

NOTICE OF PUBLIC BUDGET HEARING FOR POLK COUNTY, WISCONSIN 2026 BUDGET

Notice is hereby given that on November 12, 2025, at 1:00 p.m. at the Polk County Government Center- County Board Room, Suite 112, 100 Polk County Plaza, Balsam Lake, Wisconsin, 54810, the County Board will hold a public hearing on the proposed budget for 2026. The following is a summary of the proposed budget for the governmental fund types of the County. An account of the proposed budget may be inspected at the Department of Administration or via the County website.

<u>GENERAL FUND</u>	<u>Adopted 2025 Budget</u>	<u>Proposed 2026 Budget</u>	<u>Percentage Change</u>
Expenditures:			
General Government	\$ 10,826,138	\$ 11,240,894	
Public Safety	11,136,861	11,805,234	
Highway	3,948,589	3,702,801	
Sanitation	-	-	
Health and Human Services	1,018,468	1,003,628	
Culture, Recreation and Education	851,643	771,124	
Conservation and Development	2,690,151	2,797,093	
Capital Expenditures	1,027,987	2,690,000	
Other Financing Uses	962,177	250,929	
Total Expenditures and Other Uses	\$ 32,462,014	\$ 34,261,703	5.544%

Revenues and Other Sources:

Taxes:			
General Property Taxes - General Fund	\$ 10,988,318	\$ 11,477,270	
General Property Taxes - Highway	3,948,589	3,702,801	
Other Taxes	791,598	610,120	
Intergovernmental	3,420,935	3,745,097	
Licenses and Permits	539,600	560,600	
Fines, Forfeitures and Penalties	109,000	113,500	
Public Charges for Services	1,327,228	1,350,673	
Intergovernmental Charges for Services	1,819,338	1,957,490	
Miscellaneous	2,342,840	2,435,152	
Transfer in from Sales Tax Fund	4,965,000	5,075,000	
Transfer in from Golden Age Manor	40,000	40,000	
Transfer in from Other Funds	381,000	1,944,000	
Fund Balance Applied\Use of Undesignated Funds	1,788,568	1,250,000	
Total Revenues and Other Sources	\$ 32,462,014	\$ 34,261,703	5.544%

	<u>Fund Equity 1/1/2026</u>	<u>Revenues/ Other Sources</u>	<u>Expenditures/ Other Uses</u>	<u>Fund Equity 12/31/2026</u>	<u>Property Tax Contribution</u>
General Fund	28,248,447	29,308,902	30,558,902	26,998,447	11,477,270
Contingency Fund	2,372,719	343,608	-	2,716,327	343,608
Other General Fund	1,181,842	476,317	331,786	1,326,373	-
Internal Service Funds Net position	19,372,656	17,258,455	18,131,383	18,499,728	4,202,801
Enterprise Funds Net position	5,740,616	8,945,477	8,763,558	5,922,535	-
Special Revenue Funds	(951,883)	18,828,525	20,086,534	(2,209,892)	5,261,577
Capital Projects Fund	437,063	-	-	437,063	-
Debt Service Funds	102,734	4,589,373	4,589,373	102,734	2,339,373
Total	\$ 56,504,194	\$ 79,750,657	\$ 82,461,536	\$ 53,793,315	\$ 23,624,629

	<u>2025 Budget</u>	<u>2026 Budget</u>	<u>Change</u>	<u>Percent Change</u>
County Tax Levy	23,237,678	23,624,629	386,951	1.67%
Levy for Rural Library Service - Act 150	1,144,874	1,204,331	59,457	5.19%
Levy for Town Bridges	52,000	52,000	-	0.00%
Total	\$ 24,434,552	\$ 24,880,960	\$ 446,408	

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County Tax Rate	2.6687	2.4935	(0.1752)	-6.56%
Act 150 Tax Rate	0.1551	0.1426	(0.0125)	-8.06%
Bridge Aid Tax Rate	0.0078	0.0071	(0.0007)	-8.97%
Total	2.8316	2.6432	(0.1884)	

County Equalized Value	\$ 8,707,548,800	\$ 9,474,502,300	\$ 766,953,500	8.81%
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For more information, please visit: www.co.polk.wi.us Quick Links: Fiscal Transparency, Budget Information