



COMMISSIONERS' GOALS





Left to Right: Charles "Chaz" Tedesco, Mary Hodge, Steve O'Dorisio-chair, Emma Pinter, Eva J. Henry

Letter from the *Commissioners*

A goal without a plan is simply a wish. As your Board of County Commissioners, we want you to know the goals we've outlined are the result of data-driven research, strategic discussions with partners, and a plan to address vital outcomes that ensure we all continue to enjoy the high standard of living in our rapidly growing county.

When this report landed in your mailbox last year, we were still pursuing a site operator's license from the Federal Aviation Administration for Colorado Air and Space Port. Throughout the seven-year process, we stuck to our plan and in August 2018, we were granted that license. In addition to performing 100,000 aviation operations each year, Reaction Engines successfully tested their pre-cooler technology for their Sabre engine at our facility. This impressive company is working toward their goal of hypersonic flight—and we're proud to have their research and testing take place at Colorado Air and Space Port.

And you can't get to space without an operator, which is why we celebrated the signing of a letter of intent with PD AeroSpace Ltd., in April. PD AeroSpace is a Japanese company with plans to perform micro-gravity research, space tourism, and point-to-point travel using their Pegasus space vehicle which will operate with a horizontal takeoff and landing.

Progress on the expansion of Riverdale Regional Park continues with construction underway on the new Riverdale Animal Shelter. The shelter is scheduled to open in 2020 and will serve as the anchor for the additional attractions, amenities, and outdoor opportunities in this remarkable park which will stretch from 120th Ave. to the south, past E-470 to the north.

We are proud to have received awards for our Homes for Hope and 7401 Broadway projects. Homes for Hope provides emergency foster care services for Adams County children,

while 7401 Broadway will introduce affordable housing options for children aging out of foster care and residents who qualify.

We're also proud of the innovative steps we're taking to streamline processes that allow you to do business with the county from your home and office. Last year, all of the building permit applications submitted to the county came through our online E-Permit Center. Our new Animal Shelter website also helped increase engagement, which led to a record number of adoptions and reuniting more families with lost pets.

None of these improvements arrived by accident. We are proud of the goals we have set, the plans in place to help us achieve them, and the professional staff working on your behalf to make Adams County the most innovative and inclusive county in America for all residents and businesses.

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Letter from the *County Manager*

2019 City/County Manager of the Year

Yes, that's me in cap and gown, a 1980 Adams County Head Start graduate. At the time, I didn't realize the short- and long-term impacts the high-quality comprehensive early learning instruction I received from my Head Start teachers would provide a solid foundation for me to become the County Manager of the fifth largest county in the state.

I've had the privilege of working in federal, state, and local government for over 20 years. I am certainly an example of what is possible with the right level of support from family, community, and public institutions.

I want to acknowledge the outstanding service provided to 256 children who are enrolled in Head Start in Adams County and the more than 50 teachers, assistant teachers, classroom aids, and staff who are providing a solid foundation for the success of our future.

It is now my honor to lead more than 2,200 talented and passionate professional staff members across our 18 departments. Like me, a majority of our employees are Adams County natives and/or residents and we all share the same

pride in our work and the impact we're having in our community.

Most residents have experienced doing business with county government-whether renewing a vehicle registration, building a new home, trying to get a pothole fixed, or tying the knot.

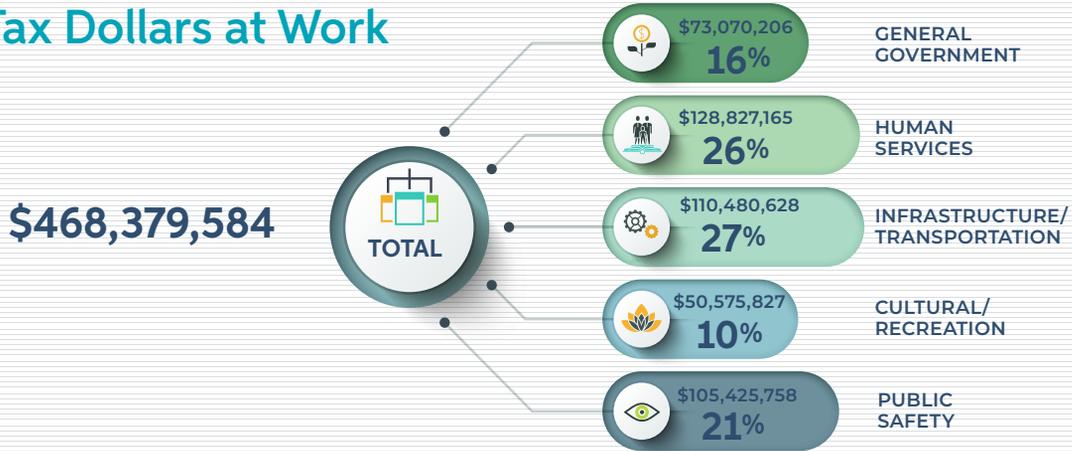
Over the past few years, we have introduced innovation while increasing personal engagement with our residents. These innovations are steering Adams County into a new era that focuses on quality service, measures results, and encourages creativity to overcome the challenges of prior years. Employee culture and satisfaction are front and center, ushering in fresh ideas that have improved every department and overhauled antiquated processes, and closely mirror the efficiencies of the private sector.

