

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING WOOD COUNTY, WISCONSIN 2027 BUDGET

On November 10, 2026; at 8:45 A.M., at the Wood County Courthouse; Wisconsin Rapids, Wisconsin; the Wood County Board of Supervisors will hold a public hearing on the budget for 2027, pursuant to Section 65.90 of the Wisconsin State Statutes. All residents and taxpayers of Wood County will be given an opportunity to be heard on the proposed budget. A summary of the proposed budget is available in the County Clerk's office or the Finance Department.

2027 BUDGET SUMMARY - WOOD COUNTY															
	GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES					INTERNAL SERVICE FUNDS					ENTERPRISE FUNDS			GRAND TOTAL	BUDGET (2026/2025) % CHANGE
	General Fund	Special Revenue	Debt Service	Capital Projects	Total Governmental	Building Maintenance	Health Benefits	Workers Compensation	OPEB	PC Replacement	Highways	Norwood Health Care Center	Edgewater Nursing Home		
Expenditures for Operations & Maintenance:															
General Government	13,488,129	1,551,594	-	-	15,039,723	2,459,224	15,080,358	492,484	340,000	378,500	-	-	-	33,790,289	9.49%
Public Safety	18,686,351	-	-	-	18,686,351	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	18,686,351	3.61%
Public Works	8,207,789	27,500	-	-	8,235,289	-	-	-	-	-	5,644,446	-	-	13,879,735	10.38%
Health & Human Services	4,963,809	34,520,181	-	-	39,483,989	-	-	-	-	-	-	11,455,194	8,909,024	59,848,208	3.80%
Culture, Recreation & Education	4,511,026	152,735	-	-	4,663,760	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4,663,760	3.11%
Conservation & Development	1,201,822	1,476,847	-	-	2,678,669	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,678,669	-5.37%
Capital Projects	-	-	-	9,646,648	9,646,648	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	9,646,648	-9.66%
Debt Services	-	-	11,185,913	27,835	11,213,748	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	11,213,748	3.51%
Transfers & Other Financing Uses	1,241,734	8,700,000	-	-	9,941,734	(40,924)	118,611	-	-	-	-	-	-	10,019,421	11.18%
Total Expenditures & Other Financing Uses	52,300,659	46,428,857	11,185,913	9,674,483	119,589,913	2,418,300	15,198,969	492,484	340,000	378,500	5,644,446	11,455,194	8,909,024	164,426,830	4.73%
Less Revenues (Other than Property Tax):															
Taxes	656,443	8,700,000	-	-	9,356,443	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	9,356,443	2.40%
Intergovernmental revenues	13,404,960	20,055,055	-	-	33,460,015	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	33,460,015	5.01%
Licenses & Permits	846,337	146,375	-	-	992,712	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	992,712	3.59%
Fines, Forfeits & Penalties	251,900	25,388	-	-	277,288	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	277,288	0.00%
Public Charges for Services	3,561,008	7,339,196	-	-	10,900,204	-	1,547,000	-	-	-	-	8,512,413	8,519,402	29,479,019	4.32%
Intergovernmental Charges for Services	4,611,126	16,800	-	-	4,627,926	2,410,446	12,554,747	300,000	340,000	254,315	5,492,827	462,500	-	26,442,762	11.71%
Miscellaneous	3,129,678	229,925	300,000	-	3,659,603	400	1,010,000	-	-	-	10,146	94,556	50	4,774,755	16.31%
Proceeds From Long-term Borrowing	-	-	-	4,500,000	4,500,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4,500,000	0.00%
Transfers & Other Financing Sources	9,077,243	98,000	-	1,616,483	10,791,726	-	118,611	-	-	-	-	-	-	10,910,337	-28.39%
Total Revenues & Other Financing Sources	35,538,695	36,610,739	300,000	6,116,483	78,565,917	2,410,846	15,230,358	300,000	340,000	254,315	5,502,973	9,069,469	8,519,452	120,193,331	1.85%
Less: Unencumbered Funds Applied (Surplus)	4,520,489	92,965	300,000	3,558,000	8,471,454	7,454	(31,389)	192,484	-	124,185	0	-	-	8,764,188	135.05%
Proposed County Tax Levy	\$ 12,241,475	\$ 9,725,153	\$ 10,585,913	\$ -	\$ 32,552,541	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 141,472.00	\$ 2,385,725	\$ 389,572	\$ 35,469,311	0.56%

