

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING WOOD COUNTY, WISCONSIN 2026 BUDGET

On November 12, 2025; at 9:00 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 2026, 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.

2026 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	12,595,352	1,458,413	-	-	14,053,765	2,395,118	13,364,332	484,789	350,000	212,555	-	-	-	30,860,559	4.17%
Public Safety	18,034,935	-	-	-	18,034,935	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	18,034,935	3.38%
Public Works	7,868,167	27,500	-	-	7,895,667	-	-	-	-	-	4,678,815	-	-	12,574,483	3.27%
Health & Human Services	4,817,247	33,164,497	-	-	37,981,744	-	-	-	-	-	-	11,428,953	8,246,732	57,657,429	4.93%
Culture, Recreation & Education	4,304,644	218,613	-	-	4,523,257	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4,523,257	-0.67%
Conservation & Development	1,274,057	1,556,552	-	-	2,830,609	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,830,609	0.43%
Capital Projects	-	-	-	10,678,615	10,678,615	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10,678,615	-3.12%
Debt Services	-	-	10,805,860	27,835	10,833,695	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10,833,695	5.85%
Transfers & Other Financing Uses	373,443	8,500,000	-	-	8,873,443	(6,581)	145,256	-	-	-	-	-	-	9,012,118	1.44%
Total Expenditures & Other Financing Uses	49,267,845	44,925,575	10,805,860	10,706,450	115,705,730	2,388,537	13,509,588	484,789	350,000	212,555	4,678,815	11,428,953	8,246,732	157,005,699	3.49%
Less Revenues (Other than Property Tax):															
Taxes	637,363	8,500,000	-	-	9,137,363	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	9,137,363	2.89%
Intergovernmental revenues	12,540,732	19,322,439	-	-	31,863,171	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	31,863,171	-2.69%
Licenses & Permits	790,440	167,900	-	-	958,340	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	958,340	0.93%
Fines, Forfeits & Penalties	251,900	25,388	-	-	277,288	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	277,288	8.15%
Public Charges for Services	3,021,019	7,454,083	-	-	10,475,102	-	1,423,933	-	-	-	-	8,539,649	7,819,610	28,258,294	10.39%
Intergovernmental Charges for Services	4,429,923	-	-	-	4,429,923	2,339,886	11,043,000	300,000	340,000	244,745	4,558,753	414,914	-	23,671,221	3.00%
Miscellaneous	2,541,372	458,540	100,000	-	3,099,912	400	898,844	-	-	-	9,290	96,670	100	4,105,217	-1.19%
Proceeds From Long-term Borrowing	-	-	-	4,500,000	4,500,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4,500,000	-55.00%
Transfers & Other Financing Sources	8,877,243	5,849	-	6206450	15,089,542	-	145,256	-	-	-	-	-	-	15,234,798	69.66%
Total Revenues & Other Financing Sources	33,089,993	35,934,199	100,000	10,706,450	79,830,641	2,340,286	13,511,033	300,000	340,000	244,745	4,568,043	9,051,233	7,819,710	118,005,692	3.02%
Less: Unencumbered Funds Applied (Surplus)	4,005,859	(597,358)	0	(0)	3,408,501	48,251	(1,445)	184,789	10,000	(32,190)	110,772	-	-	3,728,678	29.26%
Proposed County Tax Levy	\$ 12,171,993	\$ 9,588,734	\$ 10,705,860	\$ -	\$ 32,466,587	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,377,720	\$ 427,022	\$ 35,271,329	2.89%

Outstanding Indebtedness at December 31, 2025:	
General Obligation Corp Purpose Bonds Series 2016A	\$ 1,175,000
General Obligation Corp Purpose Bonds Series 2017A	1,190,000
General Obligation Corp Purpose Bonds Series 2018A	1,125,000
General Obligation Corp Purpose Bonds Series 2019A	2,190,000
General Obligation Corp Purpose Bonds Series 2020A	2,150,000
General Obligation Corp Refunding Bonds Series 2021A	54,565,000
General Obligation Corp Refunding Bonds Series 2022A	7,635,000
General Obligation Corp Refunding Bonds Series 2023A	30,735,000
General Obligation Promissory Note 2024A	9,530,000
General Obligation Promissory Note 2025A	4,500,000
	\$ 114,795,000

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		

Available Fund Balances at December 31st:		2024 Actual Balance	Estimated 2025 Increase (Decrease)	2025 Projected Balance	Proposed 2026 Increase (Decrease)	2026 Projected Balance
General Fund	Undesignated	\$ 40,183,865	\$ 2,473,168	\$ 42,657,033	\$ (3,713,267)	\$ 38,943,766
General Fund	Designated	3,764,737	(119,472)	3,645,265	(403,364)	3,241,901
General Fund	Governmental Highway	815,426	(28,128)	787,299	110,772	898,070
Special Revenue Funds	Various	2,086,102	155,742	2,241,844	597,358	2,839,202
Debt Service Fund		634,658	-	634,658	(0)	634,658
Capital Projects Fund		16,169,088	(4,527,152)	11,641,936	0	11,641,936
Enterprise Fund	Edgewater	-	-	-	-	-
Enterprise Fund	Norwood	-	-	-	-	-
Enterprise Fund	Highway	(1,441,705)	(737,360)	(2,179,065)	(110,772)	(2,289,837)
Internal Service Fund	Workers Comp	2,528,420	(24,158)	2,504,263	(184,789)	2,319,474
Internal Service Fund	Health Insurance	8,799,433	(280,822)	8,518,611	1,445	8,520,056
Internal Service Fund	Building Maintenance	660,359	202,829	863,189	(48,251)	814,938
Internal Service Fund	Other Post Employment Benefits	2,739,126	150,000	2,889,126	(10,000)	2,879,126
Internal Service Fund	PC Replacement	280,774	(40,653)	240,122	32,190	272,312
Trust and Agency Funds	Land Conservation Trust	28,963	-	28,963	-	28,963
		\$ 77,249,248	\$ (2,776,005)	\$ 74,473,243	\$ (3,728,678)	\$ 70,744,565

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 24th day of October, A.D. 2025.



Trent Miner
Wood County Clerk