Together, the Board of County Commissioners, staff, and residents are making Adams County the most innovative and inclusive county in America for all families and businesses.

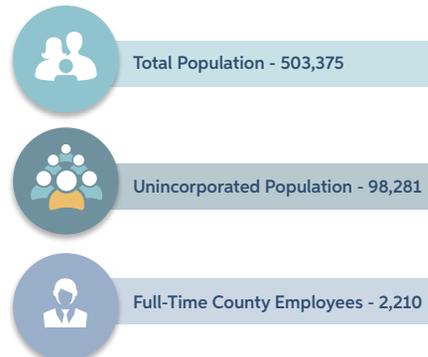
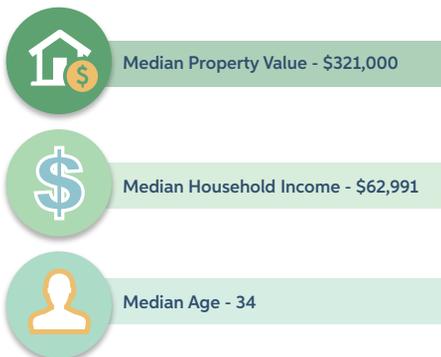
We are grateful for the opportunity to serve you.

We are Adams!
- *Raymond H. Gonzales*

Your Tax Dollars at Work



Adams At-A-Glance



In 2018, the Board of County Commissioners laid out five key goals for Adams County.

These goals are paramount in the county's drive to fulfill its vision:

Adams County is the most innovative and inclusive county in America for all families and businesses.

Setting these ambitious goals has led to the achievement of many innovative projects and expansion of services that improve the lives of Adams County residents day in and day out. The five goals are: ***Education and Economic Prosperity; High Performing, Fiscally Sustainable Government; Quality of Life; Safe, Reliable Infrastructure; and Community Enrichment.***

Thus far, the county has made significant strides in each area.

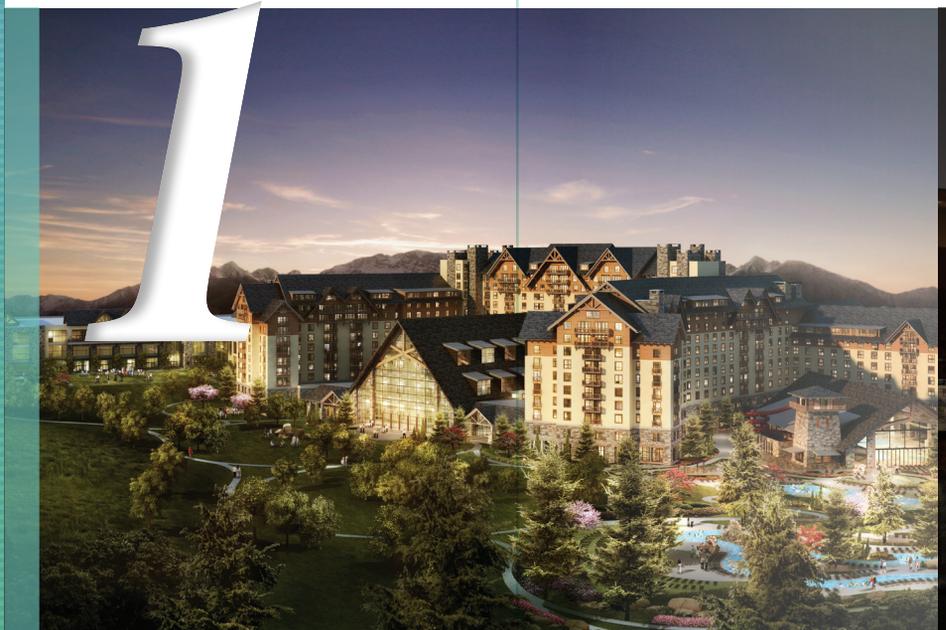
1 Education and Economic Prosperity

Adams County, the fifth-largest county in Colorado, serves more than 500,000 residents and continues to grow. With its proximity to metro Denver and the recreational opportunities of the Rocky Mountains, the county's economy is booming. In 2018, all 6,425 building permits were processed through the county's E-Permit Center-[epermits.adcgov.org](https://adcgov.org).

