

Portage County Executive Budget 2018

Presented by
County Executive Patty Dreier
October 3, 2017

2018 Budget Snapshot

- Balanced for all core County government departments
- Maintains all essential services
- Continues deficit spending of Health Care Center, depleting last available resources
 - Highlights critical need for decisions about future
- Expands countywide Emergency Medical Services (outside levy cap)

By the Numbers

- 2018 EQUALIZED VALUATION 4.96%
 - 1.09% in 2017
 - 2.47% in 2016
 - 6.06% in 2015
 - 1.30% in 2014
 - 1.89% in 2013
- 2018 NET NEW GROWTH 1.43% (= \$330,889 for max levy limit increase over last year)
 - 1.47% in 2017
 - 1.00% in 2016
 - 1.26% in 2015
 - 1.24% in 2014
 - .72% in 2013

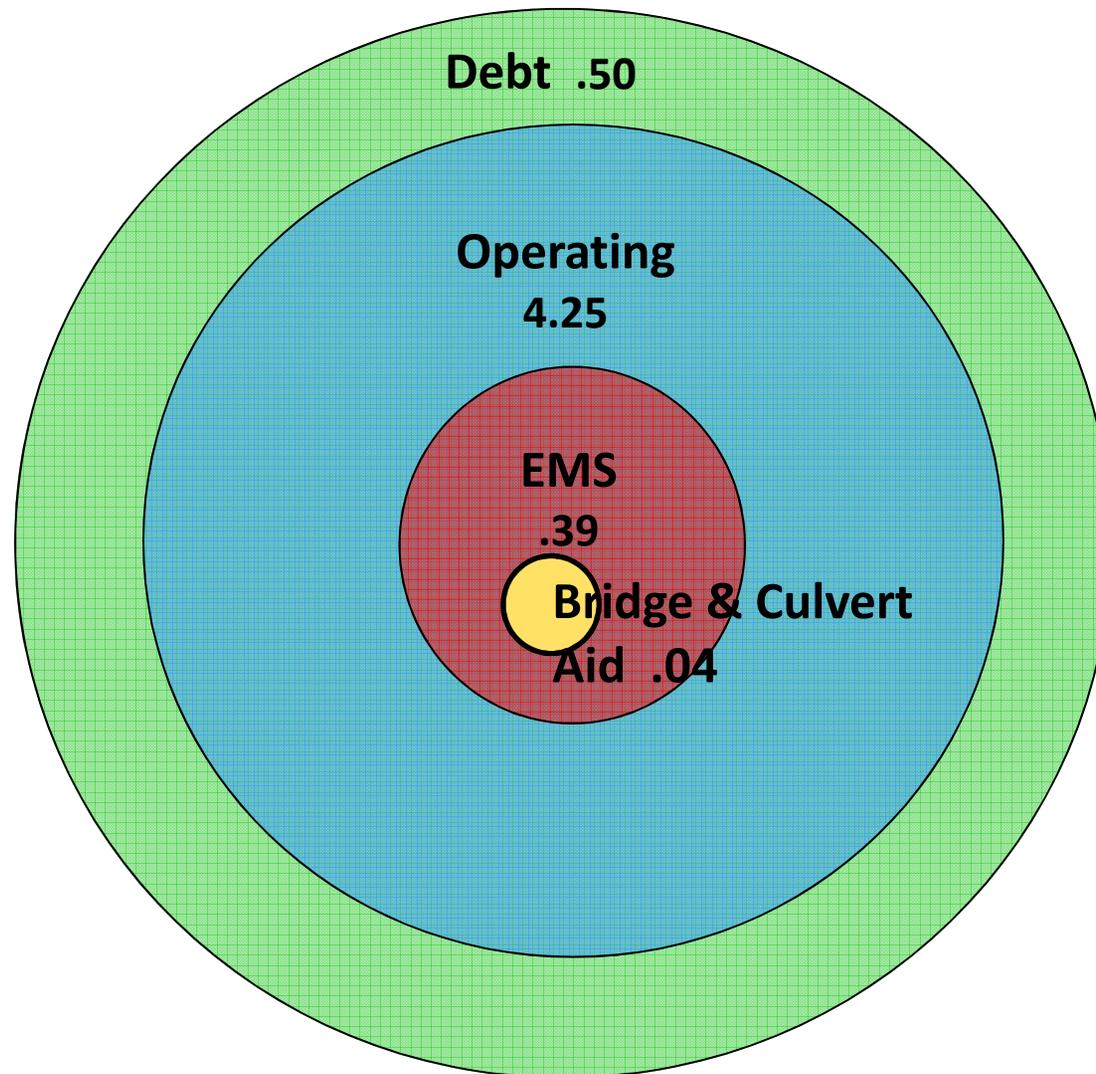
Proposed 2018

➤ TAX RATE of 5.18

- \$5.18 per \$1,000 of home value (a 4 cent increase over last year on a median home valued at \$151,700*)
- Tax rate in 2017 was 5.14; 2016 was 5.11; 2015 was 5.11; 2014 was 5.36; in 2013 was 5.25

