



Milwaukee County

Meeting Minutes Committee on Community, Environment and Economic Development

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Monday, September 8, 2025

9:30 AM

Room 201-B and Microsoft Teams
County Legislative Information Center

HYBRID MEETING

This meeting was held in Room 201-B and was live-streamed on the County Legislative Information Center: <https://milwaukeecounty.legistar.com/Calendar.aspx>

Call To Order

Roll Call at 9:30 a.m.

Present 5 - Gómez-Tom, Logsdon, Shea, Capriolo and Taylor (17)

Supervisor Steven Shea appeared virtually for today's meeting.

PUBLIC HEARING - 1

- 1 [25-578](#) 2026 Annual Plan for Use of CDBG and HOME Funds Public Notice
**(INFORMATIONAL ONLY UNLESS OTHERWISE DIRECTED BY
THE COMMITTEE)**

Attachments: [25-578 PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE](#)
[25-578 REVISED PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE \(received 08/21/25\)](#)
[25-578 REPORT](#)

APPEARANCES:

James "Jim" Mathy, Administrator, Housing Services (HS), Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS)
Diane Tsounis, Housing Program Manager - HOME and Community Development Block Grant, HS, DHHS, and Applicant
Clarence H. Kinnard, Committee Coordinator, Legislative Services, Office of the County Clerk
Daniel "Dan" Idzikowski, Director, Aging Services, DHHS, and Applicant (virtually)
Celia Benton, Director, Economic Development, Department of Administrative Services, and Applicant

The following people appeared and spoke for information only regarding this Public Hearing:

JJ Larson, City Administrator, City of Cudahy, and Applicant (virtually)
Lisa Huening, Administrative Project Assistant, City of Franklin, and Applicant (virtually)
Scott Jaquish, Parks and Recreation Director, City of Greenfield, and Applicant (virtually)
Rachael Schmidt, City of South Milwaukee, and Applicant (virtually)
Bill Pinnow, Senior Project Manager, MSA Professional Services, and Applicant (virtually)
Veraunica Ruffin, Program Director, Eras Senior Network, Inc., and Applicant (virtually)
Jayme Perez, Substance Abuse Counselor, Flourish Sober Living, and Applicant (virtually)
Matt King, Chief Executive Officer (CEO), Hunger Task Force, Inc., and Applicant
Carolyn Parkinson, Chief Operating Officer, IMPACT, Inc., and Applicant (virtually)
Dan Fleischman, Vice President of Housing and Interim CEO, Jewish Family Services, and Applicant (virtually)
Abrielle R. Newman, Attorney, Legal Action of Wisconsin, Inc., and Applicant (virtually)
Megan Wanke, Administrative Services Manager, Metropolitan Milwaukee Fair Housing Council, Inc., and Applicant
Becky Rowland, Public Health Officer, North Shore Health Department, and Applicant (virtually)
Dana Bigelow, Captain, Salvation Army - Oak Creek, and Applicant (virtually)

Melanie Faure, Community Impact Manager, Upwards, Inc., and Applicant (virtually)
Emma Baumgartner, Operations Coordinator, Village of Bayside, and Applicant (virtually)
Derrick Danner, Finance Director/Treasurer, Village of Brown Deer, and Applicant (virtually)
Sue Reynolds, Administrative Assistant, Village of Fox Point, and Applicant (virtually)
Mike Hawes, Village Manager, Village of Greendale, and Applicant (virtually)
Thalia Mendez, Regional Director - Milwaukee, Wisconsin Women's Business Initiative Corporation, and Applicant
Philip Connelly, Executive Director, Grand Avenue Club, and Applicant (virtually)
Nicholas Molina, Chief Financial Development Officer, Voces de la Frontera, and Applicant (virtually)
Kayla Casto, Assistant Administrator, Village of West Milwaukee, and Applicant (virtually)

This Public Hearing was DISCUSSED WITH NO ACTION TAKEN.