In August 2018, the Federal Aviation Administration granted a site operator license to Colorado Air and Space Port (CASP), located 6 miles east of Denver International Airport.

CASP will serve as America's hub for commercial space transportation, research, and development and will also provide a boost to the state's economy by keeping the nearly 200,000 aerospace jobs in Colorado and creating new employment opportunities. County representatives have been working hard to pave the way for business expansion.

Recently, CASP landed a major international company. Japan-based PD Aerospace LTD., signed a letter of intent to explore the possibilities of the development and expansion of its commercial activities at CASP. PD Aerospace is a spacecraft manufacturer with business offices



in Nagoya, Japan, and a research and development facility in Hekinan City.

Adams County is a popular location for notable new commercial development, including Maxar Technologies, Inc., Denver Premium Outlets, and Gaylord Rockies Resort & Convention Center, all becoming part of the Adams County landscape within the past year. Much of the open land surrounding Denver International Airport, the fifth-busiest airport in the U.S., is in Adams County. A regional aerotropolis concept is in the works, bringing a boon of commercial development to that corner of the county.

The county's increased economic prosperity has also directly benefited its educational prospects. In 2019, 60 Adams County high school students were awarded scholarships totaling more than \$1 million to attend Colorado public higher education institutions. The scholarships were funded with the voter-approved three percent sales tax on retail marijuana sales in unincorporated Adams County, and the Colorado Opportunity Scholarship Initiative matched the sales tax funds to increase the scholarship pool.

2 High Performing, Fiscally Sustainable Government

Adams County blends its customer-centric, innovative culture with its use of technology to provide top-notch services and customer service to all residents, all while being good stewards of taxpayer dollars. In recent years, the county has drastically reduced wait times in its Motor Vehicle lobbies, prioritized affordable housing, and renovated homes for emergency foster care needs, just to name a few achievements.

In the coming months you'll start to see vehicle registration renewal kiosks added to several King

Soopers grocery stores throughout the county, making it even more convenient to renew vehicle registrations.

A fiscally sustainable government aligns its resources with its priorities and recognizes that key changes and improvements to services will help us better serve the growing population in the future. We consider the sustainability of our services and service delivery in all areas of government operations.

Transparency is also a key ingredient in being fiscally sustainable. Adams County strives to be fully transparent and engage

residents in its budget process with integrative platforms like OpenGov and Balancing Act, where you can use the interactive budget tool to see exactly how your tax dollars are being used. In addition, every year, the Board of County Commissioners publicly releases the county's budget for the upcoming year. You can find the budget at adcgov.org/budget-performance-measurement.

3 Quality of Life

In January 2019, Adams County residents had the opportunity to provide feedback about their experience living in Adams County and their



interactions with county services and employees through the Quality of Life Survey.

Overall, residents feel the county is headed in the right direction, and at least half noted the county does an excellent job treating residents with fairness and respect, generally acting in the best interest of the community, and is honest and responsive.

Through the survey we learned open space, parks, and trail systems is your first priority. The Adams County Parks, Open Space & Cultural Arts Department provides planning, management, and maintenance of developed parks,

lake areas, open space, trails, and public park buildings.

The department also administers the Open Space Sales Tax program, which was approved by Adams County voters in 1999. The sales tax is 1/4 of one percent, or 25 cents on every \$100 purchased, and is authorized through 2026. Over the years, more than 500 projects have received funding, totaling nearly \$200 million. Funds are distributed in three ways:

- 68% is awarded through a competitive grant program twice a year
- 30% is distributed back to the jurisdiction where the tax was

generated

- 2% is allocated to administrative costs

We also learned roads, bridges, and infrastructure are second on the priority list for residents, and third is lower cost of living, affordability, and lower housing cost—which residents cited as one of the best things about living in Adams County. Residents felt a key area needing improvement is access to affordable childcare.

4 Safe, Reliable Infrastructure

Successfully providing quality of life for our residents means having safe and

reliable infrastructure. Adams County provides state-of-the-art, sustainable, public infrastructure for its residents and employees.

Adams County has implemented several neighborhood infrastructure improvement plans in unincorporated Adams County. Recently, new sidewalks were added to the historic Berkeley neighborhood, originally built without, making it Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliant, and improving mobility throughout the neighborhood. Additional improvements include updated storm sewer systems, improved parking, accessibility to the

community center, and safer routes to school.

Additionally, plans to update infrastructure near York St. from Hwy. 224 to 78th Ave. are already in the works. This project will make that stretch of York Street ADA compliant and safer for pedestrians. The project also includes a pedestrian underpass, enhancing connectivity between a regional trail network, removing a difficult barrier, and ensuring safe crossing for decades to come.

