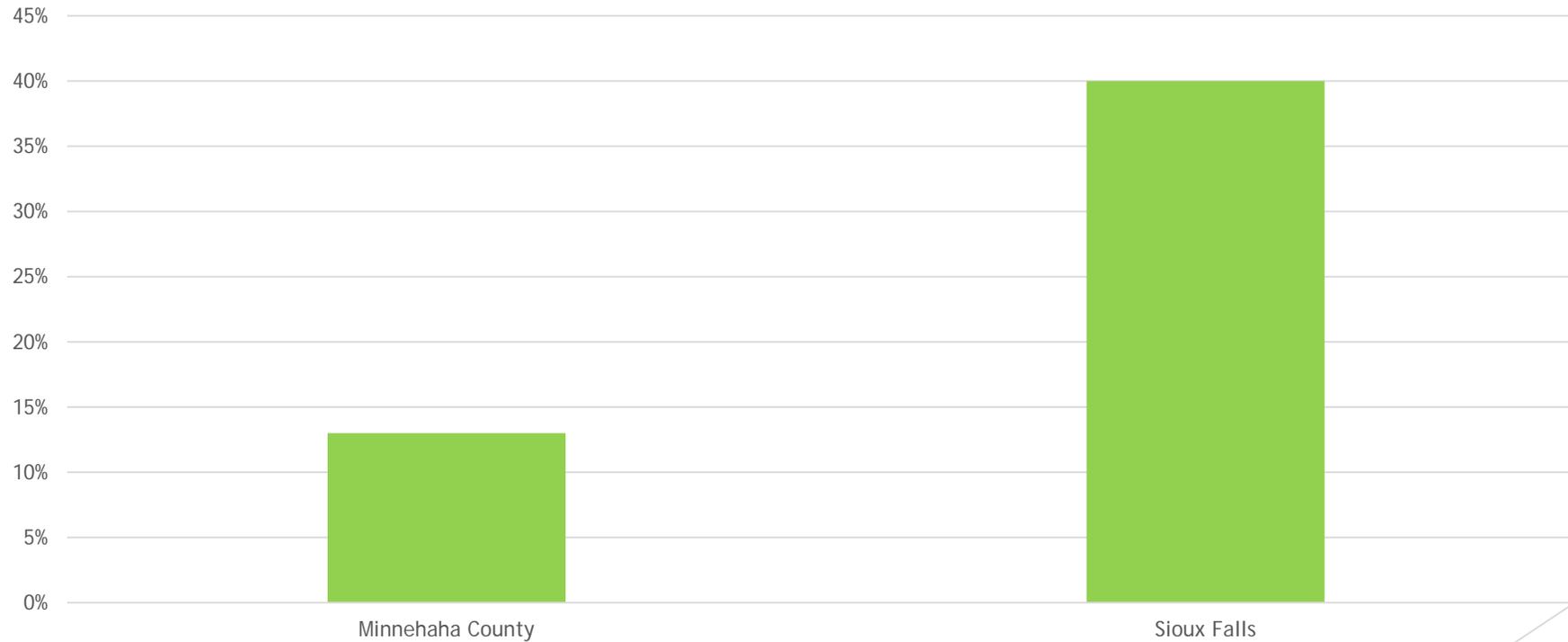
Minnehaha County Challenges

- ▶ People with addiction and mental health issues.
- ▶ Growing county with restricted revenues.
- ▶ Tax distribution between governmental entities.
- ▶ Significant population of working poor.
- ▶ Felonies are up 61% over four years.
- ▶ Growing number of insufficient jail beds.

