

Waukesha County Exec Farrow: Introduces 2023 executive budget

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(WAUKESHA, WI) – On Tuesday, September 27, 2022, Waukesha County Executive Paul Farrow introduced his 2023 Executive Budget to the Waukesha County Board of Supervisors.

Keeping residents safe in the fight against crime while supporting continued economic development and conservative stewardship of taxpayer dollars remains top priority. The proposed budget would cut the County tax rate for the ninth consecutive year, including every year County Executive Farrow has been in office. The Board of Supervisors is expected to pass the final budget in November.

“Each year, my goal is to present a budget that aligns with what our residents want: a safe and economically vibrant community, with low taxes, and a high quality of life,” said Waukesha County Executive Paul Farrow. “The 2023 budget will do that with significant investments in law-enforcement, well-maintained roads that support our growing County, and responsible use of every tax dollar.”

If the County Executive’s Budget is passed as-is, the tax rate will drop from \$1.68 to \$1.52 per thousand dollars of home value, the lowest in at least the last three decades.

The 2023 Waukesha County Executive Budget allocates the greatest portion of new county tax levy to Justice and Public Safety, including over \$1.5 million to support those areas.

- The Sheriff’s Department will receive \$845,000 to ensure continuation of operations.
- More than \$330,000 will be allocated to public safety programs, like the

Department of Emergency Preparedness, which includes 911 Dispatch. Courts and the District Attorney's Office combined will receive more than \$280,000 to fund operations, with continued prioritization to help address the case backlog created by the COVID-19 pandemic as well as other high-profile cases.

The budget invests in infrastructure vital to the safety, economic development, and longevity of roads and facilities.

- County Trunk Highway (CTH) infrastructure to promote safety while supporting growing businesses and enhance economic development efforts.
- Support of the Waukesha County Center for Growth's GROW Fund, a revolving loan fund for business growth, development, and job creation.
- Phase Two of the Waukesha County Courthouse Project, which addresses security concerns, capacity limitations, outdated mechanical systems, and enhanced public accessibility in the Courthouse building built in 1959.

The 2023 budget also continues to focus on management and implementation of American Recovery Plan Act (ARPA) federal funds.

About the 2023 Waukesha County Budget

The 2023 Waukesha County Executive Budget is online at www.waukeshacounty.gov/Budget.

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