

2021 Le Sueur County Budget Development Document

Knowns:

- Levy required for Bonded Indebtedness will be about \$250,000 lower in 2021 than 2020. (a one-time interest payment for 2019 bond)
- The Board has pledged \$300,000 in 2021 for broadband.
- Expenditures are down for many departments in 2020. Some are up.
- Due to state grant funding, Drug Court levy should be down substantially.
- All 5 Union contracts are up at the end of 2020.
- A new Classification and Compensation Plan is being worked on.
 - The implementation plan will have to be negotiated with the unions.
- CSAH funds will be lower due to economic slowdown, 15% to 20%?
- Our 2020 County Budget was balanced using Road and Bridge fund balance. This will need to be addressed.
- Departments are holding off on filling positions.
- CARES Act funding.
 - Reimburse eligible expenses
 - Grants to business and individuals?
 - Broadband?

Unknowns:

- Health Care costs are rising 6% to 8%, impact on our premium is unknown at this time.
 - We spend about \$2.6 million on Health Benefits.
- A COLA's and / or a step progression are not set for 2021. We are assuming 1% COLA + steps based on our current Springsted plan.
 - A 1% COLA cost is about \$175,000.
 - A step to eligible employees would be about \$315,000.
- New Broadband projects may require funds from the county.

Budget Questions

- Phase 2, 3 and 4 the Courthouse, Old Jail and Highway Building projects, do we continue with?
- Need to bring on an Architect and Construction Management
- Are we looking at bonding in 2021? State Aid or CIP?
- Do we have a levy target? 0% to ??%
- Our Net Tax Capacity is up about 2.2% as of July 2020.
 - If we hold the "rate" @ 54.977% the same, levy increase of \$513,000
- Local Option Sales tax for transportation? Still on the table?
- County Program Aid? Will it be unallotted as in past administrations?
- CARES Act, do we get reimbursed for 2020 expenses and move the savings into 2021?
- State Building Code, need staff if we want to move forward.

Cost Savings

- Reduction in hours?

- Are there any non-mandated services that we are now providing and should we eliminate them?
- New positions that were added in 2020 and have not be filled, will they remain unfilled?
- Other open positions, Human Services, Administration, etc. keep open?
- Are furloughs / layoffs on the table?
- Union negotiations, 0% COLA and no steps?
- Equipment purchases, Road and Bridge, Sheriff, on hold?

Notice of Proposed Total Budget and Property Taxes

The Le Sueur County Board of Commissioners will hold a public hearing on its budget and on the amount of property taxes it is proposing to collect to pay for the costs of services the County will provide in 2020.

SPENDING: The total budget amounts below compare the county's 2019 actual budget with the amount the county proposes to spend in 2020.

2019 Total <u>Actual Budget</u>	Proposed 2020 <u>Budget</u>	Change from <u>2019-2020</u>
73,550,812	67,935,799	-7.7%

TAXES: The property tax amounts below compare that portion of the current budget levied in property taxes in the County of Le Sueur for 2019 with the property taxes the County proposes to collect in 2020.

2019 Property <u>Taxes</u>	Proposed 2020 <u>Property Taxes</u>	Change from <u>2019-2020</u>
20,716,550	22,581,040	9%

LOCAL TAX RATE COMPARISON: The following compares the county's current local tax rate, the county's tax rate for 2020 if no tax levy increase is adopted, and the county's proposed tax rate for 2020.

<u>2019 Tax Rate</u>	<u>2020 Tax Rate If No Levy Increase</u>	<u>2020 Proposed Tax Rate</u>
53.793%	49.946%	55.780%

*ACTUAL
2020
RATE* 54.977

2020 FINAL LEVY

<u>FUND</u>	<u>TAXES</u>	<u>PROGRAM AID</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Revenue	11,487,626	640,252	10,847,374
Road & Bridge	2,763,265	640,251	2,123,014
SS & PA	2,549,443		2,549,443
PA & GA	1,042,130		1,042,130
Fair	50,000		50,000
Building	260,000		260,000
Extension Services	223,888		223,888
Park	265,886		265,886
Bonded Indebtedness	4,806,945		4,806,945
Victim Witness	35,760		35,760
Env Services – P & Z	306,107		306,107
Env Services – ISTS	70,493		70,493
TOTAL	23,861,543	1,280,503	22,581,040

2020 FINAL LEVY \$ 22,581,040

2019 FINAL LEVY \$ 20,716,550

INCREASE IN LEVY \$ 1,864,490

INCREASE OF 9%

	Tax Capacity	Difference	%	Rate	Levy
Prelin Pay 2021	\$ 42,269,986.00			54.997%	\$ 23,247,224.20
Pay 2020	\$ 41,336,166.00	\$ 933,820.00	2.26%	54.997%	\$ 22,733,651.22
Pay 2019	\$ 38,729,677.00	\$ 2,606,489.00	6.73%		
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	2020 Budget	2021 1% COLA	One Current Step
Salaries - Permanent	13,964,246	139,642	251,356
Salaries - Part Time	723,012	7,230	13,014
Pera, Medicaide, SS	2,348,918	23,489	42,281
Overtime	330,866	3,309	5,956
	Subtotal	173,670	312,607

	2020 Budget
Cafeteria Plan	2,579,016
Invest., Holiday, Long	658,090

Jan 1 to May 31 2020 Expenditures

ACCOUNTDESCRIPTION	2020 Budget	Jan 1 to May 31	Diff.	% Exp	% Time
Salaries - Permanent	13,964,246	5,895,619	8,068,627	42.22%	41.67%
Salaries - Part Time	723,012	230,032	492,980	31.82%	41.67%
Pera, Medicaide, SS	2,348,918	965,202	1,383,716	41.09%	41.67%
Overtime	330,866	101,984	228,882	30.82%	41.67%
Cafeteria Plan	2,579,016	1,103,110	1,475,906	42.77%	41.67%
Invest., Holiday, Long	658,090	230,958	427,132	35.10%	41.67%
Print Pub Adv, copier shred	117,821	28,368	89,453	24.08%	41.67%
Dues & Subscriptions	57,386	35,851	21,535	62.47%	41.67%
Utilities & Telephone	633,626	192,280	441,346	30.35%	41.67%
Professional Consulting	2,647,302	663,770	1,983,532	25.07%	41.67%
Public Assistance	2,586,223	1,119,257	1,466,966	43.28%	41.67%
Insurance, Liability & Comp	337,406	404,223	(66,817)	119.80%	41.67%
Transportation & Travel	166,102	50,477	115,625	30.39%	41.67%
Repairs & Maintenance	461,450	89,389	372,061	19.37%	41.67%
Hired Equip, Leases, rent	470,953	213,195	257,758	45.27%	41.67%
Misc	841,741	981,285	(139,544)	116.58%	41.67%
Bonds	4,460,432	3,798,223	662,209	85.15%	41.67%
Contacts and Payments	21,718,428	2,234,203	19,484,225	10.29%	41.67%
Office Supplies	166,489	57,806	108,683	34.72%	41.67%
Fuel & Oil	482,100	128,983	353,117	26.75%	41.67%
Buildings, Struct, Supplies	4,413,848	856,112	3,557,736	19.40%	41.67%
Autos and equipment	986,957	272,907	714,050	27.65%	41.67%
Office Equipment	46,600	3,468	43,132	7.44%	41.67%
Transfers	239,366	37,073	202,293	15.49%	41.67%
	61,438,378	19,693,775			
OVERALL	62,834,299.00	20,373,049.00	42,461,250.00	32.42%	41.67%