Minnehaha/Sioux Falls Homeless Statistics

- ▶ 45% of the State's Homeless population are in Sioux Falls.
- ▶ 40% of the county's homeless population works.
- ▶ 4% of Sioux Falls School District youth were homeless at some point last school year.
- ▶ Since January, Bishop Dudley Hospitality House has had 1063 unduplicated individuals, including 134 children.
 - ▶ Average males per night: 78
 - ▶ Average females per night: 19

Budget Growth of Minnehaha County and City of Sioux Falls: 2010-2016



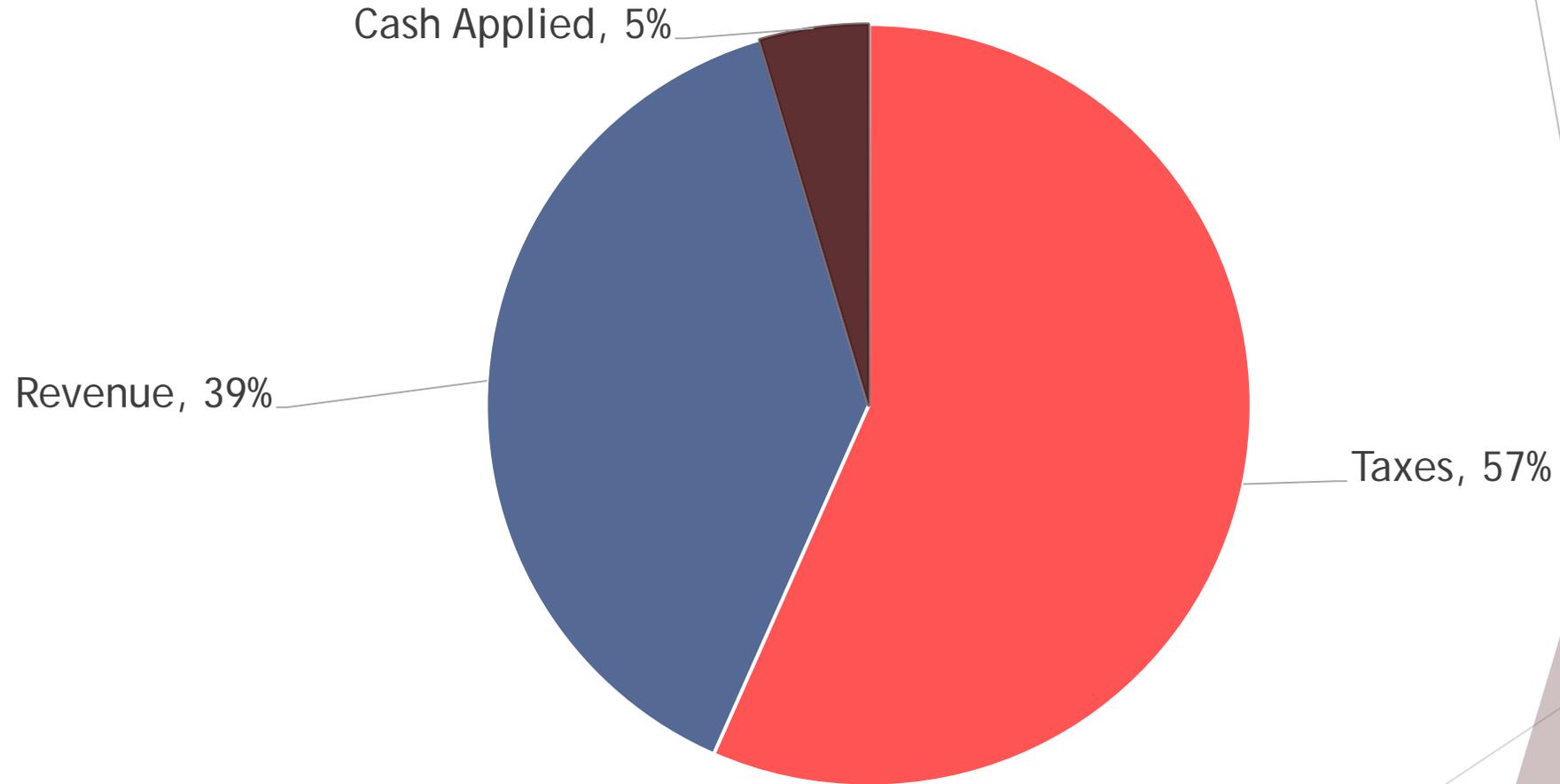
1996 Freezing of Property Tax Rates

- ▶ Minnehaha County, in its efforts to be fiscally prudent, had not taken a CPI increase that year.
- ▶ If Minnehaha County was allowed to take a 3% each year for an increase, the annual compounded amount would be \$3.18M for 2015.