Outstanding Indebtedness at December 31, 2025:	
General Obligation Corp Purpose Bonds Series 2016A	\$ 600,000
General Obligation Corp Purpose Bonds Series 2017A	760,000
General Obligation Corp Purpose Bonds Series 2018A	1,660,000
General Obligation Corp Purpose Bonds Series 2019A	1,735,000
General Obligation Corp Purpose Bonds Series 2020A	52,445,000
General Obligation Corp Refunding Bonds Series 2021A	7,110,000
General Obligation Corp Refunding Bonds Series 2022A	30,625,000
General Obligation Corp Refunding Bonds Series 2023A	9,220,000
General Obligation Promissory Note 2024A	3,930,000
General Obligation Promissory Note 2025A	4,500,000
	<u>\$ 112,585,000</u>

Historical Tax Levies:		Levy					Mill Rate				
Year Levied	Budget Year	Operating	Debt	Library	Total	Operating	Debt	Library	Total		
2011	2012	20,800,601	770,000	740,513	22,311,114	4.5302	0.1677	0.3388	5.0367		
2012	2013	20,523,078	735,000	772,707	22,030,785	4.5202	0.1619	0.3612	5.0433		
2013	2014	20,883,929	466,267	772,860	22,123,056	4.5887	0.1025	0.3568	5.0480		
2014	2015	21,046,220	454,800	746,261	22,247,281	4.5914	0.0993	0.3446	5.0353		
2015	2016	21,612,466	970,700	805,042	23,388,208	4.6125	0.2072	0.3618	5.1815		
2016	2017	21,370,077	1,309,712	852,801	23,532,590	4.5343	0.2779	0.3790	5.1912		
2017	2018	22,027,608	2,575,612	887,103	25,490,323	4.5675	0.5341	0.3827	5.4843		
2018	2019	21,779,876	3,968,620	977,893	26,726,389	4.3203	0.7872	0.4029	5.5104		
2019	2020	22,161,958	4,385,549	1,047,953	27,595,460	4.1616	0.8235	0.4109	5.3960		
2020	2021	22,425,185	4,628,540	1,111,339	28,165,064	4.0949	0.8452	0.4214	5.3615		
2021	2022	22,849,174	6,761,400	1,111,085	30,721,659	3.9607	1.1720	0.3990	5.5317		
2022	2023	23,017,961	7,999,539	1,198,087	32,215,587	3.5322	1.2276	0.3800	5.1399		
2023	2024	23,294,185	9,218,492	1,170,533	33,683,210	3.2168	1.2730	0.3232	4.8130		
2024	2025	23,028,026	10,137,394	1,114,083	34,279,503	3.0221	1.3304	0.2926	4.6452		
2025	2026	23,284,123	10,705,860	1,281,346	35,271,329	2.8010	1.2879	0.3005	4.3895		
2026	2027	23,555,021	10,585,913	1,328,377	35,469,311	2.6432	1.1879	0.2923	4.1235		

Available Fund Balances at December 31st:		2025 Actual Balance	Estimated 2026 Increase (Decrease)	2026 Projected Balance	Proposed 2027 Increase (Decrease)	2027 Projected Balance
General Fund	Undesignated	\$ 42,798,500	\$ (177,643)	\$ 42,620,857	\$ (3,961,108)	\$ 38,659,749
General Fund	Designated	3,888,153	(158,097)	3,730,056	(559,381)	3,170,675
General Fund	Governmental Highway	1,022,670	164,441	1,187,110	0	1,187,110
Special Revenue Funds	Various	2,866,818	266,199	3,133,017	(92,965)	3,040,052
Debt Service Fund		849,689	-	849,689	(300,000)	549,689
Capital Projects Fund		8,523,749	(2,484,563)	6,039,185	(3,558,000)	2,481,185
Enterprise Fund	Edgewater	-	-	-	-	-
Enterprise Fund	Norwood	-	-	-	-	-
Enterprise Fund	Highway	(1,402,545)	429,824	(972,721)	(0)	(972,721)
Internal Service Fund	Workers Comp	2,460,498	(189,540)	2,270,958	(192,484)	2,078,474
Internal Service Fund	Health Insurance	7,843,772	206,057	8,049,829	31,389	8,081,218
Internal Service Fund	Building Maintenance	1,217,141	(72,994)	1,144,147	(7,454)	1,136,693
Internal Service Fund	Other Post Employment Benefits	2,971,307	190,000	3,161,307	-	3,161,307
Internal Service Fund	PC Replacement	236,972	8,122	245,095	(124,185)	120,910
Trust and Agency Funds	Land Conservation Trust	28,963	-	28,963	-	28,963
		<u>\$ 73,305,687</u>	<u>\$ (1,818,194)</u>	<u>\$ 71,487,493</u>	<u>\$ (8,764,188)</u>	<u>\$ 62,723,305</u>

Notice is further given that a detailed copy of this budget is on file in the County Clerk's office, Room 133, 400 Market St., Wisconsin Rapids, WI and is open for public inspection. Given under my hand and official seal at the Courthouse in the City of Wisconsin Rapids, Wisconsin, this 23rd day of October, 2026.



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Wood County Clerk