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To: County Board of Commissioners

From: County Administration  
County Finance

Date: August 22, 2022

Re: 2023 Preliminary Levy

**Summary:**

Minnesota State Statute established September 30 as the deadline for the County to certify to the County Auditor the proposed property tax levy for taxes payable in the following year. The final levy (which can be lower, not higher than the preliminary levy) will be approved by the board at the December board meeting.

**Background:**

The county board was presented with the 1<sup>st</sup> draft budget and levy request for 2023 as follows:

2023 preliminary budget = \$81,444,546

2023 preliminary levy = **\$43,923,181**

Since that time, the board has met in two budget workshops and discussed options to reduce the levy, yet continue to move the county forward. Following those workshops, the below changes have been made to the proposed 2023 budget and levy request:

**Reductions**

- ✓ Moved fleet vehicles to 2024 (\$96,000).
- ✓ Moved Everglades Boat & Trailer to 2024 (\$215,000). Plan to apply for grant in 2024 to fund a portion.

**Additions**

- ✓ Increased Memorandum of Agreement by .25 FTE for the 4-H Coordinator position \$20,000.
- ✓ Increased commissioner per diems \$15,000

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Additional revenue sources:

- ✓ Increased interest revenues \$100,000.
- ✓ Increased CPI revenues \$41,516.
- ✓ MCIT special distribution check \$150,000.
- ✓ Use of Public Works fund balance \$500,000.

With these modifications, the current levy request is \$42,855,665. This represents an increase of \$2,716,853 (6.77%) over the approved 2022 levy.

There were also discussions about increasing the balance in the county's building contingency fund by \$200,000 with the goal being to maintain a balance of \$1,500,000 in that fund moving forward. If the board chooses to move in that direction, options to consider would be to use fund balance or ARPA dollars. If the board would choose to levy for the additional \$200,000, that would increase the current levy request to \$43,055,665, which is an increase of \$2,916,853 (7.27%) over the approved 2022 levy.

**Recommendation:**

Staff recommends the board approve the following resolution establishing the 2023 Goodhue County preliminary property tax levy for 2023:

**WHEREAS**, Goodhue County Department Heads have submitted proposed 2023 department budgets which included anticipated revenues and expenditures; and

**WHEREAS**, The County Administrator has compiled all 2023 funding requests, revised, and presented said requests to the County Board; and

**NOW THEREFORE IT IS RESOLVED**, That the Goodhue County Board of Commissioners does hereby certify to the County Auditor-Treasurer and the State of Minnesota the proposed preliminary property tax levy for 2023:

Total Levy                \$\_\_\_\_\_

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the County Auditor-Treasurer hereby certify the above referenced Preliminary levy to the Minnesota Department of Revenue.