

Portage County Executive Budget 2015

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2015 Budget Snapshot

- Balanced
- Maintains all essential services
- Keeps us on track

By the Numbers

➤ 2015 EQUALIZED VALUATION 6.06%

+1.30% in 2014

-1.89 in 2013

-.97 in 2012

➤ 2015 NET NEW GROWTH 1.26%

1.24% in 2014

.72% in 2013

.79% in 2012

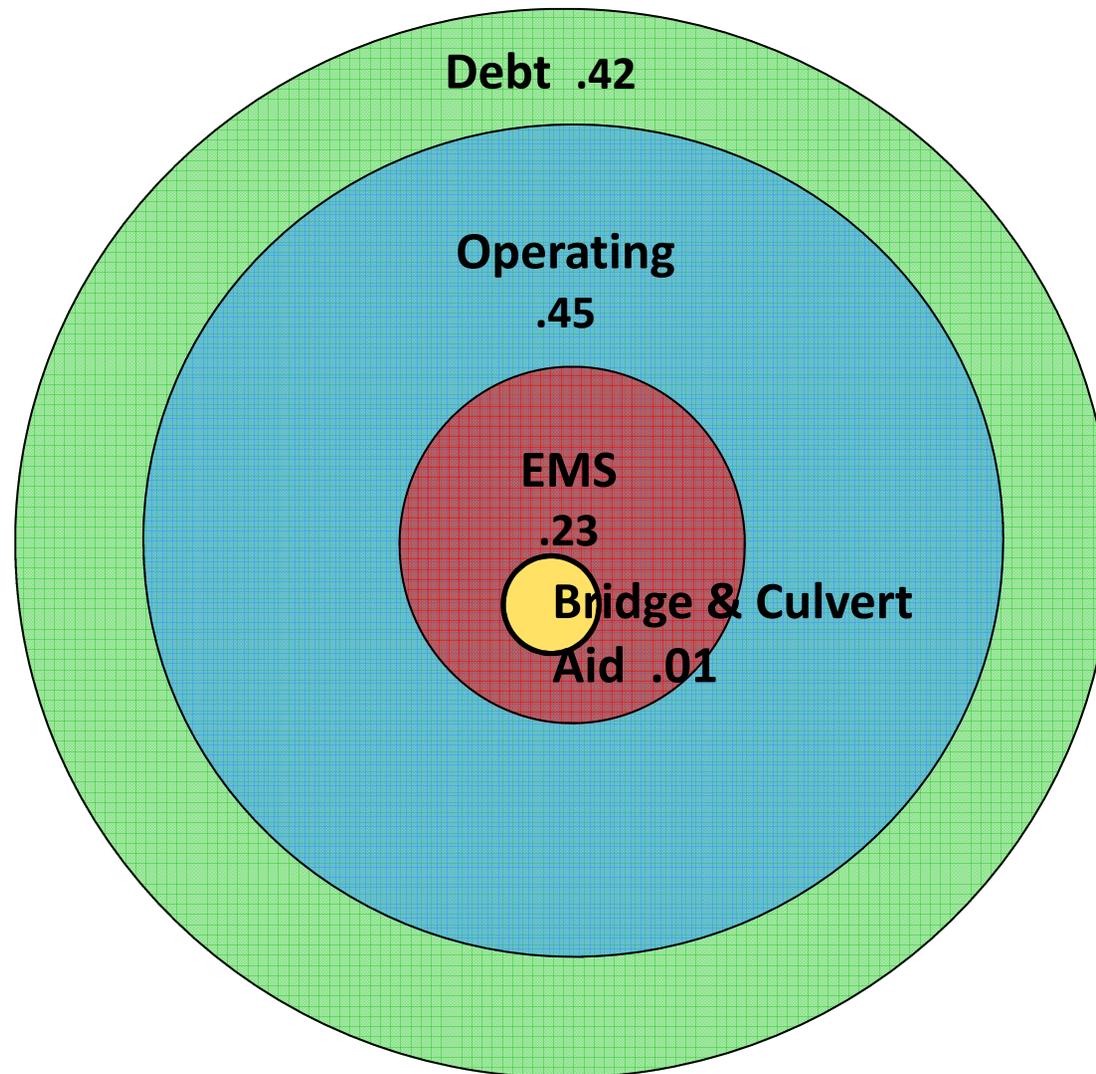
Proposed 2015

➤ TAX RATE of 5.11

- \$5.11 per \$1,000 of home value (\$31.50 decrease over 2014 on a median home valued at \$145,300*)
- Tax rate in 2014 was 5.36; in 2013 was 5.25