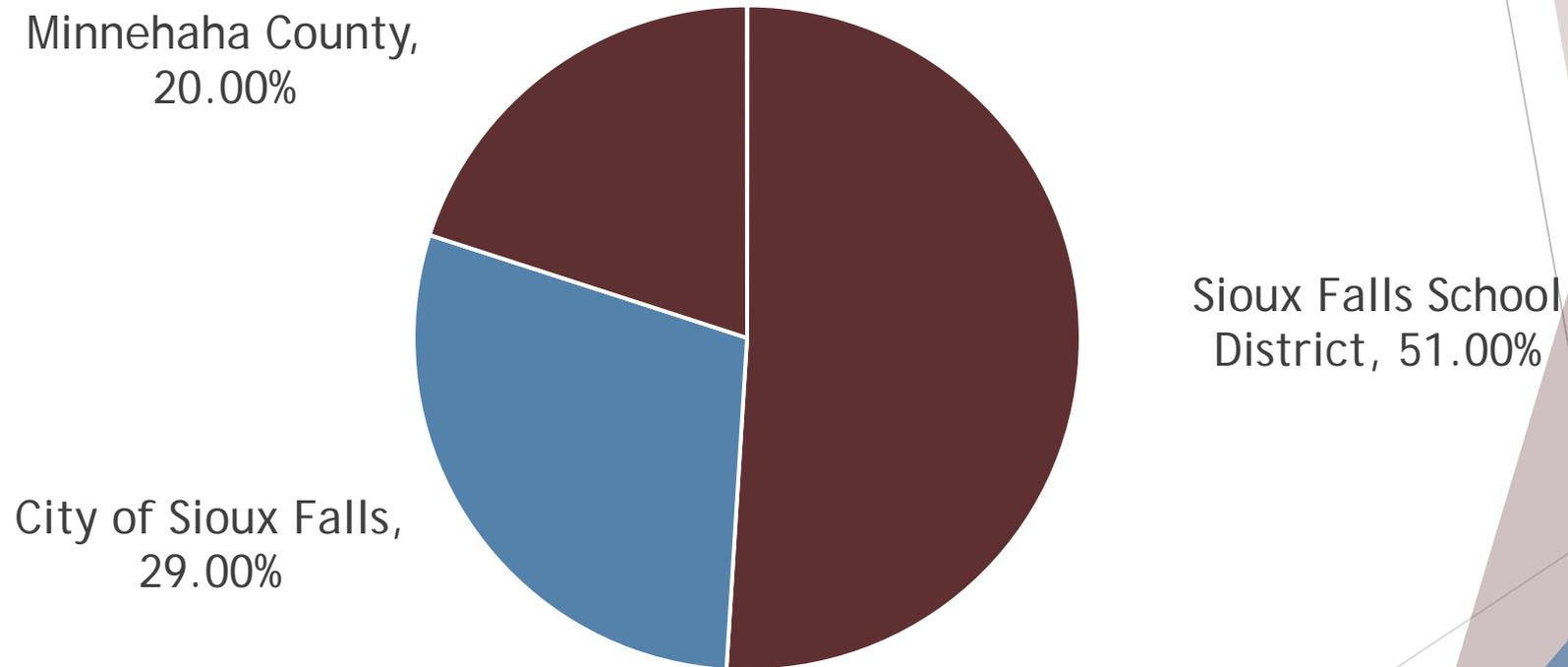
Minnehaha County Opportunities

- ▶ Strong economy that impacts the entire state.
- ▶ Our population and economy is diverse and we embrace this.

