

levy minimum for Verona library

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2018 EXEMPT MINIMUM LEVY.pdf;

Hi Jon,

I want to fill you on an issue that has emerged with the 2018 Verona library budget as it will also come up at the Dane County Library Board.

Due to the increased valuation of the City of Verona, the minimum city appropriation for the library in order to be exempt from the county library tax spiked dramatically for 2018 (from \$783,630 in 2017 to \$1,101,693 in 2018).

As soon as I got this information from Tracy Herold, I asked if the minimum could include the debt service payment as well as the operating budget. To make a long story short, we got word today from DPI that it is up to the individual county. As long as the county and city are in agreement, then the debt service can be included to meet the minimum requirement. Tracy is planning to make the Dane County Library Board aware of the situation so they have the opportunity to raise any questions or concerns. According to Jon DeBacher at DPI, Mequon has had a similar situation in the past and used debt service to meet the exemption levels.

It would be challenging to increase the Verona library's 2017 budget request by several hundred thousand dollars at this point in the budget process so I am in favor of counting the debt payment this year and planning accordingly in future budget years, especially as we get closer to the debt being eliminated. [The Verona library board meets next week \(9/6\) and they plan to discuss this issue as well.](#)

Please let me know if you have questions or need further information. [I'm out of town Friday, but I'm available by cell phone at 608-575-7041.](#)

Thanks,
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