



Dane County Board of Supervisors Monthly Update September 2020

Board hosts virtual hearings for 2021 budget requests

The Board held two virtual public meetings, Sept. 10 and Sept. 16, to allow the public to weigh in on departmental requests for funding in the 2021 Dane County Budget. "These hearings are meant for the public to have an opportunity to hear from the departments regarding what is in their budget requests, as well as to provide an opportunity to let the supervisors on the County Board know their priorities and needs for the coming year," said County Board Chair Analiese Eicher. "We are facing a challenging fiscal year and hearing what is important to the people is critical as we move into the budget season."

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Members of Youth Governance Program, League of Women's Voters honored

The Board recognized the 100th anniversary of the League of Women Voters of Dane County in a special resolution. This year marks the 100th anniversary of the 19th Amendment, which was ratified August 26, 1920. This granted white women the right to vote. Black women did not receive this right until the Voting Rights Act of 1965. The LMVDC is a non-profit, non-partisan, national organization whose purpose is to promote informed and active citizen participation in all levels of government. created in 1920. The Board also held a pinning ceremony to mark the beginning of a new term for Dane County's Youth Governance Program. The YGP gives young people the opportunity to learn about government in a hands-on format.

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Board hears Climate Action Plan, votes on land purchase

The 2020 [Climate Action Plan](#) was created by businesses, local governments, organizations and other Dane County entities that came together in 2017 to work on the plan. A climate action plan provides a science-based strategy to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and to address the effects of a climate that is already changing. The plan identifies the starting point, a destination and the best route to take. The

Board voted to approve a \$3 million land purchase in the Town of Verona that will reduce downstream flood risk, protect water resources and create more outdoor recreation opportunities. The 160 acre property is located between the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources' Sugar River Wetlands Natural Resource Area and Dane County's Falk Wells Sugar River wildlife area. The funds for this purchase come from the Flood Risk Reduction Fund and the Dane County Conservation Fund.

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Resolution to require information on minority and women owned businesses

A resolution was approved Sept. 17 that requires the list of bills the County Board regularly approves to include information on minority- and women-owned business that are receiving payment. Currently, the list of bills the board approves includes all payments to be made that are over \$10,000 and that the Controller's Office has recommended be allowed by the County Board . It lists the business name and the amount paid for bills incurred in the operation of Dane County departments. The resolution includes adding additional information indicating whether each business listed is a minority- and/or women-owned business, as self-reported by the business.

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