*varies by equalized value in municipality

Levy Summary 2018



Proposed 2018:

5.81% Total Tax Levy Increase Over 2017

- OPERATING LEVY of 4.25 for \$23,534,857
- DEBT LEVY of .50 for \$2,754,871
- EMS LEVY of .39 for \$2,161,478
- BRIDGE & CULVERT AID LEVY of .04 for \$225,000

By the Numbers

- County budget TOTAL: \$103,874,702
 - A 1.22% increase over 2017 amended budget
- Tax levy TOTAL: \$28,676,206

Focus Areas

- Health Care Center
- Groundwater Quality
- Justice Programs
- Information Technology and Cybersecurity
- Health and Human Services/Aging & Disability Resource Center (ADRC)
- EMS
- Capital Projects
- Personnel

Health Care Center Skilled Nursing Care

- Paying for health care services in lowest cost setting has continued to gain momentum
- Institutional care is most expensive option
- Care in the home, not care in a nursing home, is preferred by majority
 - 72% increase in home health utilization (2001 – 2014, MedPac 2016 Report to Congress)
 - Trend will continue negative impact on assisted living and skilled nursing occupancy

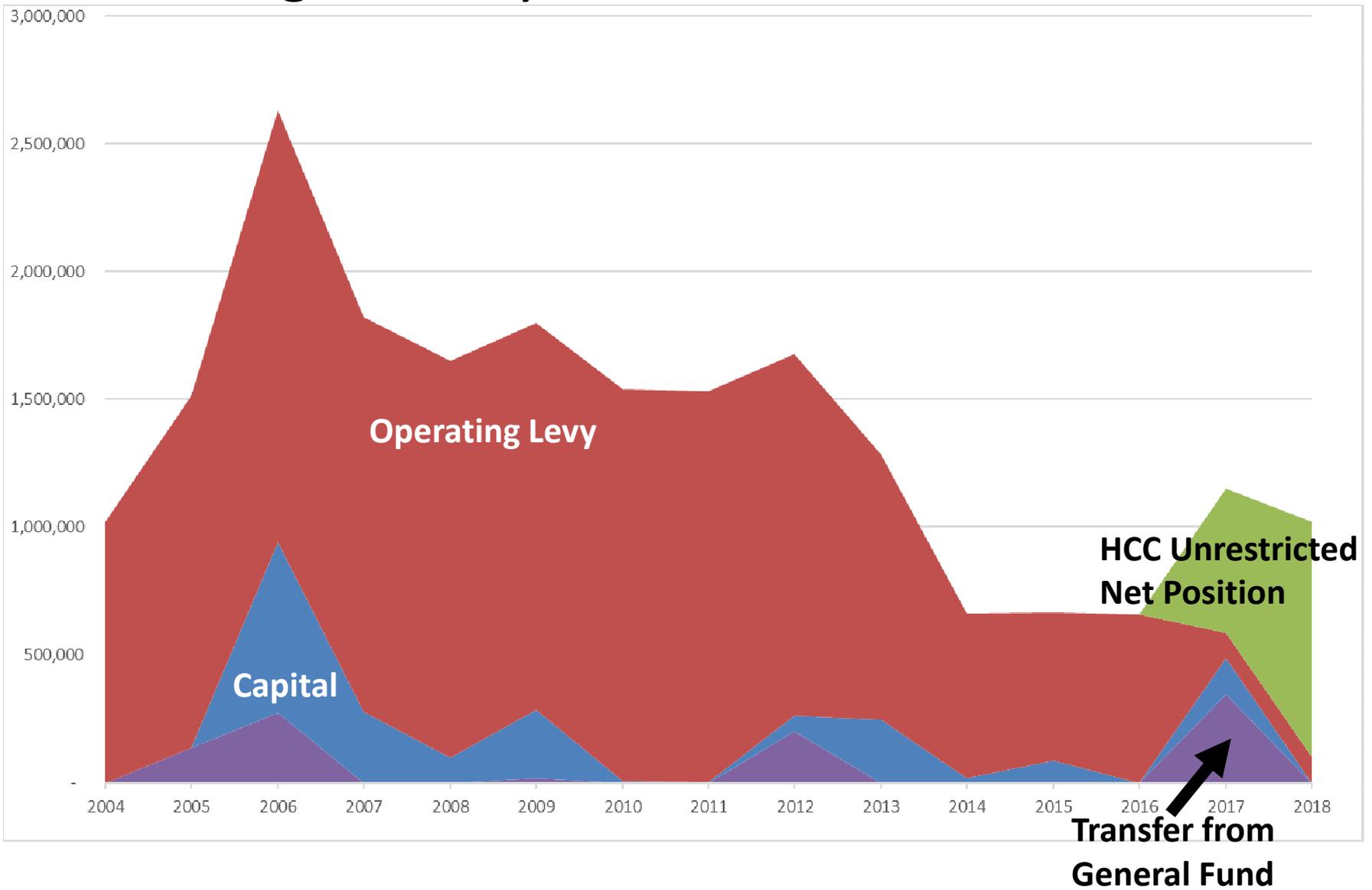
Health Care Center

- 100 licensed beds
- Budgeted a daily census of 70
- In 2016, Portage County Health Care Center had 240 admissions and 235 discharges
- Do not have enough current resources to meet current expenses, thus operating at a deficit—suffering losses each year