Minnehaha County 2015 Revenue Sources

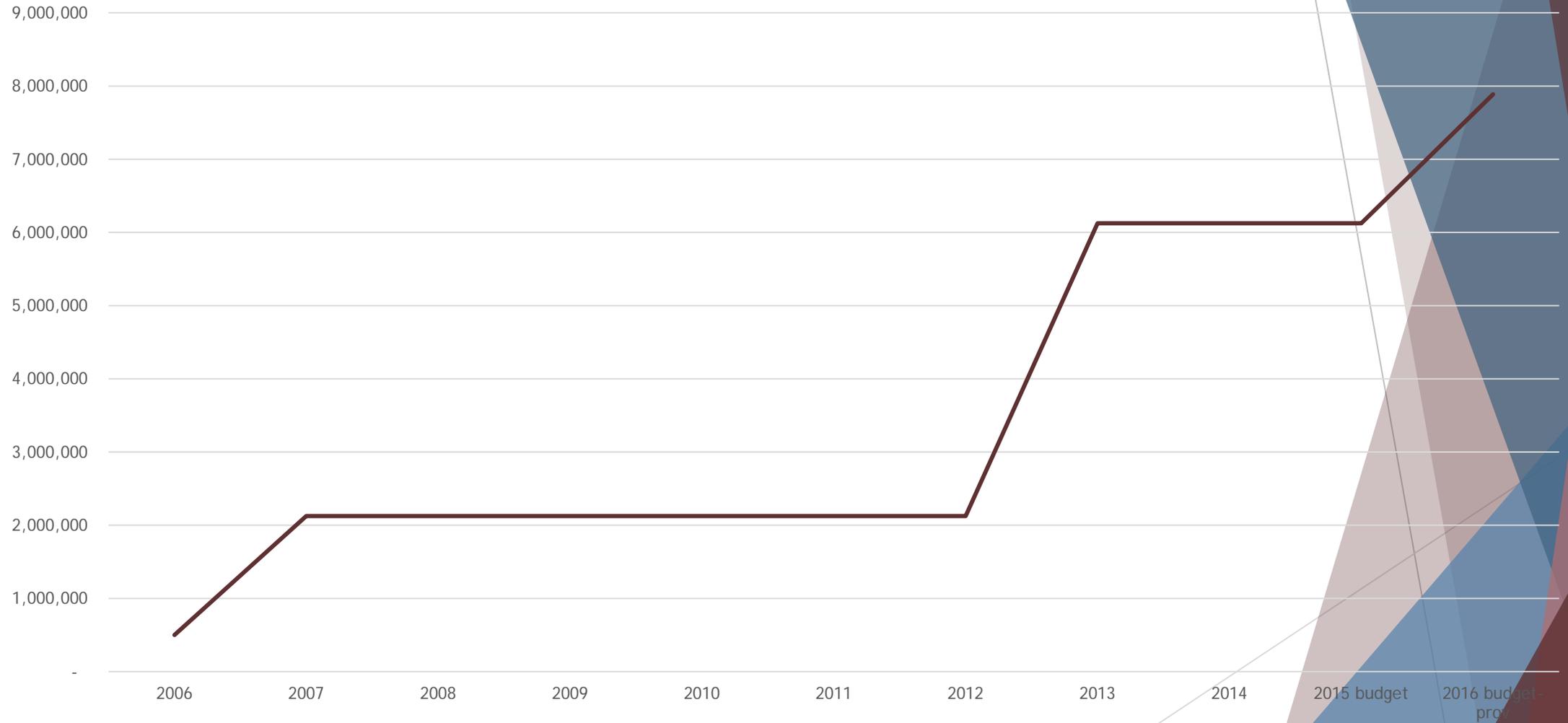


Distribution of 2014 Property Taxes Payable in 2015 (Sioux Falls City/Owner Occupied)

