



**2018 Annual Report
of the County Administrator**

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April 16, 2019



BUILDING COMMUNITY

Partnerships

Connections

**Perception of Common
Enterprise**

INFORMING POLICY AND PRACTICE

- Dual functions: general purpose unit of local government and administrative arm of the state.
- Strategic thinking, mission, vision & values
 - Good Stewards of County Resources
 - Fiscally Responsible
 - Responsive to Our Citizens
 - Open and Accountable
 - Innovative
- Resources for the learning organization
 - Partnerships
 - Research
 - County Board Resources
 - Forward Analytics

A Closer Look Inside Your Economy

Mark Lange & Ross Parks
Institute for Business & Entrepreneurship

UW System
August 2018



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GOVERNMENT
INSTITUTE
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BRINGING LOCAL GOVERNMENTS TOGETHER TO SERVE



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LEISURE AND EDUCATION

HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES

TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC WORKS

PUBLIC SAFETY

JUDICIAL

CONSERVATION & ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

PUBLIC SERVICES

LEISURE AND EDUCATION

- WI DNR grant and **EC Ski Striders** - LED light updates and 3km of additional lights at Tower Ridge Ski trails.
- WI DNR and **National Wild Turkey Federation** - 41 acres added to the county forest.
- WI DNR - Rehab of over 3.5 miles of our ATV trail system.
- Shared Horticultural agent; shared Community Development agent - *Eau Claire County Community needs assessment to determine programming areas, priorities and plan of work*



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2018 IN REVIEW

HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES

- **Child Support**
 - \$200K for out of home placements.
 - \$16.1 M for families.
 - Free children's books to clients.
 - Partnered with Workforce Resources hosting monthly job fairs.
- **Human Services - Family **Connections** are ALWAYS Preserved and Strengthened**
 - Becoming a Trauma Informed Organization (focus on recovery)
- **Invited to be a Member of National Cohort with Alia, Child Welfare system reform**
- **Community based Youth Services to respond to moderate and high risk youth. In first 8 months of program - SPARK**
 - Prevented court action 10 out of 11 youth in program
 - Prevented a residential placement (\$11.8K / mo.)
 - Reduced non-secure placement by 64%
 - Reduced secure (detention) placements by 47%

2018 in review

HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES

■ Behavioral Health Services

- Onsite Outpatient Mental Health Clinic – therapy, psychiatry, and medication management services
- Crisis Intervention –diversion of hospitalization / jail
 - Goal - stabilization
 - 211 call – child threatening suicide

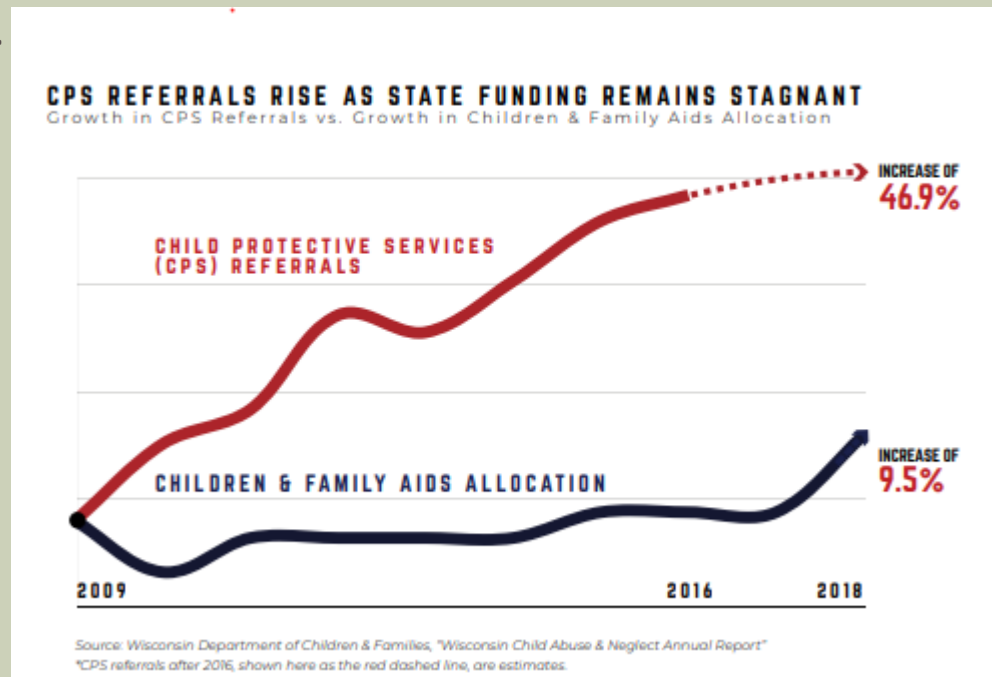
■ Sheriff Department/Jail

- Economic Support Services to those in jail – connection to health care before leaving jail
- Providing Social Worker to work with individuals preparing to reenter the community from the jail