Health Care Center

Budgeted 2018	\$100,000 operating levy + \$920,883 HCC unrestricted net position to fill budget hole		
2017	\$100,000 operating levy + \$345,631 County general fund balance and \$563,165 from HCC unrestricted net position		
2016	\$659,768 (+ \$569,488 additional operating loss)		
2015	\$575,000		
2014	\$575,000	2012	\$1.365 million
2013	\$991,884	2011	\$1.528 million

Portage County Health Care Center



Health Care Center

➤ Where do we go from here?

Groundwater Quality Project

- Set aside \$5,000 in Planning & Zoning budget to start a fund for next countywide groundwater quality sampling
- Vision: Each year for five years, set aside \$5,000 until \$25,000 available, then conduct another countywide sampling project to monitor progress on improving water quality

Justice Programs

- Continue to EVOLVE:
 - Drug Court continued
 - New kiosk to be used for alcohol testing in Day Report; reduces ATTIC contract by \$13,000
 - \$43,000 contract funding from Volunteers in Probation (VIP) and \$20,000 contract funding for Deferred Prosecution Program (DPP) pooled with user fees to create 1 FTE Court Diversion Coordinator in DA's Office
 - VIP was rated lowest priority justice program by Justice Coalition Work Group

Deferred Prosecution Program

- Best practice to divert low risk offenders
- More bang for buck (200 cases vs. 40 now)
- Offenders pay \$250 to help pay for program (less than normal court fees)
- Saves court time and resources
- Faster (50-60 days from time of incident instead of a year+)
- Keeps offenders accountable and off CCAP
- Won't go to court unless they violate

Information Technology and Cybersecurity

- Upgrades technology capacity, security and storage as we continue to demand more from technology and cybersecurity in all areas of County business
 - Adds 1 FTE Network Analyst, critical depth of expertise
 - Builds capacity to continue transition from AS400
 - Encryption software
 - Intranet
- Centralizes IT costs (best practice)
 - Moves costs from individual departments to IT Department and charges back because IT is an “internal service fund”
 - Ensures IT is in the loop to assess issues, impacts, security risks
 - Has no budget impact

Health and Human Services/ADRC

- Addresses AODA and mental health needs with Medicaid funding
- Restores 1 FTE Public Health Planner position by “recycling levy” within HHS and under allocation
- Adapts to State regulatory change: **.5*** FTE Registered Sanitarian from recycling levy within HHS and under allocation
- State grant funds 1 FTE Dementia Care Specialist

*Executive Dreier acknowledges there was an error on her slide when presented.

A .5 FTE Registered Sanitarian, not 1.0 FTE will be added.

EMS

- Expansion of EMS in Plover area
- Will buy 2 ambulances in 2018—one for Plover location; one to replace 12 year old vehicle
- **1.5%*** contractual increase for existing providers
- Budget total adds \$812,392 over 2017 (60.22%)

*Executive Dreier acknowledges there was an error on her slide when presented.

Contract increase is 1.5%, not 3%. She apologizes for the error.

EMS

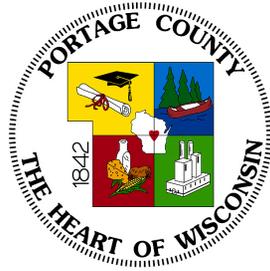
➤ Future of Countywide EMS?

Capital Projects

- Budgeted another \$104,053 in operating levy for capital improvements, bringing total to \$879,500
 - Goal: \$1 million to reduce reliance on borrowing for capital upgrades
 - Rebuilding this fund that was depleted before 2010
- Moved Highway capital projects to Highway Special Revenue Fund where it includes borrowing

Personnel Recap

- Normal progression on salary scale plus 2% annual adjustment for employees
- Health insurance premiums decreased 12.98%
- One more day to budget for in 2018 (2088 hours)
- Net increase of 11.95 in 2018 compared to 2017, but less than 2 FTE on “new levy” (Treasurer’s Admin Associate I and IT Network Analyst)
 - All rest were funded from within or funded by user fees or grants
 - Excludes LTE, on-call casual, contracted, and seasonals



Proposed 2018 Budget for Portage County

Feedback?

Patty Dreier

Portage County Executive

715-346-1997

dreierp@co.portage.wi.us