



**Eau Claire**  
C O U N T Y

## **2021 Address to Eau Claire Area Chamber of Commerce – with 2020 vision**

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JANUARY 29, 2021

# BEGINNINGS

Speak  
your  
Peace

The Civility Project

## STRATEGIC PLAN



### ENHANCE COMMUNITIES & THE QUALITY & EQUITY OF CITIZENS' LIVES

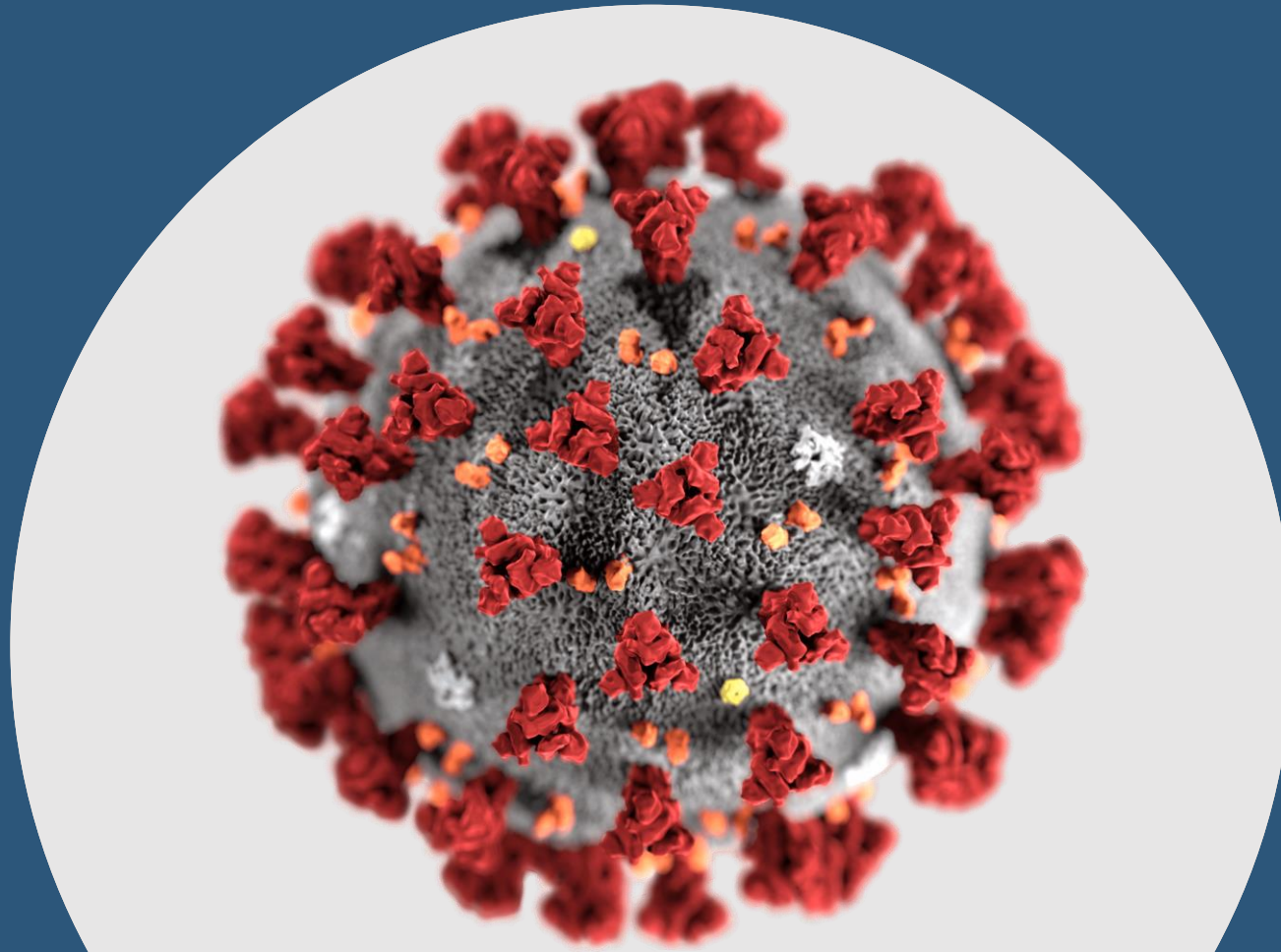
- Optimize residents' health and safety
- Protect and enhance our natural resources
- Provide and improve broadband services to rural parts of the county

