

Dane County Budget Process



AUGUST 2018

Overview



- ❑ The budget is divided between the Operating Budget and the Capital Budget.
- ❑ In 2018, the Operating Budget is \$538 million and the Capital Budget is almost \$115 million.
- ❑ The tax rate in 2018 is \$3.17 for every \$1,000 of value, so an average Madison home valued at \$249,300 pays \$790.28 in county property taxes. $(\$249,300/1,000) \times \3.17 .

Operating Budget



- ❑ The Operating Budget funds expenses like staff, operating costs, contractual costs, and on-going activities in departments.
- ❑ The Operating Budget is funded from a wide variety of sources such as intergovernmental revenues, grants, fees, property taxes, the vehicle registration fee, and sales tax.

Capital Budget



- ❑ The Capital Budget funds one-time projects.
- ❑ Examples are: the Badger Prairie Health Care Center, the Conservation Fund, building remodeling, highway construction and major technology upgrades.
- ❑ The Capital Budget is primarily funded with the proceeds of bonds and notes issued by the County.

Budget Schedule



May-The County Executive distributes budget guidelines to departments.

May-July-Departments prepare their budget requests for the next calendar year.

July-August-The Department of Administration and the County Executive review budget requests. Copies of requests are available in the County Board Office, and the Department of Human Services (DHS) posts its request online.

Budget Schedule



September-Departments present their budget requests at a hearing before the County Board. Both the DHS budget hearing on 9/12 and the hearing for the budgets of all other departments on 9/13 will be at the City County Building.

August-September- The County Executive prepares the Annual Budget.

October 1-The County Executive releases his Proposed Budget

October- The Operating and Capital Budget Resolutions are introduced. The public hearing on the County Executive's Proposed Budget is held before the Board. The public hearing will be on 10/17 at the CCB.

Budget Schedule



October-Early November-County Board Committees Review and Amend the County Executive's Proposed Budget. Committees make recommendations to the Personnel and Finance Committee.

October-Early November- The Personnel and Finance Committee makes recommendation on the Operating and Capital budget resolutions to the full County Board.

Mid November- The County Board adopts the Operating and Capital Budget Resolutions and sets the tax levy. The Board is scheduled to vote on the County budget on November 12 with November 14 and 15 reserved for additional deliberations if needed.