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BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

RESOLUTION NO._____

| Authorizing Resolution 2020 Kenosha County Budget – Advisory Levy Objective | | |
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| Submitted By: Finance & Administration Committee | | |
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Be it resolved, that the Kenosha County Board of Supervisors does hereby advise that the 2020 Kenosha County general purpose property tax levy may increase in an amount not to exceed 2.50% over the 2019 Kenosha County general purpose property tax levy. This levy objective shall apply to the operating and debt levy in accord with Kenosha County Financial Policy Management Statement – Annual County Budget Advisory Levy Objective as approved by the County Board.

Approved by:

Finance & Administration Committee

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2020 ADVISORY LEVY FORECAST

Finance & Administration Committee Presentation

July 2019

| Anticipated Increases in Levy- Fixed Costs/Cost to Continue | | |
|---|----------------|------------|
| Personnel expense increases (Salaries/OT/Temp) | | 1,800,000 |
| Health/Prescription Insurance cost increase | \$ | 1,100,000 |
| Increase in Debt Service | \$ | 1,100,000 |
| Sheriff non-personnel operating expense increase | \$ | 375,000 |
| Human Services non-personnel operating expense increase | \$ | 275,000 |
| Public Works operating levy increase | \$ | 200,000 |
| Joint Services levy increase | \$ \$ \$ | 150,000 |
| IT Data Processing Costs | | 125,000 |
| Liability Insurance increase | \$ | 125,000 |
| Total Projected Levy Increase- Costs to Continue | | 5,250,000 |
| Potential Decreases in Levy | | |
| Sales Tax Revenue | \$ | 500,000 |
| Other Unknown Revenue Sources - TBD | \$ \$ \$ | 500,000 |
| Potential Levy Decreases Total | | 1,000,000 |
| Net Projected Potential Increase to Levy | \$ | 4,250,000 |
| 2020 County General Purpose Levy @ 2.50% | \$ | 68,606,525 |
| 2019 County Levy | \$ | 66,933,195 |
| Increase in Dollars | \$ | 1,673,330 |
| Total Projected Levy Increase | \$ | 4,250,000 |
| Total Expenditures to Cut / Revenue Increase to achieve advisory levy | \$ | 2,576,670 |
| Advisory Levy Percentage | | 2.50% |
| New Construction Actual (2018) | | 3.18% |
| Projected Levy Increase for County homeowner | | -0.68% |
| Last 12 month CPI-U percentage (through June 2019) | | 1.80% |
| Inflation Adjusted Increase/(Decrease) | | -2.48% |

Estimated Taxes on \$100,000 Home in 2020 - Adjusted for Inflation 2019 - \$475.31 2020 Estimate - \$463.52

Fiscal Note

Levy Objective Benchmark

It is estimated that adopting a levy objective of 2.50% adjusted for inflation would result in a reduction in taxes to the County home owner.

This estimate is arrived at as follows: Using 3.18% as an estimate of new construction increase, a levy of 2.50% would result in a .68% decrease in levy for the County homeowner. The Consumer Price Index (CPI) for the last 12 months ending June 2019 was 1.80%. Applying a 1.80% CPI decrease to the rate results in an inflation-adjusted decrease of 2.48% or approximately \$11.79 for a \$100,000 home.

Fiscal Impact of Levy Objective

The Administration estimates that in order to achieve the example of a 2.50% levy increase, it would be necessary to increase revenue or reduce spending by a combined net total of \$2.576 million. This estimate does **NOT** include potentially material additional costs that could influence this amount negatively. These factors include but are **NOT** limited to State budget changes causing added unfunded mandates, higher Human Services juvenile placement costs, current bargaining unit negotiations, and any wage adjustments for County employees resulting from job market pressures. It is not known at this time whether this advisory levy amount would impact programs or services. The Administration will identify this as part of the budget process as necessary. There are presently no new County Board adopted programs that would impact the 2020 levy.

Debt Service

Debt service shall be included as part of the levy objective. Debt service is currently projected to increase \$1,100,000 in 2020.