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 (“Obama Makes Wisconsin Picks For Usda,” [The Capital Times](#), 6/30/09)

Pfaff voted in favor of the FY 2007 La Crosse County Budget which raised the property tax levy by 7.95%:

- **In November 2006, The La Crosse County Board of Supervisors approved a \$177.9 million spending plan that raised the property tax levy by 7.95% to \$25.92 Million.** “- A larger than normal number of supervisors made symbolic votes Monday night against La Crosse County's 2007 budget. Eleven of the 35 supervisors voted against the \$177.9 million spending plan, compared with five dissenters last year. But when it came time to actually raise the taxes to pay for that budget Tuesday morning, only Supervisor Ralph Geary voted no. The county's property tax levy will increase 7.95 percent, to \$25.92 million, in 2007, but like fuel economy ratings, your mileage may vary. Because of growth in the tax base, the county's tax rate will decrease from \$3.74 this year to \$3.70 in 2007. Those lucky enough to have avoided property reassessment will see a small decrease in their bills, while those with higher property values will likely see slightly higher bills. Supervisors looked a bit bleary-eyed Tuesday morning after a marathon session Monday night, when they approved County Administrator Steve O'Malley's budget without major spending cuts.” (“County Board Raises Tax Levy 7.95 Percent,” [La Crosse Tribune](#), 11/15/06) ([PDF](#))
- **Pfaff voted for the FY 2007 Budget; in order for the budget to be paid for required the raising of the property tax levy by 7.95%.** “Amendment to use sales tax reserves instead of borrowing, failed 15-20: Yes: Ralph Geary Jr., Gerald Sebranek, Leon Pfaff, Andrea Richmond, Patrick Schippers, Ray Ebert, Bernie Maney, Lyell Montgomery, Donald Bina, Jeffrey Schroeder, Jim Berns, George Hammes, Charles Spiker, Joe Bilskemper, Terry Hanson. No: Roger Plesha, Sharon Hampson, Brian Kapanke,

Margaret Wood, Jill Billings, Keith Belzer, Jacie Gamroth, Maureen Freedland, John Medinger, Tom Rauk, Jason Gillett, Robert Keil, Jai Johnson, James Ehrsam, Donald Meyer, Tara Johnson, Vicki Burke, Steve Doyle, Ann Fisher, Brad Pfaff. 2007 budget, passed 24-11: Yes: Plesha, Sebranek, Hampson, Kapanke, Wood, Billings, L. Pfaff, Belzer, Gamroth, Freedland, Medinger, Rauk, Gillett, Keil, J. Johnson, Ebert, Ehrsam, Meyer, T. Johnson, Burke, Doyle, Bilskemper, Fisher, B. Pfaff. No: Geary, Richmond, Schippers, Maney, Montgomery, Bina, Schroeder, Berns, Hammes, Spiker, Hanson.”
 (“County Board Raises Tax Levy 7.95Percent,” [La Crosse Tribune](#), 11/15/06) (PDF)

Editor’s Note: Refer to the bullet directly above to see how the raising of the property tax levy by 7.95% is connected to the FY 2007 budget. According to that *La Crosse Tribune* article, every supervisor but one (who was not Brad Pfaff) approved the raising of the property tax levy.

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- **In 2006, Pfaff pushed support for a referendum to raise taxes for road construction projects.** “La Crosse County voters could face a referendum next spring on raising taxes to pay for road construction projects. Dealing with the state's property tax freeze is making the county explore other ways to deal with the rising cost of providing services, including a referendum, short-term borrowing and controlling personnel costs. "You can't have asphalt prices go up 30 percent and cap taxes at 2.7 percent and do the same things," County Administrator Steve O'Malley told the county board Monday. Wisconsin is in the second year of a two-year "tax freeze," which limits new taxes to growth in new construction, estimated to be 2.8 percent in 2007. That translates into just more than \$542,000 in new revenue, compared with general government costs that are expected to rise by up to \$3.7 million in 2007. "The brain trust in Madison thinks we're supposed to go into referendum politics" for permission to raise taxes, O'Malley said. Supervisor John Medinger expressed skepticism about whether voters in the city of La Crosse would support a referendum for roads out in the county. But Supervisor Tara Johnson called the idea of a road referendum "brilliant" because everybody uses them, rather than human services or public health. Supervisor Brad Pfaff suggested working with road builders, tourism officials and Realtors to build support for a referendum. A referendum in the spring wouldn't help fix the 2007 budget but would help in 2008, O'Malley said.” (“County Could Turn To Tax Referendum For Road Work,” [La Crosse Tribune](#), 8/8/06) (PDF)