

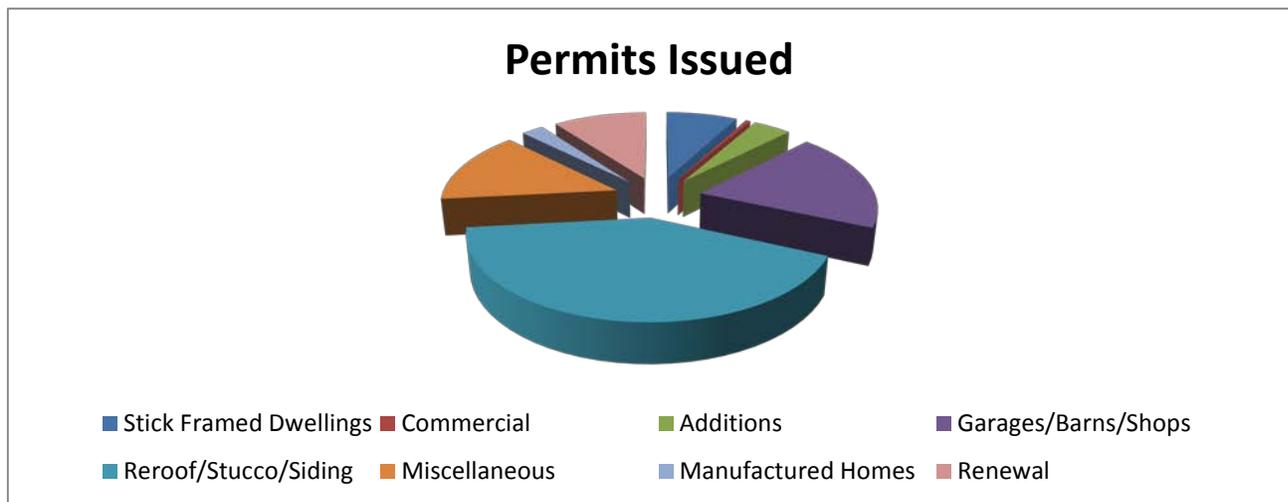


# FREMONT COUNTY BUILDING DEPARTMENT



## Year End Report - 2015

The following is a summary of Building Department activity for the calendar year 2015.



### Permits

There were a total of 581 building permits issued for the year 2015 which is up from 508 total building permits issued in 2014 (an increase of roughly 14.5%). Of those 581 total building permits, 45 were new single family stick framed dwellings, 14 were manufactured home placements and 3 were commercial use structures. Total construction valuation of all permits issued was \$16,652,930 for the year, which is down from a total valuation of \$22,808,710 in 2014. (A decrease of \$6,155,780). The decrease can primarily be attributed to the commercial re-build of the Royal Gorge Bridge and Park inflating valuations in 2014.

The Department issued a total of 98 on-site wastewater treatment system (septic) permits for the year. Of the 98 total septic permits issued in 2015, 22 were repair permits, 6 were renewals, 4 permits were issued to place chemical toilets and 4 were for vault privies. The remaining 62 septic permits were issued for new systems including 1 commercial installation. (This is comparable to 52 new systems permitted in 2014, an increase of roughly 20 %.)

There were a total of 4 demolition permits issued for the year. (One of those was for a described “out building” and the remainder were manufactured/mobile homes.)

## Inspections

The two Building Inspectors together performed 1,557 inspections throughout the county and traveled a total of 30,515 miles to complete those inspections. These figures are up roughly 20% (1,288 inspections and 25,651 miles) from 2014.

## Board of Appeals

There was one appeal filed in 2015, however the hearing will not occur until January 2016. The three mandatory meetings were held in January, May and September pursuant to the bylaws governing the Board of Appeals. The Board currently consists of 5 regular members and one alternate member as required by the by-laws.

## Other Activities



In April of 2015, the Fremont County Building Department was recognized by the International Code Council as one of only 15 jurisdictions in the state of Colorado whose staff is 100% ICC certified. Pictured from left to right are Danielle Adamic, Martin Hasenauer, Mike Cox and Wyatt Sanders

The department issued 5 Stop Work Orders in 2015. Three (3) of those 5 resulted in building permits being issued. One was resolved by the property owner being granted agricultural status from the Assessor's office. The final one remains active.

The department completed 225 combined residential and commercial plan reviews.

