



Susan Beckman
District 1



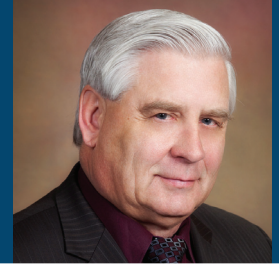
Nancy N. Sharpe
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Rod Bockenfeld
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Bill L. Holen
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Fact Sheet

Welcome to Arapahoe County, Colorado – the state’s first county and one of the largest with a population of more than 572,000. Arapahoe County was named for the Arapaho Native Americans, who along with the Cheyenne, occupied most of eastern Colorado when it was only a territory.

In 1855, Arapahoe County was much larger – stretching east to the Colorado/Kansas border. When Congress established the Colorado Territory headed by William Gilpin on Feb. 28, 1861, the original Arapahoe County was broken into several counties with the City of Denver as our county seat.

In 1902, Denver split off to become a separate county and the City of Littleton became the new county seat where it remains today.

Today’s Arapahoe County spans 806 square miles and is a land of contrast. The western part of the County is mostly urban with residential, retail, office and industrial areas, while the eastern portion is relatively rural. Littleton, along with Sheridan, Englewood, Aurora, Foxfield, Glendale, Cherry Hills Village, Columbine Valley, Deer Trail, Bow Mar, Greenwood Village, Centennial and Bennett make up the 13 incorporated communities of Arapahoe County.

There are nine school districts within the County and more than 350 local improvement and service districts. School districts include Bennett, Strasburg, Englewood, Sheridan, Cherry Creek, Littleton, Deer Trail, Byers and Aurora.

Arapahoe County offers a variety of attractive residential choices and a moderate cost of living. Residents enjoy excellent parks, greenbelts and trail systems, superior public services and an inviting quality of life.



ARAPAHOE COUNTY
COLORADO’S FIRST

Arapahoe County is governed by the Board of County Commissioners. The Commissioners, along with the Assessor, Clerk and Recorder, Coroner, District Attorney, Sheriff and Treasurer are elected by voters to administer County services.

The County has 1,977 employees and a \$332 million budget. Arapahoe County has one of the lowest mill levies in the Front Range. Arapahoe County approved the extension of a .25 percent sales tax, approved by voters in 2012, to pay for the preservation of Open Space until Dec. 31, 2023.

Board of County Commissioners

The Board of County Commissioners oversees the County by serving as the administrative and policy-making body. The Board approves the budget, hires staff, oversees land-use planning and development in unincorporated Arapahoe County; and administers county services, such as road and bridge maintenance, transportation improvements, snow and ice removal, human services and animal control.

The Commissioners are elected by voters to represent five districts, each divided by population. All non-elected department directors report directly to the Board of County Commissioners. Departments overseen by the Board of Commissioners include BOCC Administration, Communication Services, Community Resources, County Attorney, Facilities and Fleet Management, Finance, Human Resources, Human Services, Information Technology and Public Works and Development.

Your Arapahoe County Commissioners are:
Commissioner Susan Beckman, District 1
Commissioner Nancy N. Sharpe, District 2
Commissioner Rod Bockenfeld, District 3
Commissioner Nancy Jackson, District 4
Commissioner Bill L. Holen, District 5

Each year, the Board selects a chair.

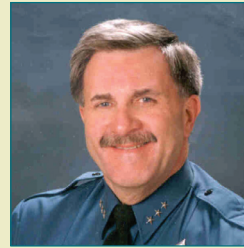
Commissioner Nancy Sharpe is Chair and Susan Beckman is Chair Pro Tem with Commissioner Nancy Jackson serving as Finance Officer.



Corbin Sakdol

Assessor

The Assessor discovers, lists, classifies and values all real and personal property in Arapahoe County. The Assessor also is responsible for maintaining ownership and parcel maps; submitting the Abstract of Assessment to the Colorado Division of Property Taxation; certifying values to taxing entities and producing the warrant roll. Corbin Sakdol is the County Assessor.



J. Grayson Robinson

Sheriff

The County Sheriff is elected by voters to serve as the chief law enforcement officer of the County. He is responsible for maintaining the peace and enforcing state criminal laws. He serves as the Emergency Manager. The Sheriff also operates the County jail and is the fire warden for prairie and forest fires in the County. J. Grayson Robinson is the County Sheriff.



Nancy A. Doty

Clerk and Recorder

The County Clerk and Recorder serves as the Clerk to the Board and is responsible for recording deeds, registering automobiles, issuing marriage licenses, registering voters, administering elections and maintaining records for the Board. Nancy A. Doty is the Clerk and Recorder.



Sue Sandstrom

Treasurer

The County Treasurer is responsible for collecting, holding and disbursing County funds. The Treasurer collects property taxes and distributes the revenue to the County and other local governments, including school districts. Sue Sandstrom is the County Treasurer.



Dr. Michael Dobersen

Coroner

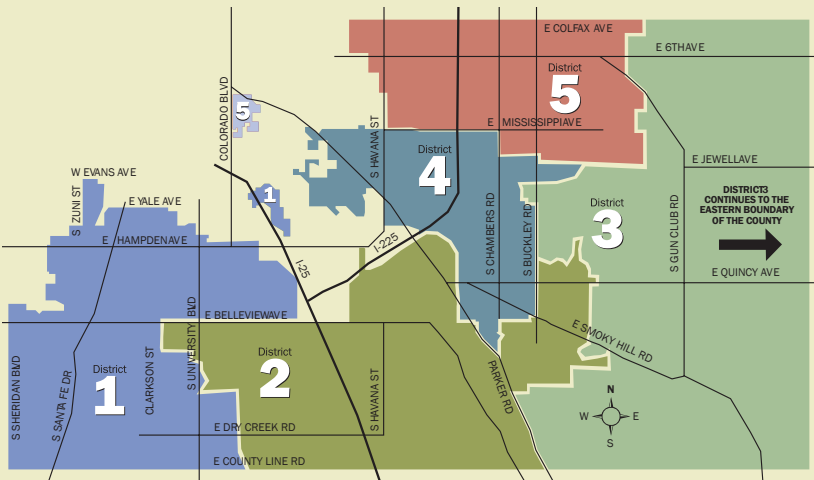
The County Coroner is a physician, trained and board certified in Forensic Pathology, the branch of medicine concerned with the investigation of sudden and unexpected, violent or suspicious deaths. The Coroner is elected by voters to investigate deaths and issue death certificates. Dr. Michael Dobersen is the County Coroner.



Carol Chambers

District Attorney

Voters in the 18th Judicial District, which includes Arapahoe, Douglas, Elbert and Lincoln counties, elect the District Attorney to represent the County in criminal matters and prosecutions. Carol Chambers is the District Attorney.



NOTE: Commissioner Districts changed September 2011. Visit www.co.arapahoe.co.us to see if your district has changed.



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