

Brown County Exec. Streckenbach: Releases 2018 budget proposal

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(Brown County, Wis.) – Brown County Executive Troy Streckenbach unveiled his 2018 budget proposal to department heads and County Supervisors at the Neville Public Museum on Friday.

“We’re making the investments needed to help shape our future while addressing ongoing problems as the County prepares to enter the next 200 years of prosperity,” says Streckenbach.

As Brown County begins to celebrate its 200 th Anniversary, this proposed budget lays the foundation for the future of Brown County through the implementation of the debt reduction and infrastructure improvements, along with the property tax cut plan passed earlier this year.

“Our total value as a County is well over \$20 billion, which enables us to make needed investments in our County while keeping the tax rate low,” Streckenbach says. “It should come as no surprise that this will be my 5 th proposed tax cut. With equalized growth rate

of 5.23%, or almost \$1 billion, I will be able to deliver a 1% tax rate cut, while addressing a number of operational and community issues.”

Some financial statistics of the proposed 2018 Brown County Budget include:

- Total Spending in 2018 Budget = \$276.5 Million
- 1% Property Tax Rate Reduction (\$6.87 decrease on a \$150,000 home)
- Equalized Value of Brown County = \$20.86 Billion
- 1.87% Growth in Net New Construction (\$368 Million Value Growth)
- Debt Paid Off in 2018 = \$14 Million
- No New Debt Taken Out in 2018 (Also No New Debt Over Next 6 Years)
- AAA Bond Rating

Some highlights of the proposed 2018 Brown County Budget include:

- Implementation of 4 th OWI Treatment Court
- Holding Multi-Regional Summit on Jail Overcrowding
- Mental Health Courts Community Placement Initiative
- Holding Mental Health Continuum of Care Symposium
- Rainy Day Fund to Cut Down on Unassigned General Fund Usage
- Development of 24-Hour Supervised Foster Care Home
- Development of a local Honor Flight

You can view the entire 2018 Budget Proposal online at www.co.brown.wi.us, and then

find the link on the left hand side of the page entitled “County Budget” and you will be taken there.