*varies by equalized value in municipality

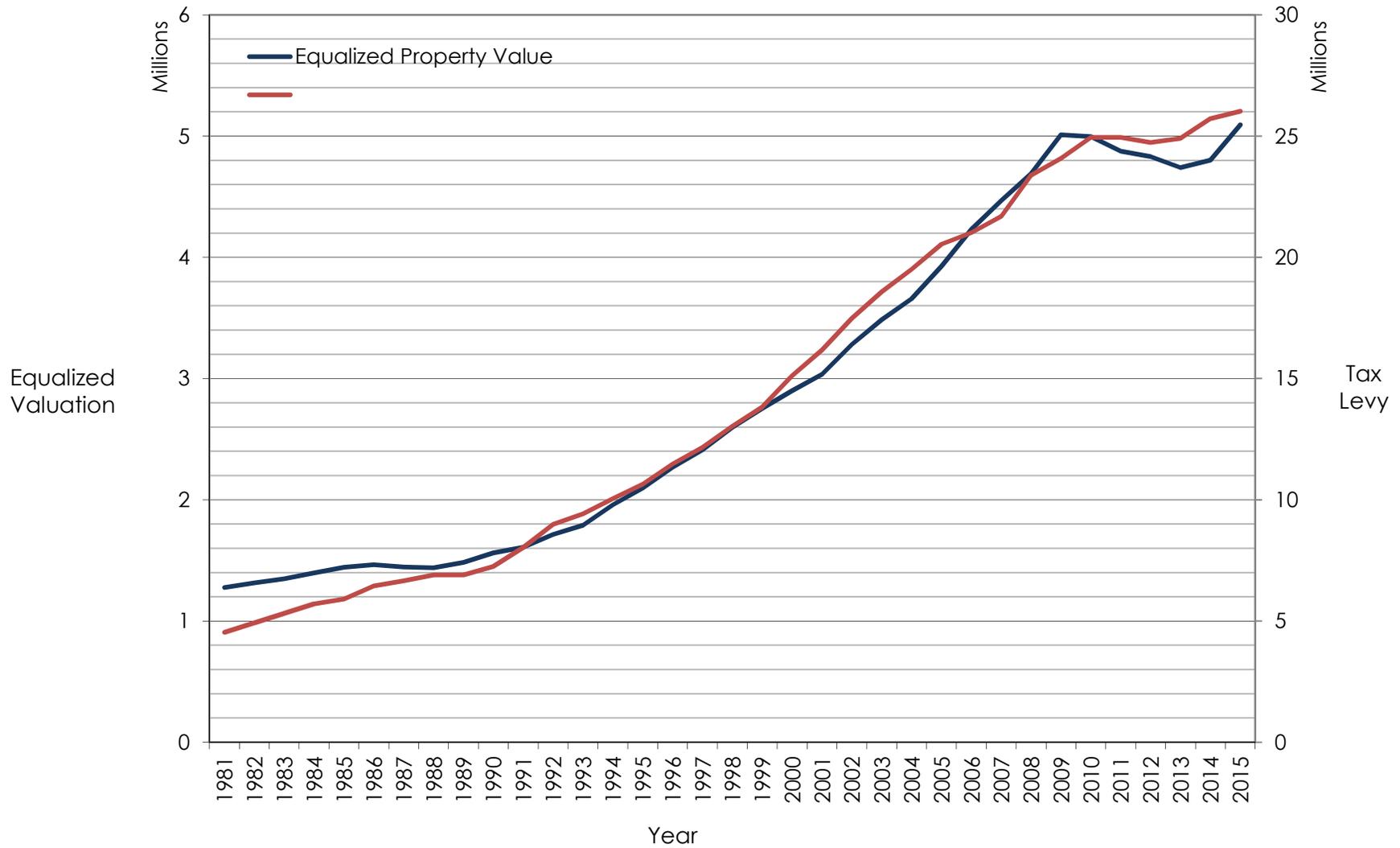
Levy Summary 2015



Proposed 2015

- OPERATING LEVY of 4.45 for \$22,641,393
- DEBT LEVY of .42 for \$2,153,613
- EMS LEVY of .23 for \$1,194,313
- BRIDGE & CULVERT AID LEVY of .01 for \$39,574

Equalized Valuation & Tax Levy, 35 Yrs



Holding the Line on Taxes

➤ 1.22% increase in levy from 2014

There were 4 times in the last 30 years when the percent change in levy was less.