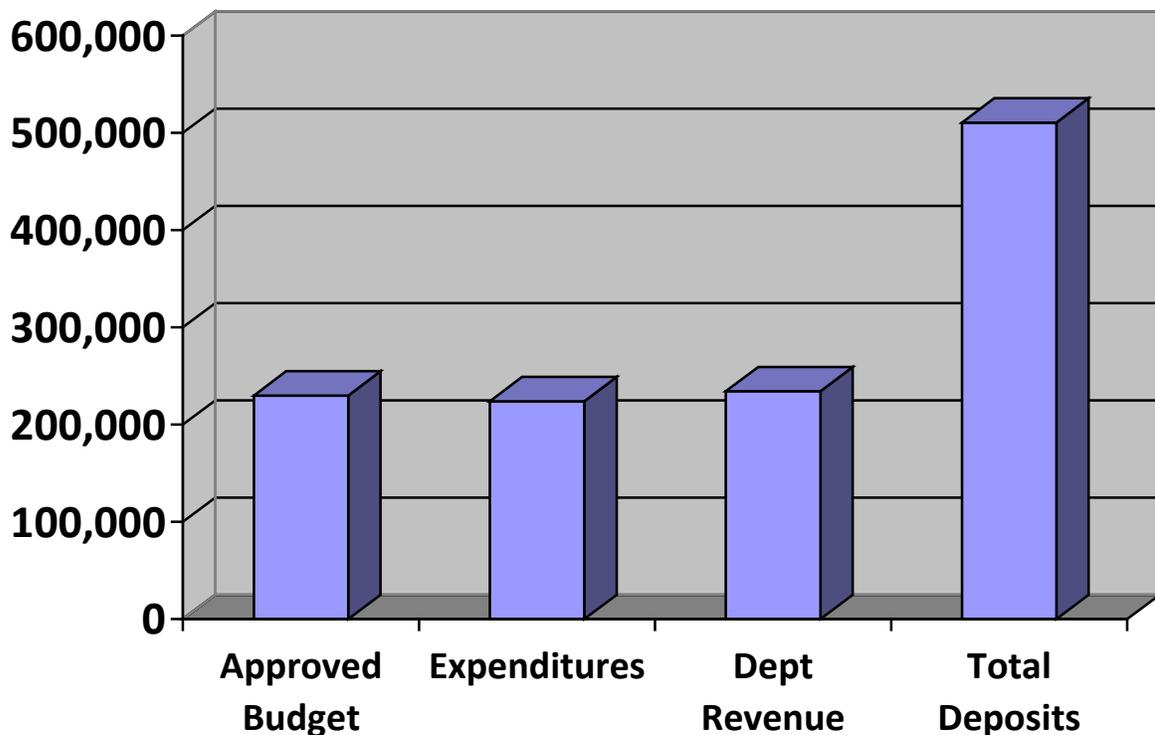
The contractor licensing policy took effect on January 1, 2015 with a mandatory compliance date of July 1, 2015. Throughout the year, the department administered 5 contractor's exams and issued a total of 86 contractor's licenses. Of those 86 licenses, 52 are general contractors, with the balance of the licenses issued for specific trades.

## **Budget**

All figures are based on the best information available on January 14, 2016 and are subject to correction. (The 11 month average expenditures from January through November was used to determine expenditures for December.)

Expenditures- The approved budget for 2015 was \$229,937. As of January 14, 2016, department expenditures for the year totaled \$224,120.67. This leaves a budget surplus of \$5,816.33.

Revenues- Total revenue generated by the Building Department for 2015 was \$234,365.89. This figure represents combined permit fees, reinspection fees, MHIP program fees, contractor's licenses, commercial plan review fees, etc. This figure is \$4,428 more than our approved budget and is \$10,245 more than our estimated expenditures.



Deposits- Beyond the revenue generated by the Building Department, our annual deposits also include the following: Retail Food Establishment Program (through February 2015) \$13,597; Body Art Licensing (through February 2015) \$150; Fire District Impact Fees \$7,077.79; Colorado State Septic Surcharge \$2,024; Address Issuance (P&Z) \$5,325; Driveway Access Permits (DOT) \$715; and Use Tax \$247,378.91 for a combined grand total of \$510,633.59.

I hope the above information is helpful and I look forward to a successful year in 2016.

Respectfully submitted by Michael Cox, Building Official.