To help better serve the community, the new Fleet, Public Works, and wash buildings—located

near 74th Ave. and Dahlia St.—will help the county maintain its fleet of over 620 different pieces of equipment in one central location. The facility will consist of several buildings, with construction of the Fleet building expected to start in Fall 2019.

5 Community Enrichment

Community enrichment comes in many different forms—from housing assistance, preserving valuable Colorado farmland, revitalizing outdated properties, to countless other ways. Community Enrichment is about making life better for Adams County residents.



Adams County, in partnership with Unison Housing Partners, will redevelop the former Children & Family Services building, located at 7401 Broadway St., into affordable housing units. This new 116-unit development will help meet the needs of children aging out of foster care as well as provide more affordable housing in the county. The proposed development will convert 40,000 square feet of office space into one- and two-bedroom units, plus additional build out.

After its recent redevelopment, Crossroads Commerce Park, located near Washington St. and 55th Ave., is now home to nearly one million

square feet of Class A industrial buildings offering multi-tenant spaces and build-to-suit options for businesses. The site was home to the Globeville smelter that operated for more than 150 years and was a joint project between many partners, including Adams County and the City and County of Denver. Using a Brownfield company, 77 acres were cleaned up and developed for manufacturing, warehouse use, and office and showroom space.

The District Plan was developed through a partnership between Adams County and the City of Brighton to preserve valuable farmland and stimulate innovative

growth opportunities in the south Brighton area. The District Plan area encompasses land in both the city and the county. The goals are to:

- Preserve agricultural land and heritage
- Encourage local food production
- Promote agritourism

Adams County Now Offers Passport Services

The Recording Department now accepts passport applications on behalf of the U.S. Department of State for any U.S. citizen. The new services include processing passport applications and taking passport photos.

Appointments are required for each individual applying, and there is a \$35 application processing fee.

This is in addition to the fee charged by the Department of State. Passport photos are \$10.

To learn more about what to bring, how to apply, scheduling an appointment, or application fees, visit adcogov.org/passports.



Gravel Roads Program

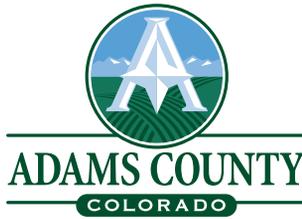
“My two-year-old son wants to thank you for the great job done on Converse Road in Eastern Adams County. Not too often a farm kid can learn to ride a tricycle in front of his house.”

- Jennifer Tucker

Brighton Post Office Renamed to Honor Deputy Heath Gumm

The Brighton Post Office, located at 90 N. 4th Ave., was recently dedicated and renamed in honor of Deputy Heath Gumm, in a ceremony at the Brighton Armory. Former U.S. Representative Mike Coffman offered remarks to the Gumm family, citing the 115-360 approved act to “designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 90 North 4th Avenue in Brighton, Colorado, as the Detective Heath McDonald Gumm Post Office.”





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- ELECTIONS 720.523.6500
- GRAFFITI HOTLINE 720.523.6565
- HUMAN SERVICES 720.523.2000
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- SHERIFF'S OFFICE
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- TREASURER'S OFFICE 720.523.6160
- WORKFORCE &
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SAVE A TRIP

Check out the Adams County website adcogov.org. Look under the "Save a Trip" section to see the items you can take care of online.

- Apply for Assistance
- Driver's License Information
- E-Permit Center (apply for permits online)
- Get a Ballot
- Look Up Property Information/Zoning
- Pay My Stormwater Utility Fee
- Pay My Taxes
- Perform Public Records Search
- Renew Vehicle Registration
- Schedule a Building Inspection
- OpenGov



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EVENTS

- **WEDNESDAY, JULY 31**
FREE Dylan Scott Concert with Morgan Evans, 8 p.m.
- **THURSDAY, AUG. 1**
Professional Bull Riding, 5 p.m., Aaron Watson Concert with Ned LeDoux, 8 p.m.
- **FRIDAY, AUG. 2**
Demolition Derby and Fireworks, 7 p.m.
- **SATURDAY, AUG. 3**
Funnel Cake 5K, Brunch Yoga, and Cornhole Competition, 7:30 a.m. – noon
• NSPA Truck Pull, 7 p.m.
- **SUNDAY, AUG. 4**
Dia de la Familia, Charreada, 3 p.m.,
• La Original Banda El Limón Concert, following Charreada

FREE ACTIVITIES

- **SENIOR DAY**, Thursday, Aug. 1, 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.
- **9NEWS KIDS DAY**, Friday, Aug. 2, 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.
- **WATER WORLD KIDS ZONE**
- **BUDWEISER FREE ENTERTAINMENT STAGE**, Daily free concerts

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