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT (ED)
DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES (DAS) - 1**

- 2 [25-588](#) From the Economic Development Director, Department of Administrative Services requesting authorization to apply for, accept, and implement a Grant for a maximum amount of \$250,000 from the Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation for funding to provide Building Bridges Small Business Grants to help local small businesses acquire and expand their real estate footprint in Milwaukee County (**Referred to the Committees on Community, Environment, and Economic Development; and Finance**)

Attachments: [25-588 REPORT](#)
 [25-588 RESOLUTION](#)
 [25-588 FISCAL NOTE](#)

APPEARANCES:

Celia Benton, Director, Economic Development, Department of Administrative Services
Clarence H. Kinnard, Committee Coordinator, Legislative Services, Office of the County Clerk

A motion was made by Supervisor Gómez-Tom that this Action Report be **RECOMMENDED FOR ADOPTION**. The motion **PREVAILED** by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Gómez-Tom, Logsdon, Shea, Capriolo and Taylor (17)

**DAS /
OFFICE OF STRATEGY, BUDGET, AND PERFORMANCE - 1**

- 3 [25-582](#) A report from the Department of Administrative Services and Office of Strategy, Budget & Performance, providing an update on the Investing in Justice: Courthouse Complex project **(Considered by the Committees on Intergovernmental Relations; and Community, Environment, and Economic Development) (INFORMATIONAL ONLY UNLESS OTHERWISE DIRECTED BY THE COMMITTEE)**

Attachments: [25-582 REPORT](#)
 [25-582 POWERPOINT](#)

APPEARANCES:

Chief Judge Carl Ashley, First Judicial District, Combined Court Related Operations
Claire Miller, Senior Manager, Project Management Office (PMO), Office of Strategy, Budget, and Performance (OSBP)
Jeremy Lucas, Policy Director, PMO, OSBP
Aaron Hertzberg, Director, Department of Administrative Services
Erin Perkins, Project Manager, PMO, OSBP
Joseph "Joe" Lamers, Director, OSBP

This Informational Report was DISCUSSED WITH NO ACTION TAKEN.

**ED
DAS - 1**

- 4 [25-42](#) From the Director, Economic Development, Department of Administrative Services, providing an informational report regarding Milwaukee County property sales. **(INFORMATIONAL ONLY UNLESS OTHERWISE DIRECTED BY THE COMMITTEE)**

Attachments: [25-42 SEPTEMBER REPORT \(received 08/15/25\)](#)
 [25-42 REVISED SEPTEMBER REPORT \(received 09/08/25\)](#)

APPEARANCES:

Celia Benton, Director, Economic Development (ED), Department of Administrative Services (DAS)
Emily Streff, Project Manager, ED, DAS

The September Report and Revised September Report for this Reference File were DISCUSSED WITH NO ACTION TAKEN.

**OFFICE OF ECONOMIC INCLUSION
DAS - 1**

- 5 [25-22](#) From the Director, Office of Economic Inclusion, Department of Administrative Services, providing an informational report regarding participation and departmental waivers of Milwaukee County's Targeted Business Enterprise Program, and Federally-funded projects relative to Disadvantaged Business Enterprises and Airport Concession Disadvantaged Business Enterprises. **(Considered by the Committees on Transportation and Transit; and Community, Environment, and Economic Development) (INFORMATIONAL ONLY UNLESS OTHERWISE DIRECTED BY THE COMMITTEE)**

Attachments: [25-22 SEPTEMBER REPORT \(received 08/18/25\)](#)
[25-22 REVISED SEPTEMBER REPORT \(received 09/05/25\)](#)

APPEARANCE:

Lamont Robinson, Director, Office of Economic Inclusion, Department of Administrative Services

The September Report and Revised September Report for this Reference File were DISCUSSED WITH NO ACTION TAKEN.

E-COMMENTS - 1

- 6 [25-41](#) eComments submitted to the Committee on Community, Environment, and Economic Development via the County Legislative Information Center (CLIC).

*The Office of the County Clerk collects eComments submitted via CLIC, and appends these official public records to Reference File No. 25-41 at the conclusion of each meeting.

There were no appearances for Item 6.

There were no eComments submitted for the September 8, 2025, meeting.

The September 8, 2025, record of eComments was DISCUSSED WITH NO ACTION TAKEN.

The foregoing items were not considered in agenda order.

Length of Meeting: 9:30 a.m. to 11:48 a.m.

Adjourned,

**Clarence H. Kinnard
Committee Coordinator
Legislative Services, Office of the County Clerk
Committee on Community, Environment, and Economic Development**

Deadline for the next meeting:

The next regular meeting for the Committee on Community, Environment, and
Economic Development is Monday, December 8, 2025, at 9:30 a.m.

Approval Tracking System review must be completed in Legistar on or before
Friday, November 14, 2025, at 5:00 p.m., for the December meeting cycle.