By the Numbers

- County budget TOTAL: **\$97,224,137**
 - A decrease of 18.59% from 2014, mostly due to completion of capital projects for which we borrowed

- Tax levy TOTAL: **\$26,028,893**

2015 Budget Theme

...HOLD STEADY
WHILE WE CHART A
LONG RANGE COURSE

Change Underway

- Decisions in process at this time
- Decisions on horizon
- Growing community needs
- Evolution of county organization

Decisions in Process

- Physical Space Planning
 - Jail
 - Courthouse
 - Annex
 - Veteran services
 - Health Care Center
 - Library

Decisions on the Horizon

- Justice Programs
- EMS
- Match up litigation of cases:
 - Child in Need of Protection and Services (CHips)
 - Termination of Parental Rights (TPRs)
- Comprehensive Plan revision
- County role in economic development

Growing Community Needs

➤ Children and Families

- 76.8% increase in child abuse and neglect referrals over four years (2010-2013) resulting in 291 investigations

➤ Elders and Disabled

- Elder Benefits Specialist program: \$476,000 of resources tapped in 2009; \$3.32 million in 2013
- Caregiver supports
- Memory care

Evolution of County Organization

➤ Technology

➤ Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP)

- Process changes for finance and human resources/payroll

➤ Web site; citizen access to information

➤ Cloud

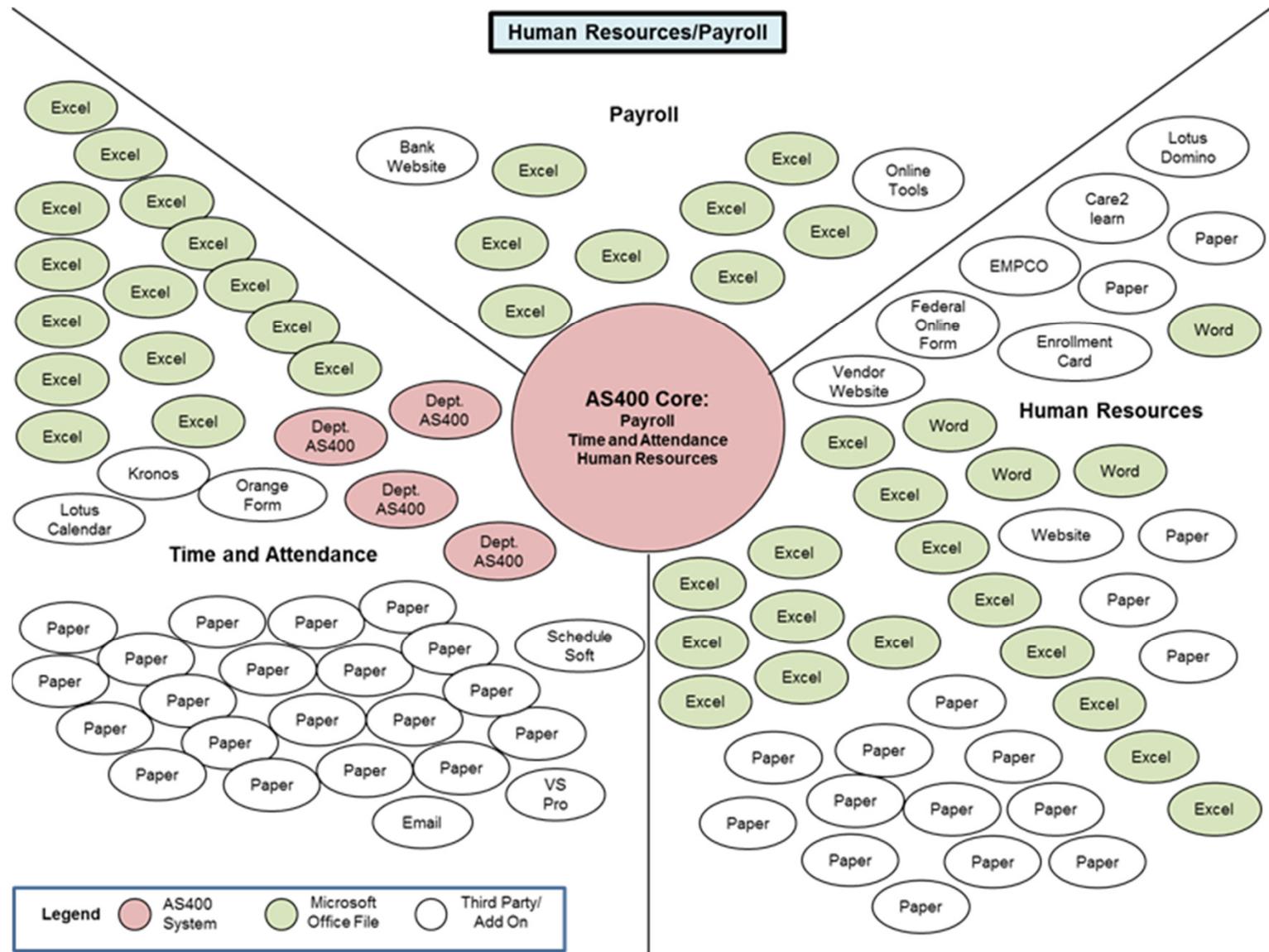
➤ Managed print

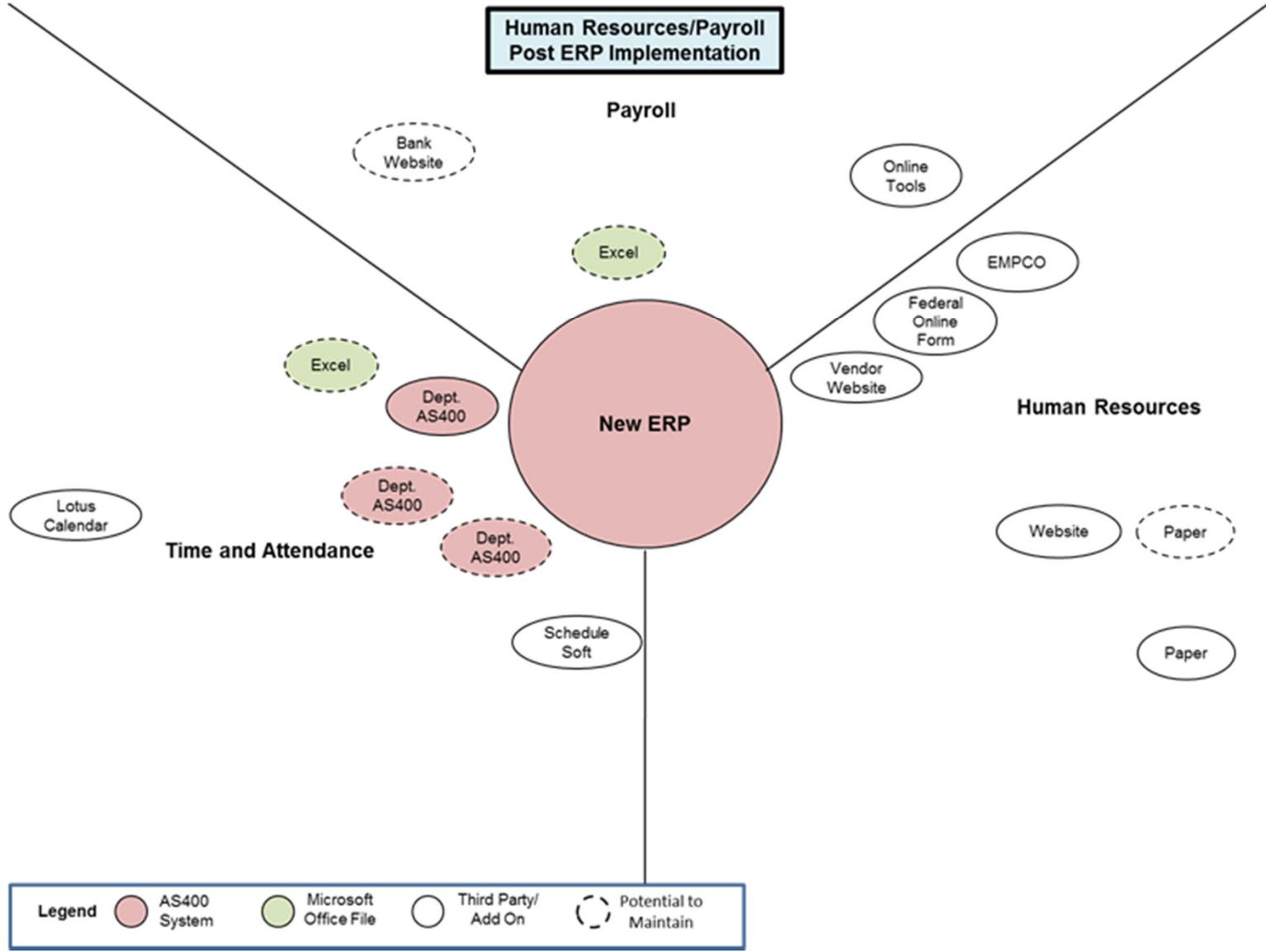
➤ Info Technology: conversions in staff roles