2018 in review

HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES

- CCS - NEED continues. Individuals across the life span; multiple services, for individuals with mental illness and/or substance abuse diagnosis. Diversions of hospitalizations and Alternate Care placements.
 - \$4.6M in MA funding.
- CPS – under-funded state program



2018 in review

HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES

- Co-located ADRC and Veteran Services – ease of access, expanded service.
- Caregiver support group that is fully operational by caregivers.
- No-fee transportation option for qualified senior and disabled clients; and continuation of paratransit service with community partners.
- Community Health Assessment and Community Health Improvement Plan for Eau Claire County
 - Collaboratively completed with the health department, 3 health care institutions, and United Way.
 - Priorities being addressed by Action Teams: Mental Health, Substance Misuse, Chronic Disease, High Risk Drinking Prevention, Oral Health, Healthy Relationships.

2018 in review

TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC WORKS

- Eau Claire and Chippewa counties - Chippewa Valley Regional Airport.
 - 2018, the airport served 47,262 total airline passengers which was up 5% over 2017.
 - 21,986 aircraft operations which is a 9% increase over 2017.
- Maintain roads for county, state and some towns.
- GIS asset management for Highway.
 - 690 lane miles of highway; 80 Local Bridges; 5,628 Driveways; 695 Intersections; 418 Barriers/Guardrail Locations; 7,898 signs
- Co-hosted the 1st Electronic Collection Event (TV, Computers, Laptops, Fridges, Keyboards, Freezers) with First Choice Recycling. :
 - CRT TVs 19,296 lbs.
 - E Waste 16,999 lbs.
 - Dehumidifier Freon 5,145 lbs.
 - Fridge and Freezers 2,850 lbs.
 - 385 vehicles were served.

2018 in review

JUDICIAL & PUBLIC SAFETY

■ Case filings

■ % change 2008 to 2018

- CF = **122.48%**
- CM = - 31.20%
- CT = - 56.71%

■ 2008 CF 863
 CM 2186
 CT 924
 Total 3973

■ 2018 CF 1920
 CM 1504
 CT 400
 Total 3824



Jail Average
 Daily
 Population

2008 = 261
 2017 = 276
 2018 = 291



Bookings

2008 = 5912
 2017 = 4914
 2018 = 4973

2018 in review

CONSERVATION AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

- Land conservation
 - Eau Claire Watershed Coalition and WI DNR grants totaling over \$500,000 – water quality improvement projects
- West Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission 2017-2027 Bicycle and Pedestrian plan developed by the Chippewa-Eau Claire Metropolitan Planning Area,
 - Assisted with the creation of the Chippewa Valley Bike Routes 1,085 signs will be installed in 2019



2018 in review

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

- **Property Fraud Alert** Alert system will notify subscribers anytime there is recording activity in the Register of Deeds office associated with their name. Sign up available on the **county website** under online services or on Register of Deeds main page or at www.PROPERTYFRAUDALERT.com
- **Official Record Online** Obtain certified copies of a birth, marriage or death records and/or land records online.
- **Circuit Court eFILING** - All circuit court case types are either voluntary or mandatory eFiling.
- **Secure, Accurate Voting**
 - Easy to use (poll workers, voters); Efficient (quicker results); Adaptive (in-house printing); Accurate (audit-100% match)
- **Community outreach and recruitment**—between our social media presence (FB, Instagram), school contacts and hosting our first ever County wide recruitment fair.

