

## Tim Thoms, Surveyor

\$16,266 or 0%

### of the General Fund

The Adams County Surveyor, when authorized by the Board of County Commissioners, conducts surveys as necessary.

## Brigitte Grimm, Treasurer

\$1,373,550 or 0.9%

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The Treasurer's Office is responsible for preparing and mailing annual tax notices and performing all activities required to complete the property tax collection process. Once collected, the office is responsible for the distribution of tax revenues to various taxing authorities including cities within the county and school, fire and water districts.

### Payment Options

The E-payment option, used by over 5,000 taxpayers in 2010, is a cost-effective measure that reduces time, effort and expenses for both the taxpayers and the Treasurer's Office. E-payments are a popular option in Adams County, providing citizens with the ability to pay property taxes at their convenience through the Internet or phone, 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

In 2010, the online program collected 4,146 payments totaling \$9,077,822.81, an increase of more than \$1.3 million from 2009. Our telephone program option collected 101 payments totaling \$94,940.97.

### Interest Earned

Adams County continues to feel the effects of our difficult economic climate. The total interest earned in 2010 was 2.62 percent less than the interest revenue we received in 2009. In 2010, the total investment interest earned in the General Fund was \$2,520,908.29, down \$884,894.67 from 2009.

Total interest earned for investments and all county funds in 2010 was \$3,494,580.

### Internet Tax Lien Sales

Unpaid real estate and mobile home property taxes are taken to a tax lien sale through an internet auction in the fall of each year. Through this process, approximately \$5.9 million in unpaid taxes was collected and distributed to the various taxing districts in 2010. This amount represents over one percent of total property taxes paid. The internet auction also brought in over \$177,000 in premiums excluding interest income.

The county's 2011 online tax lien sale will start Oct. 10, 2011. Details of the sale can be found on our website at [www.adcogov.org](http://www.adcogov.org).

### Free Federal and State Income Tax Preparation Program

The Adams County Treasurer's Office continues to sponsor a free Federal and State Income Tax preparation program. This tax program is offered to individuals and families with incomes of \$50,000 or less countywide. Working collectively with the IRS, FRONTIER Assets Building (Advocates for Young Adults) and the state of Colorado, we train our volunteer tax preparers to pass the IRS test, requiring a score of 80 percent or better, before preparing income tax returns.

For the 2010 tax year, 35 volunteers offered tax preparation assistance totaling over 3,480 volunteer hours. Volunteers staffed five county locations and offered extended evening hours for added convenience. The certified

volunteers prepared 4,541 federal and state tax returns, assisted 535 individuals in areas other than income tax filings and responded to over 5,500 telephone inquiries regarding the 2010 tax year. Visit our website or call 720.523.6163 for 2011 tax season information.

### Employee Training

This year, cross-training is an office priority. The Treasurer's Office is focused on offering increased service to the citizens of Adams County. To accomplish this, all employees will participate in mandatory annual training with multiple levels of cross-training.

### Service Hours

Effective 2011, the Treasurer's Office has extended the window and phone hours. We are now available from 7 a.m. - 5 p.m. (previously 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.). We are now serving the public an additional 7.5 hours per week for added convenience without increasing expenses.

Promoting visibility is a priority in the Treasurer's Office. We are working to offer additional services and accessibility through the website, [www.adcogov.org](http://www.adcogov.org). We look forward to offering the citizens of Adams County options to easily access the services of the Treasurer's Office outside normal business hours.

By expanding employee training, service hours and online services, the service from this office is taken to a higher standard.



Brigitte Grimm assists a customer service representative at the front desk with a taxpayer question.