➤ Communication/Collaboration tools

Evolution of County Organization

- Human Resources
 - Performance based culture
 - Wellness programs/incentives
 - Risk management
 - Insurance
 - Need to make HR more nimble and streamlined
 - Need for compensation study





Evolution of County Organization

➤ Facilities

- Aging infrastructure
- Centralized services and safety technologies
- Additional property: 1039 Ellis
- Automated work order system and other systems enhanced by ERP technology
- Strategic energy management and renewable energy assessment

Drill Down Into the 2015 Budget



Facilities

- 1 FTE to address increased department workload

Human Services

- 1.15 FTE Social Workers (birth – 3 and assist with child abuse and neglect referrals)
- 1.12 FTE ADRC Staff (nutrition, info & assistance, benefits, caregiver support services)

Health Care Center



- Holds levy flat while decisions are made for future

2015	\$575,000
2014	\$575,000
2013	\$991,884
2012	\$1.365 million
2011	\$1.528 million

Justice

- Holds steady on Justiceworks and Deferred Prosecution programs
- Wisconsin Department of Corrections Model: Community and Residential Program (CRP)
 - Provides levy relief: 25% of Justice Programs Director and \$64,935 for HHS for Portage House contract overhead

Emergency Medical Services (EMS)

- 3% increase in EMS contract
- .5 FTE for EMS admin support
- 8.75% increase in runs 2012 – 2013
- Fall related ER visits for adults aged 65+ increased by 47% over past 6 years, many of which involved ambulance runs

Capital Projects

- Budgeted another \$75,000 in operating levy for capital improvements, bringing total to \$625,000
 - Goal: \$1 million to reduce reliance on borrowing for capital upgrades
 - Rebuilding this fund since depleted before 2010

Human Resources

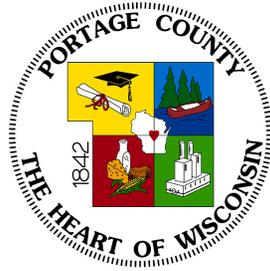
- 2015 net decrease of 7.39 FTE county wide over 2014
 - Excludes LTE, on-call casual, contracted, and seasonals
- Plans for a 8% increase in health insurance premium
- Design changes coming to Board next week

Employee Compensation

- Planned for a 1.4% compensation increase
- Did not include any reclassification requests
 - Need compensation study completed by May 2015 (Strategic Goal IV)
 - Must ensure fair and competitive compensation
 - Need county-wide pay scale/schedule alignments

To Move Forward

- Decisions needed to clarify the long term course
- Plan in 2015 for borrowing in 2016 or 2017
- Capital Improvement Plan includes funding for physical space planning



Proposed 2015 Budget for Portage County

Feedback?

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