### POSITIVE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

- Revitalize downtown
- Identify and develop new economic opportunities

# DISRUPTION

COVID-19 Pandemic



# RESPONSE AND RECOVERY

## Continuity of government

- Remote workforce
- Drop Box
- Electronic meetings
- Courts
- Bridge Plan – financial sustainability
- Focus on cybersecurity
- COVID-19 Taskforce – operations



## Community Well-Being

- Economic Recovery Taskforce
- Liaison for local government COVID-19 response
- CARES and sharing
- Wisconsin Counties Association

# ENHANCED CUSTOMER SERVICE

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# EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

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Tyler Esh – Emergency Management  
Coordinator


Eric Killen Veterans Service Officer

All-Hazards Planning

Business Continuity

Training

Disaster Ready Chippewa Valley



# EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER (EOC) ACTIVITIES

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Coordinator

Eric Killen Veterans Service Officer

- **Situational Awareness**  
Gaining an understanding of what is happening.  
Requires good communications network
- **Information Management**  
Collect, evaluate, organize, display and distribute incident information.  
How do we accomplish this?
- **Communications**  
Establish staff and equip incident communications center  
How do we communicate with residents?
- **Incident Planning and Coordination**  
Elected Officials/Chief Executive provide policy level support  
Emergency Manager facilitates planning
- **Resource Management**  
Acquire, assign and track resources  
Utilize procedures to access funds





# 2020 ELECTIONS

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Sue McDonald – *County Clerk*

- **Jan-Feb:**  
Normal Spring Primary activity
- **Mar-April:**  
Covid strikes- Spring Election
- **May-July:**  
Increased Planning/prep for fall
- **August-September:**  
Fall Primary - high alert
- **October-December:**  
Presidential Election





# JAIL OPERATIONS

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Captain Dave *Riewestahl*  
*Eau Claire County Sheriff's Office*

Planning and Preparation

Prevention

Manage

Vaccination

# ECONOMIC INDICATORS

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## EAU CLAIRE COUNTY: ECONOMIC INDICATORS

### PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT

Total Building Permit Numbers:

- **208** issued in **2020** compared to **231** in **2019**

Land Use Permits Issued:

- **365** land use permits were issued in **2020** compared to **348** in **2019**

Building Permits Issued (New Residential Permits):

- **84** building permits issued in **2020** compared to **85** in **2019**

Conditional Use Permit Applications Processed:

- **23** permits issued in **2020** compared to **19** in **2019**

Rezoning Petition Applications Processed:

- **27** permits issued in **2020** compared to **24** in **2019**

Total Estimated Valuation:

- **\$34,408,879** in **2020** compared to **\$33,874,618** in **2019**

Total Building Permit Revenue:

- **\$173,882** in **2020** compared to **\$181,100** in **2019**

### REVENUE

2019	2020
\$146,975,491	\$136,880,411

### FINES & FORFEITURES

2019	2020
\$374,573	\$261,146

### SALES TAX COLLECTED

2019	2020
\$10,641,541	\$10,026,665

### PROPERTY TAXES UNCOLLECTED

2019	2020
\$1,660,212	\$1,148,101

\*Q4 represents preliminary data

### TIMBER SALES

2019	2020
\$890.060	\$920,155

### FORECLOSURES

2019	2020
62	54

### Tax Deeds

County Clerk is collecting for **2016** taxes in **2020**. Currently there are **27** parcels unpaid. A typical year would have less than **10** parcels unpaid at the end of the year