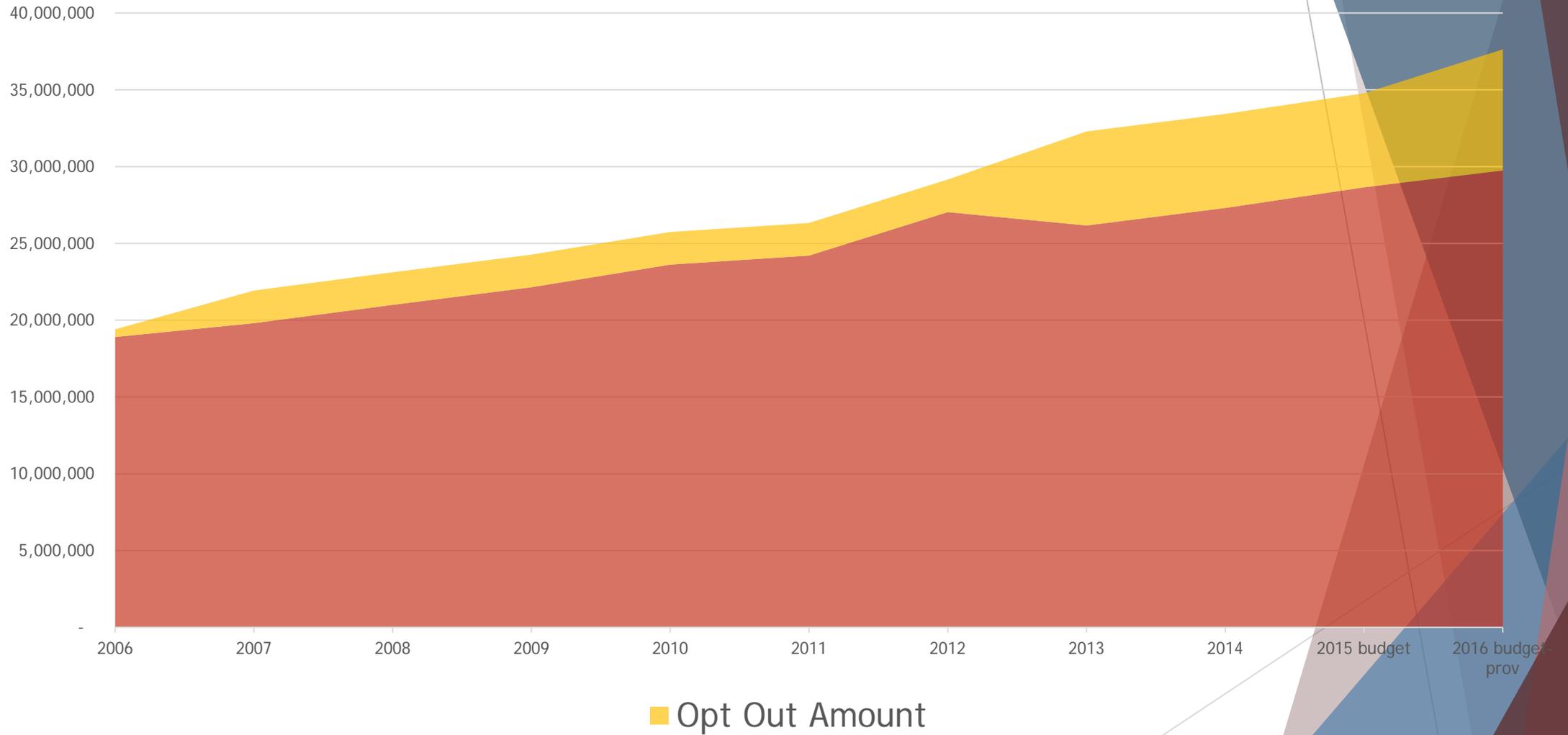


Non-owner occupied would be 62% (school), 22% (City) and 15% (county).

