



PUBLIC NOTICES



SUMMARY OF 2024 PROPOSED BUDGET FOR BARRON COUNTY

Pursuant to Sec. 65.90 of the Wisconsin Statutes, notice is hereby given that a public hearing on the proposed 2024 Budget for Barron County will be held in the Veteran's Memorial Auditorium, at the Government Center at 335 E Monroe Ave, Barron Wisconsin at 6:00 pm on Monday, November 6, 2023. A detailed account of the proposed budget may be viewed at the Barron County Dept of Administration Monday-Friday 8:00 am to 4:00 pm.

The following is a summary of the proposed budget for all fund types of the County.

GENERAL FUND	2023 Budgeted	2024 Proposed	% Change
EXPENDITURES AND OTHER SOURCES:			
General Government	\$ 8,139,511	\$ 8,867,910	
Public Safety	\$ 9,697,354	\$ 10,505,861	
Health & Human Services	\$ 288,091	\$ 296,311	
Culture, Recreation & Education	\$ 1,437,547	\$ 1,502,620	
Conservation & Development	\$ 1,487,692	\$ 1,729,800	
Contingencies	\$ 1,799,524	\$ 1,505,031	
B1 Charitable & Penal Chgs from State	\$ 87	\$ -	
TOTAL EXPENDITURES & OTHER USES	\$ 22,849,806	\$ 24,407,533	6.82%
REVENUES AND OTHER SOURCES:			
Property Tax Levy	\$ 7,650,568	\$ 6,497,374	
Other Taxes	\$ 497,620	\$ 498,120	
Intergovernmental	\$ 3,624,966	\$ 4,361,029	
Licenses & Permits	\$ 328,000	\$ 365,000	
Fines, Forfeits & Penalties	\$ 137,100	\$ 127,100	
Public Charges for Services	\$ 1,182,350	\$ 1,014,050	
Intergovernment Charges for Services	\$ 152,021	\$ 256,663	
Miscellaneous	\$ 928,053	\$ 1,695,379	
Uses of Available Funds:			
Sales Tax Applied-Current	\$ 4,250,000	\$ 4,450,000	
Sales Tax Applied-Prior Year	\$ 1,095,000	\$ 1,488,000	
Fund Balance Applied - Jail Assessments	\$ 30,000	\$ 37,750	
Fund Balance Applied - Out of Co Prisoner Rev	\$ 477,360	\$ 613,645	
Fund Balance Applied - Unassigned	\$ 1,246,909	\$ 1,345,000	
Fund Balance Applied - Assigned	\$ 1,249,859	\$ 1,658,423	
Total Revenues & Other Sources	\$ 22,849,806	\$ 24,407,533	6.82%
Estimated Fund Balance December 31:	2022 Actual	2023 Projected	
Committed/Assigned/Nonspendable	\$ 10,249,922	\$ 10,363,403	
Unassigned	\$ 10,659,046	\$ 11,806,991	
Total Fund Balance 12/31	\$ 20,908,968	\$ 22,170,394	

