

County Executive Farrow: Introduces 2021 Executive Budget

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(WAUKESHA, WI) – Waukesha

County Executive Paul Farrow has introduced his 2021 Executive Budget to the Waukesha County Board of Supervisors. The budget invests in public safety and economic development while falling under the state levy cap and cutting the County tax rate for the seventh consecutive year, including all six years County Executive Farrow has been in office. The Board of Supervisors is expected to pass the final budget in November.

“Our history of conservative budget practices and AAA bond rating has allowed us to weather the COVID-19 storm with little change to revenue,” said Waukesha County Executive Paul Farrow. “This budget supports Waukesha County’s goals of creating a safe, economically vibrant community for residents while keeping taxes low. More than half of new tax levy will go toward public safety. Infrastructure projects geared toward long-term safety, efficiency and economic development are also heavily supported.”

If the County Executive’s Budget is passed as-is, the tax rate will drop from \$1.82 to \$1.76 per thousand dollars of home value, the lowest since 2009.

The 2021 Waukesha County Executive Budget allocates its greatest portion to public safety,

including \$600,000 in new tax levy supporting the Sheriff's Department. More than \$330,000 will also support public safety programs, including Emergency Preparedness, which includes 911 Dispatch and Courts. The budget also invests in infrastructure projects vital to the safety, economic development, and longevity of roads and facilities, like construction on Moorland Road and North Avenue, two of Waukesha County's most important corridors. The budget includes the necessary funding to complete phase one of the courthouse project.

The 2021 budget also continues to fund the Public Health response to the COVID-19 pandemic at current levels, with continued leverage of federal funding as available to supplement operations.