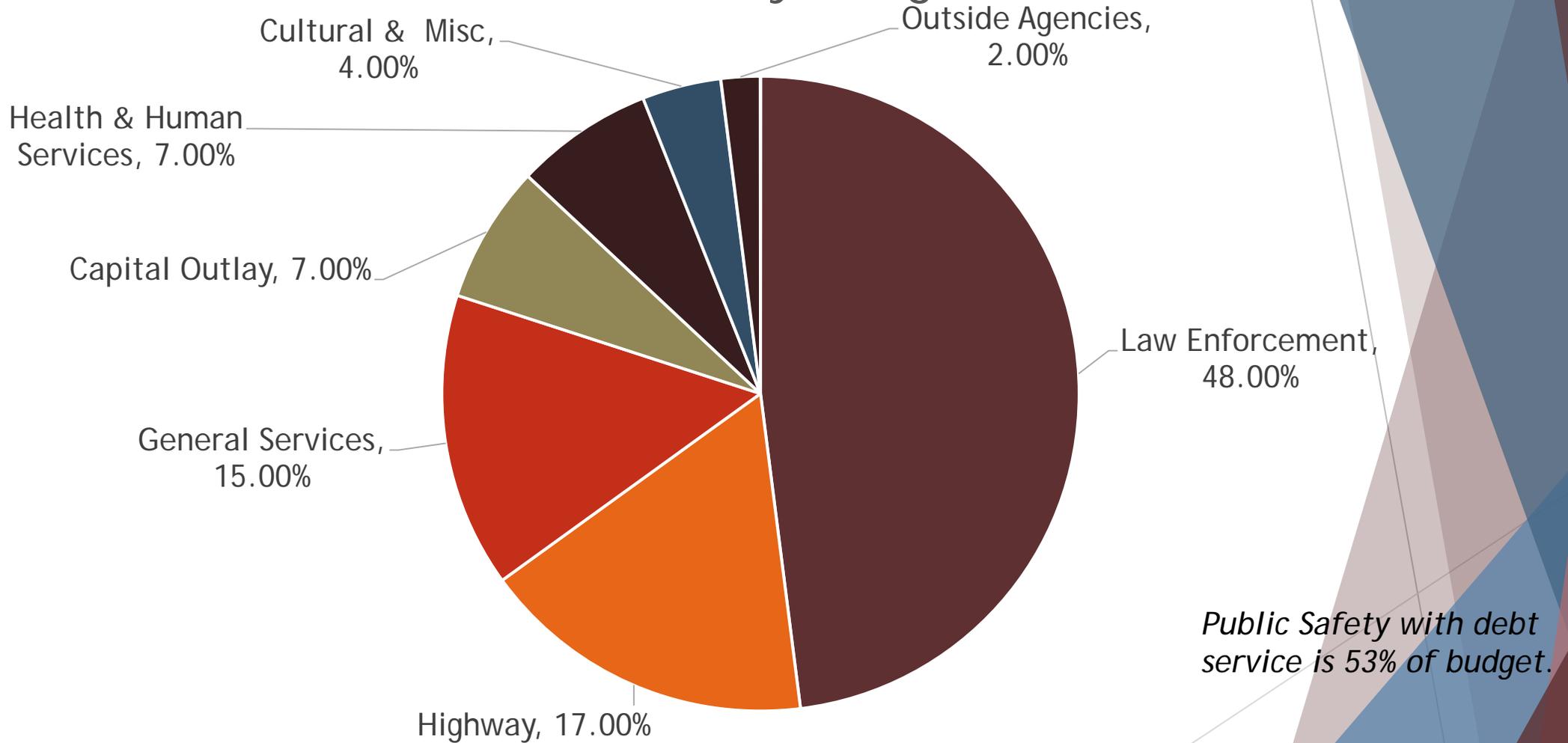
Minnehaha County General Fund Opt Out



Minnehaha County General Fund Property Tax

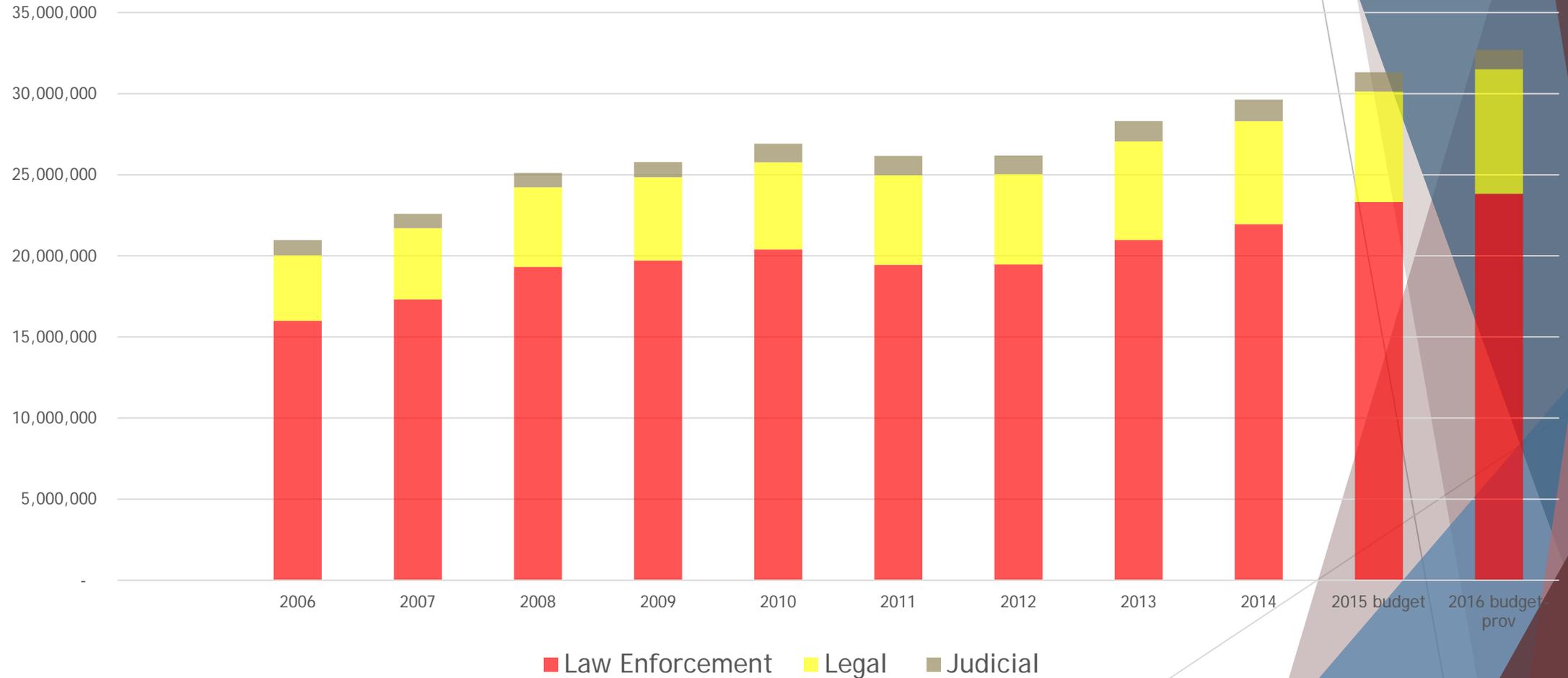


Minnehaha County Budget FY2015

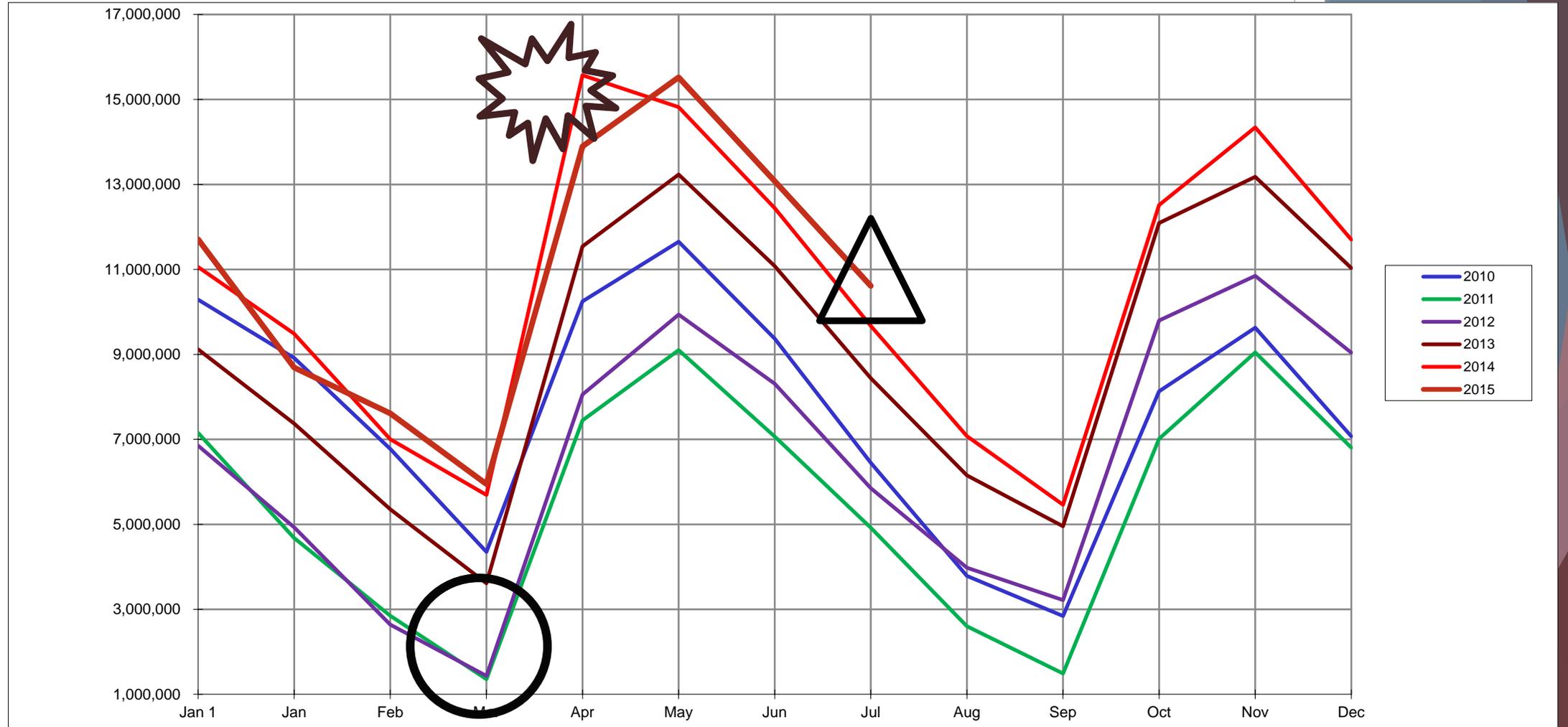


TOTAL BUDGET: \$71,909,910

Minnehaha County Public Safety Expenditures 10 Year Growth



Minnehaha County General Fund Historical Cash Balance



Examples of Decisions with Fiscal Impact

- ▶ Legislative decisions such as eliminating the inheritance tax without replacement revenue.
- ▶ Lack of beds at Human Services Center.
- ▶ Increasing the hourly rate for court appointed attorneys.
- ▶ High incarceration leads to a high number of people who are not able to access housing or jobs, increasing welfare costs.
- ▶ SB 1 (highway funding).
- ▶ Increased police officers with the City of Sioux Falls.
- ▶ Register of Deeds; statutory fee increases

Minnehaha County By The Numbers

- ▶ 1,750 people visit the Courthouse every day.
- ▶ The 2nd Judicial Circuit (Minnehaha/Lincoln) handles 32% of the state caseload.
- ▶ The jail holds 400 of inmates and another 700 people are under the Sheriff's supervision with 24/7, SCRAM, UA, etc.
- ▶ The hospitals file between \$30M and \$40M of hospital bills annually with Minnehaha County.

Minnehaha County Innovativeness

- ▶ 24/7 monitoring
- ▶ Detox/Sobering Center
- ▶ JDAI (Juvenile Diversion Alternative Initiative)
- ▶ Refinancing of Bonds
- ▶ Intergovernmental cooperation: Law Enforcement Center, Human Services Building, Lincoln County (Human Resources, Human Services), Library, Fairgrounds, bomb squad, mass casualties, etc
- ▶ Jail Re-Entry
- ▶ Mobile Crisis Team