



# KEWAUNEE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S OFFICE

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### **Kewaunee County Board of Supervisors Adopts 2019 Budget**

KEWAUNEE, WI – The Kewaunee County Board of Supervisors has adopted the 2019 Kewaunee County Budget approving \$22,783,968 in total expenditures.

Highlights in the next fiscal budget include, a drop in the tax rate from \$7.30 to \$7.25 per \$1,000 of equalized value, which means the County portion of property taxes will be \$6.55 less for a \$150,000 home. This is partially due to a decrease in total budget expenditures of approximately \$1.7 million from 2018 to 2019. Part of the reduction is due to the operational expenses at the Kewaunee County Landfill declining from an average cost of \$1.4 million per year to an estimated expense of \$63,000, as a result of its closure.

Meanwhile, Kewaunee County will be committing \$40,000 to fund Kewaunee County Economic Development Corporation (KCEDC) in 2019 as well as \$25,000 towards Kewaunee County staff productivity training.

The Kewaunee County Board of Supervisors has also committed to take the first step in broadband internet access expansion by developing a committee made up of board supervisors and the public to discuss and research the issue before designating a set amount of money towards the project. Therefore, a majority vote removed the \$1 million earmarked in the administrator's proposed 2019 budget.

“The need for improved broadband service has been affirmed by letters of support, public comment and online polls taken by Kewaunee County and the Kewaunee County Economic Development Corporation,” says Robert Weidner, Kewaunee County Board of Supervisors Chairman. “The county is collaborating with KCEDC to jointly advance the effort to bring better internet service and capacity at a reasonable cost to consumers.”

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