## COUNTY FINANCES

### UNEMPLOYMENT DATA

Initial unemployment Claims

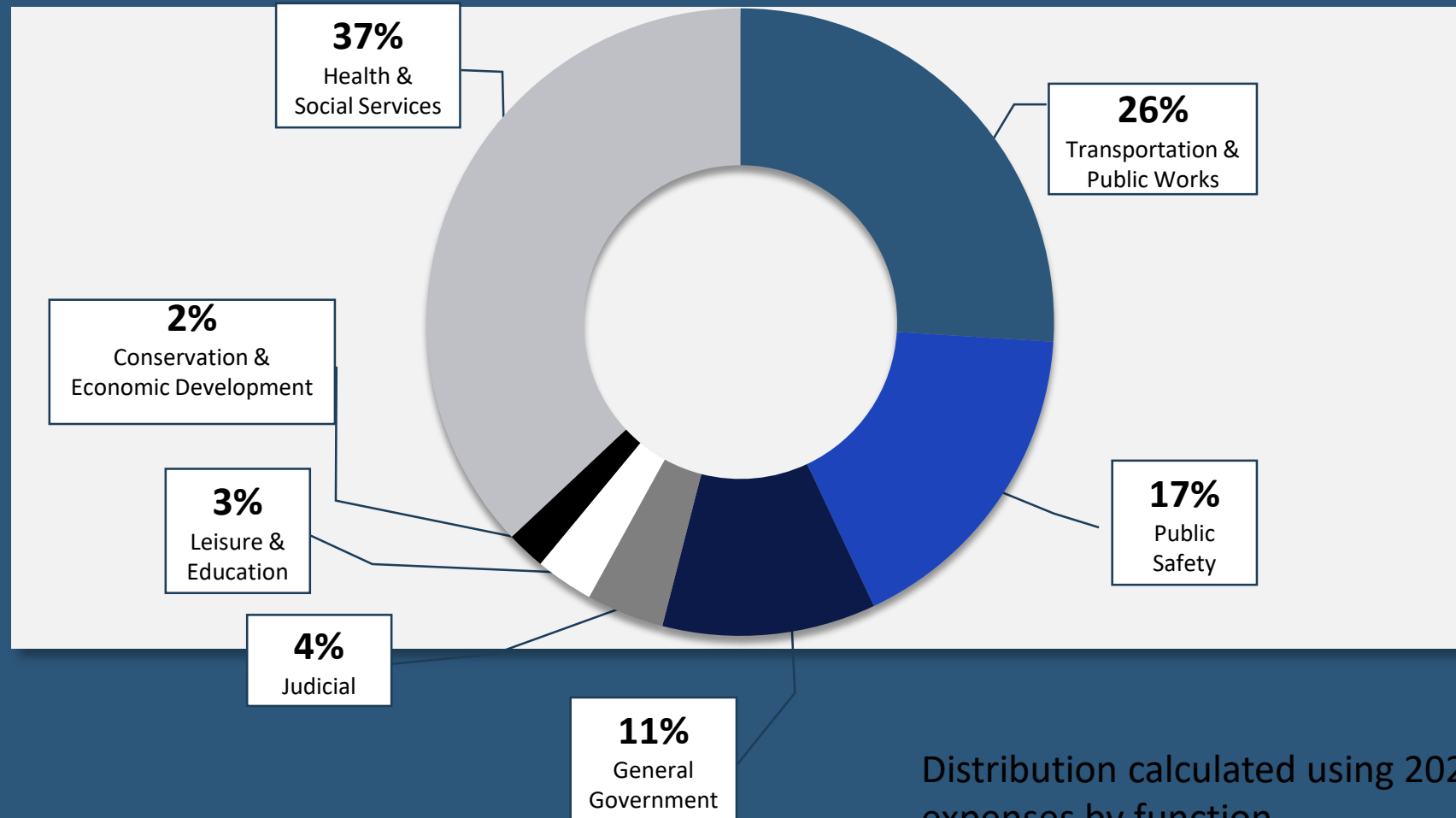
- **20,437** in **2020** compared to **4,531** in **2019**