2018 in review

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

- Green / sustainable practices
 - Energy efficiency / conservation - LED Light Fixtures, HVAC equipment, expanding building automation, energy conservation.
 - Expanded Solar Energy Capacity from XCEL Energy bringing total to 125kW or power purchased
- Local Government Institute – Cities of Altoona and Eau Claire, Creative Economy – strategic visioning (as a component of building community)
- Eau Claire County Warning System -Cities of Altoona and Eau Claire, and ECC - mass notification system
 - National Weather Service (NWS) alerts; warnings for evacuation or shelter-in-place; missing persons; unplanned road closures
 - Sign-up: smart911.com/smart911/ref/reg.action?pa=eauclaire <http://tinyurl.com/eauclairesmart911>
- Emergency management 24 / 7 duty officer; Operations Center
 - Trainings and exercises

2018 in review

FUTURE CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES

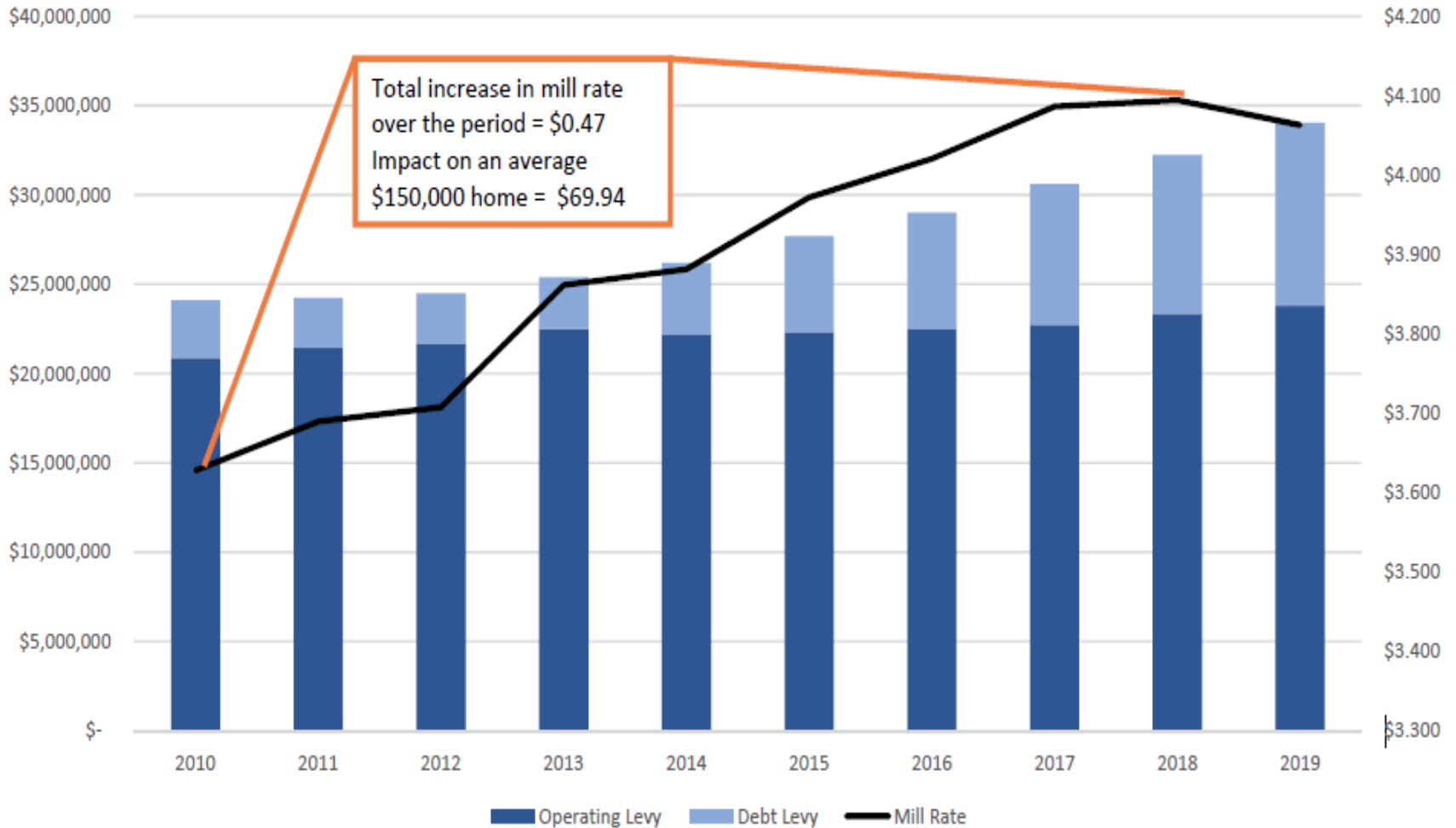
- Revenue Constraints
- Mental Health
- Circuit court volume and Jail population
- Children in protective service (Under-funded by the state in 2018 by approximately 2.8 million)
- Local Innovation applied to state-wide issues
 - State leader in criminal justice reform
 - Piloting child welfare reform
- Maintaining essential service

