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Brown County Board of Supervisors Approve 2027 Budget
Plan Includes Lowest Brown County Property Tax Rate on Record

(Brown County, Wis.) –The Brown County Board of Supervisors approved County Executive Troy Streckenbach’s 2027 budget plan with a 22-2 vote on Wednesday, which includes significant infrastructure investments and the lowest property tax rate on record.

“The hard part of putting together this 2027 budget plan was striking the right balance of maintaining the services our residents rely on while being mindful of the cost to property taxpayers,” says Streckenbach. “I’m honored to put forth a budget we worked hard on that prioritizes a sustainable, long-term approach which better aligns County revenue with the actual cost of delivering those services.”

The 2027 mill rate will decrease by 12 cents, from \$2.66 to \$2.54, which is the lowest mill rate on record. The budgeted levy for 2027 is \$97.77 million, which accounts for approximately \$1.5 million in net new construction and the closure of some Tax Increment Districts (TIDs). The County’s outstanding debt will decrease again in 2027 by \$7.41 million, reducing the total to \$22.44 million, the lowest level in over 35 years. Since taking office, Brown County has paid off nearly \$134 million in debt, thus saving property taxpayers millions of dollars in interest payments alone, while securing the County’s financial well-being for future generations.

Several major initiatives will take place in 2027, including continued work on the South Bridge Connector project, and the investment of nearly \$18 million in 9 different road, bridge, and infrastructure projects. Brown County will also utilize one-time funding to install and maintain new flood monitors for the East River, and will install agriculture sediment basins to reduce phosphorous runoff. Construction of second phases for both the Port Development Site and the South Landfill will begin, along with adding a second mental health clinician and providing open access hours for substance use assessments in Human Services.

To learn more about these and other County initiatives you may review Executive Streckenbach’s 2027 budget proposal online at:

<https://www.browncountywi.gov/government/county-executive/general-information/county-budget/>.

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