Unemployment Rate in Eau Claire County

- **3.80%** in November **2020** compared to **2.50%** in November **2019**

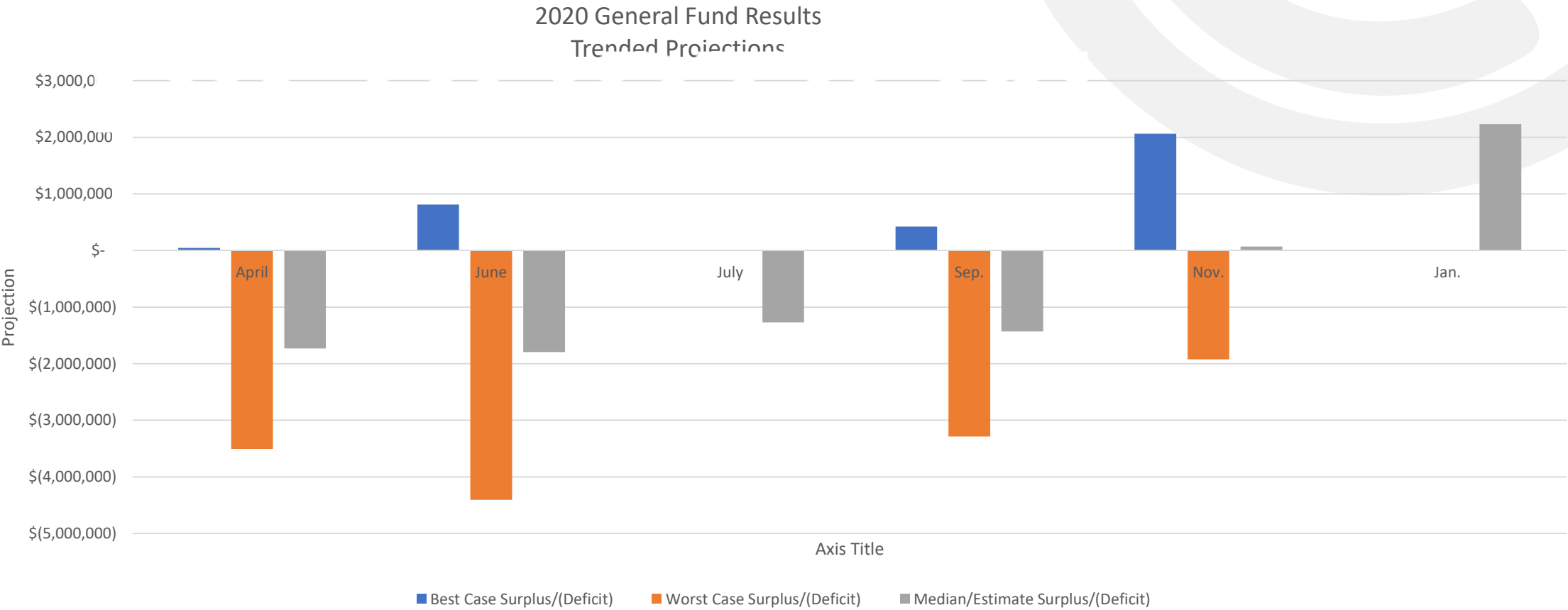
Data Source: Wisconsin Unemployment Insurance Initial and Weekly Claims Filed - Wisconsin Unemployment Insurance

# SERVICES



Distribution calculated using 2020 budgeted expenses by function.

# BY THE NUMBERS



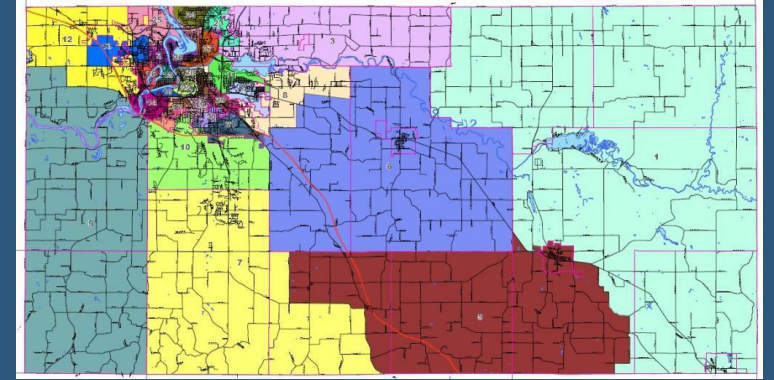


# CONTINUING THE WORK

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# LAUNCHING NEW BEGINNINGS

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**2021:**  
**DISRUPTION**  
continued &  
interrupted



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