

## Strategic Issue Grading Sheet

N= 20; blanks were not included as zero(s).

*What are the key issues that need to be addressed within the next two years?*

0=least important over next two years, 4=issue is essential to achieving vision / mission

Strategic Issue				
		Low critical	Neutral	Very critical
<b>A</b>	Development of Rural Areas - (ie: Broadband, cottage industries)	Average = 2.82		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Build our economy without sacrificing our rural values or assets</li> </ul>	3	7	10
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Protecting and understanding property rights to ensure a sustainable tax base.</li> </ul>	3	5	12
<b>B</b>	Conserve and protect agricultural lands and natural resources.	Average = 3.13		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Comprehensive sign ordinance</li> </ul>	7	9	4
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>County as a property owner, and the role in stewardship and economic development.</li> </ul>	5	8	7
<b>C</b>	Use of technology Coordinated development of property tax information, incorporation of GIS mapping	Average = 2.84		
<b>D</b>	Resource development: Employee / staff (ie: County-wide training and continuing education / development, employee wages and benefits, retirees)	Average = 2.82		
<b>E</b>	Transit / transportation (ie: infrastructure maintenance and development of alternatives)	Average = 2.35		
<b>F</b>	Access to health care (ie: dental, continuum of care)	Average = 2.40		
<b>G</b>	Implementation in county operations of emerging technologies: (ie: green)	Average = 2.58		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>County's role in emerging technologies within community at large.</li> </ul>	5	8	7
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Energy independence. Development of the use of alternative fuel sources. Consideration of an anaerobic methane digester system as an electric energy source for many of the farms and households in the county</li> </ul>	8	4	8

	Strategic Issue	Rank each item on a scale from 0 – 4.	Rank level of criticality to strategic issue.		
			Low critical	Neutral	Very critical
<b>H</b>	Intergovernmental responsibility: (ie: Clean Sweep, voter registration);	Average = 3.00			
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Increased cooperation with other levels of government.</li> </ul>		0	9	11
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Identify opportunities to educate and interact with other levels of government and the constituency.</li> </ul>		3	7	10
<b>I</b>	Role of culture / arts / humanities / education (ie: libraries)	Average = 2.82			
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Tourism: promoting regional, inexpensive, family things; work with our neighboring counties.</li> </ul>		3	8	9
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Connect recreation and geo-tourism with the historic cultural and artistic milieu of Sauk County.</li> </ul>		5	9	6
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Role of higher education in county (Campus Housing)</li> </ul>		6	6	8
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sustain and enhance rural values and quality of life.</li> </ul>		2	10	8
<b>J</b>	Develop a concrete, interdepartmental and intergovernmental approach to implementing the county's Comprehensive Plan.	Average = 2.78			
<b>K</b>	Reorganization of County Government to promote efficiency and cost savings.	Average = 3.30			
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Proactively address emerging trends to maintain organizational flexibility.</li> </ul>		2	4	13
<b>L</b>	County as a service provider	Average = 3.06			
	Serious mandate review, identifying those which have lost relevancy.		1	4	14
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Identifying and prioritizing the needs of our citizens. (For example: "critical," "essential," "desired")</li> </ul>		1	7	11
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Adjustments to State restrictions on levy funding and reductions in State support</li> </ul>		1	3	15
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>County as a safety net for vulnerable populations.</li> </ul>		4	7	8
<b>M</b>	Sauk County operation of a nursing home.	Average = 2.99			
<b>N</b>	Alternatives to land spreading of septage, (contents of septic tanks)	Average = 2.11			