



# Waukesha County

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### **COUNTY EXECUTIVE FARROW SIGNS 2020 WAUKESHA COUNTY ADOPTED BUDGET**

**(WAUKESHA, WI)** – This morning Waukesha County Executive Paul Farrow signed the 2020 Waukesha County Adopted Budget. It invests in public safety and economic development while falling under the state levy cap and cutting the County tax rate for the sixth consecutive year, including all five years County Executive Farrow has been in office.

“This budget invests in a safe community while keeping taxes low,” said County Executive Farrow. “It supports the Sheriff’s Department, Emergency Preparedness, and Circuit Courts as well as infrastructure projects that support safety and economic development for years to come.”

The 2020 Adopted Waukesha County Budget cuts the tax rate from \$1.89 to \$1.82 per thousand dollars of home value, the lowest since 2009. It allocates its greatest portion to public safety, including \$550,000 in new tax levy supporting the Sheriff’s Department. Emergency Preparedness, which includes 911 dispatch, and Courts receive the next biggest levy allocations. The budget also invests in infrastructure projects vital to the safety, economic development, and longevity of roads and facilities, like construction on North Avenue in the City of Brookfield, and the courthouse project.

The budget continues to efficiently manage tax dollars by leveraging new state funds for Health and Human Services programming, by eliminating the Waukesha County Airport’s use of tax levy, and by utilizing alternative funding sources for Parks programs.

#### **About the 2020 Waukesha County Budget**

The 2020 Waukesha County Budget is online at [www.waukeshacounty.gov/Budget](http://www.waukeshacounty.gov/Budget).

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