Operations & Capital

- Uses:
 - Day-to-day expenses
 - Funding Sources:
 - Tax levy
 - Sales tax
 - Grants and Aids
 - Service Fees
 - Limits
 - Percentage of net new construction or zero, whichever is greater
- Uses:
 - Long-term investment
 - Real property
 - Infrastructure
 - Major software systems
 - Funding Sources:
 - Bonding (Debt)
 - Fund balance
 - Limits
 - Policy Decision on taxpayers ability to pay and desired debt load

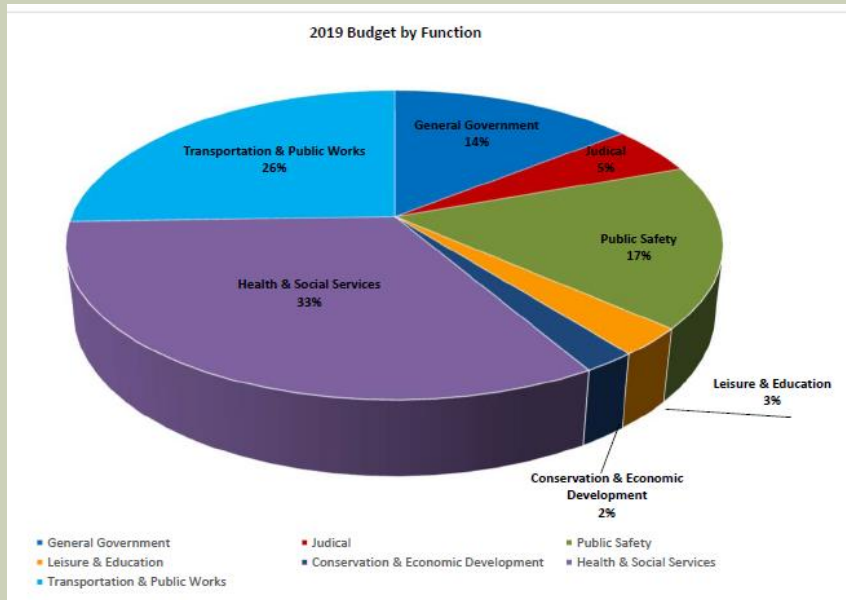
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Levy History

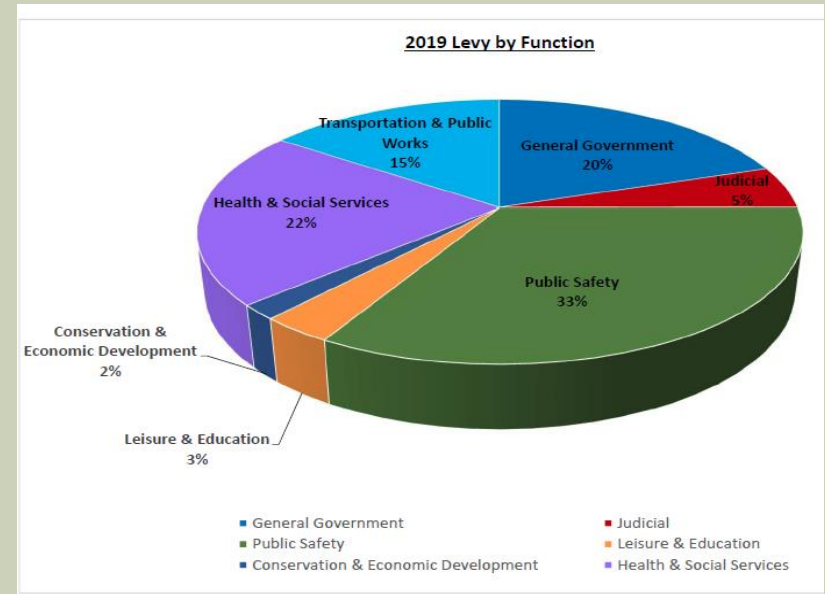


EXPENDITURE

Total Expenditure



Levy



THE COUNTY ORGANIZATION

Elected Officials

Great
Team
Employee
Award
Staff
Leading

Building Community

COMMUNITY



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