ALL GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS COMBINED	Estimated Fund Balance 1/1/24	Total Revenues & Other Sources	Total Expenditures & Other Uses	Estimated Fund Balance 12/31/24	2024 Property Tax Levy	2023 Property Tax Levy
General Fund	\$ 22,170,394	\$ 24,407,533	\$ 24,407,533	\$ 22,170,394	\$ 6,497,374	\$ 7,650,568
Special Revenue Funds	\$ 8,679,192	\$ 26,130,142	\$ 26,130,142	\$ 8,679,192	\$ 8,586,312	\$ 7,698,301
Debt Service	\$ 20,168	\$ 1,994,945	\$ 1,994,945	\$ 20,168	\$ 1,994,945	\$ 1,582,869
Capital Projects	\$ 7,911,193	\$ 2,187,925	\$ 2,187,925	\$ 7,911,193	\$ 895,000	\$ 500,000
Internal Service Funds - Highway / SF Health Ins	\$ 6,652,368	\$ 20,321,777	\$ 20,321,777	\$ 6,652,368	\$ 4,566,042	\$ 4,366,042
Enterprise Fund - Waste to Energy	\$ 4,540,403	\$ 4,409,920	\$ 4,409,920	\$ 4,540,403	\$ -	\$ -
	\$ 49,973,718	\$ 79,452,242	\$ 79,452,242	\$ 49,973,718	\$ 22,539,673	\$ 21,797,780
	2022 Budget	2023 Budget	2024 Proposed	Percentage Change		
Valuation	\$ 4,883,939,100	\$ 5,615,893,700	\$ 6,413,742,500	14.21%		
County Tax Levy	\$ 22,425,616	\$ 21,797,780	\$ 22,539,673	3.40%		
Mill Rate (Taxes per \$1,000 Valuation)						
Debt Service	\$ 0.53	\$ 0.28	\$ 0.31	10.71%		
Library Service	\$ 0.18	\$ 0.16	\$ 0.15	-6.25%		
Operating	\$ 3.93	\$ 3.49	\$ 3.10	-11.17%		
Total	\$ 4.64	\$ 3.93	\$ 3.56			

**RECYCLING SPECIAL CHARGE: \$32.00 \$32.00 \$32.00
**All Municipalities except Town & City of Rice Lake & Village of New Auburn - Improved Parcels Only (per parcel charge)

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updates on these permits may be needed to control the density of such building within the city and permits in the future will come under a new ordinance update to get ahead of any further expansion.

Next on the agenda was approval of the purchase agreement for a parcel of land at 1900 Carlone Street by Island City Rentals for the sum of \$10,663. The proposal passed unanimously.

Two payments then followed, the first a sum of \$283,512.30 to DeSantis Excavating & Underground Utility for the Highway 63 Sanitary Sewer Replacement Project and the second of \$28,000 to the same group for change order #1, which included a Storm Sewer Change at Carlone East.

The first payment covered the Highway 63 Sanitary Sewer Replacement project that ran from Louis Finer Meats towards Ace Hardware & Lumber, which was completed on August 15. There were no change orders and with USDA covering a portion of the project the application for payment passed unanimously.

The second payment was for additional sewer work which Engineer CBS Squared, Incorporated had forgot to originally include on the bigger project. After a brief discussion on the omission made by the Engineers, the Council voted to pay the Change Order.

This was followed by removing Courtney Most off the Municipal Court checking account and replacing her with Julie Helstern, Alderperson O'Dell questioned the timing of the move indicating that these things should be done immediately not after a period of time to avoid exposure to the city. The Council agreed this should and could be done by contacting the banks involved.

The approval of a Transient Merchant License for Mark Hopkins-Bayfield Apples and a limited number of Operator, Liquor, and Tobacco License request followed.

With no Future Agenda Items to discuss, the evening ended with Committee and Commission Reports and the Mayor's Comments.

Committee Reports included a Park and Recreation

announcement by Alderperson Cifaldi that cameras had been installed at the beach and Eagle Point and were monitored from the Police Department. He also announced that the Eagle Point attendant would return next summer and community interest in placing a bandstand at the Tourist Park was being explored.

Alderperson Schullo, meanwhile, announced that the new runway lights at the airport may not get done until spring, while Ward 4 Alderperson Laursen told of building updates that would soon be needed at the Senior Center.

Further Committee Reports included an update by Utility Commission President Craig Turcott, who said work on the new shop was ongoing and seemingly on schedule. This was followed by a brief discussion on the need for an updated City Pavement Plan.

Other reports were given on the Fire District, Library, Lake Association, and Golf Course.

Finally, Mayor Shoemaker gave an update on numerous city projects of note from

the search for a City Administrator, to the continuing City Financial Plan and Budget process, to needed facility and IT Management improvements for City Hall.

The Mayor discussed a current, "Disconnect" with the DOT on the sidewalk plan that, "Needs to get sorted out," while saying the budget process was, "Taking more time than we wanted." He added that early revenue info from the State had recently been received along with levy limit worksheets. He noted that there was lot to polishing-up to do before the public budget hearing in November.

The Mayor then advised the Council of a recent request by the Hospital for help in cleaning-up lot lines along Webb Street and 7th, while emphasizing the continued work in combining and defining the role of the Utility within the City Administrator organization, recognizing Lori Nyhus for her work in the process.

With this, a busy night of work by the Mayor and Council concluded with the next full Council Meeting scheduled for November.

DMV Road Test Waiver pilot program to end December 31, 2023

The Wisconsin Department of Transportation Division of Motor Vehicles (DMV) announces that the Road Test Waiver pilot program will end on December 31, 2023.

As of January 1, 2024, those under 18 years old will need to complete an in-person road test at DMV's which offer this service to obtain their probationary license. Appointments for a road test can be scheduled 11 weeks in advance at wisconsindmv.gov/roadtest.

Student drivers ages 16 and 17 who have completed their required driver education course, behind the wheel training, and 50 hours of supervised driving

may apply for the road test waiver through December 31, 2023.

The Road Test Waiver Pilot program began in May 2020, at the onset of the COVID 19 pandemic. DMV is authorized to introduce pilot programs, but legislative action would need to take place to make such programs permanent.

As part of the pilot, DMV tracked potential safety implications and found no negative effect on driver safety. Through August 31, 2023, 144,082 parents/guardians of 16- and 17-year-old drivers utilized the road test waiver.

"Wisconsin DMV launched this innovative pi-

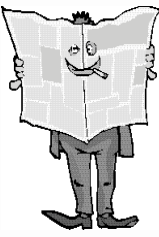
lot program to continue to meet our customers' needs as we all faced tremendous challenges during the pandemic," Reggie Paradowski, deputy DMV administrator said. "We will continue to develop online services to provide greater convenience and efficiency for our customers."

Skills test appointment availability

To manage staffing and services, DMV's appointment calendar opens day-by-day for scheduling up to 11 weeks prior. Which means, for example, the first opportunity to schedule a road test appointment in the new year opens on October 17. Drivers hoping for a road test on



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PERSONALS



AA-Mondays at 7 p.m., Augustana Church; Wednesdays at 7 p.m., Senior Citizen Center. Women's inspiration AA meeting: 6 pm Tuesdays at the Thomas St. Angelo Public Library Community Meeting Room 715-529-9592. tfn

Weekly Al-Anon Meetings:

Mondays, 6:30 p.m. at Cumberland Baptist Church, Hwy 48, Cumberland. tfn

JOB OPENING

Utility Manager

CUMBERLAND MUNICIPAL UTILITY

Cumberland Municipal Utility has an opening for the position of Utility Manager. Applications and a detailed job description may be picked up at:

Cumberland Municipal Utility
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Cumberland, WI 43829

Please return the complete employment application by 3:00 p.m. on Friday, October 13, 2023 to:

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Attorney Samuel L. Lawton Announces Campaign for Barron County Judge

Local attorney Sam Lawton is excited to announce his campaign for Barron County Judge – Branch 2. Attorney Lawton serves the Barron County residents from his offices in Rice Lake and Spooner, Wisconsin.

Branch 2 in the Barron County Circuit Court sits vacant following the retirement of Hon. J. Michael Bitney. The election will be held Tuesday April 2, 2024.

As a local attorney in the private sector, Lawton has extensive experience in all types of matters that come before the court, including criminal law, family law-divorces, custody, and child support, guardianships, adoptions, etc. Standing by his clients has enabled

him to understand the community's view of the courts, the judicial process and how the law applies to facts, and the role of a Circuit Court Judge applying law to existing statutes and caselaw in each matter.

Lawton's greatest goal as Judge is to bring transparency and understanding of the court system to the community so that the court system is not understood by the few – but the many.

Lawton looks forward to continuing the legacy of a fair, honest, effective, and efficient justice system here in Barron County.

More information can be found at: www.lawtonforjudge.com

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WINTER PARKING REGULATIONS

ALL NIGHT PARKING PROHIBITED:

There will be no parking on any city street between the hours of 2:30 a.m. and 6:00 a.m. on any day between November 1 through April 1. Violators may be ticketed or towed.