



Milwaukee County

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Meeting Minutes Finance and Audit Committee - Budget

*Chairman Supervisor Johnny Thomas
Clerk: Carol Mueller, 278-4228
Research Analyst: Steve Cady, 278-4347*

Friday, October 14, 2011

9:00 AM

Room 203-R

Call To Order

Present 6 - Thomas, Johnson Jr., Mayo Sr., Romo West, De Bruin and Schmitt

1150 [11-426](#)

From the Milwaukee County Executive a communication on the 2012 proposed budget

Org 1150

Appearances:

Dennis Dietscher, Acting Director of Risk Management, DAS

Pat Farley, Director, Department of Administrative Services (DAS)

Mr. Dietscher provided comments and answered questions on this budget.

Supervisor De Bruin requested information prior to that budget being heard again as to the urgency for repairs of the stairs at the War Memorial.

1151 [11-426](#)

From the Milwaukee County Executive a communication on the 2012 proposed budget

Org 1151

Appearances:

Pat Farley, Director, Department of Administrative Services (DAS)

Pamela Bryant, Interim Fiscal and Budget Administrator, DAS

C. J. Pahl, Interim Assistant Fiscal and Budget Administrator, DAS

Ms. Bryant gave brief highlights of the budget. Ms. Pahl answered questions on this budget.

Supervisor Johnson requested the Department provide a job description with salary ranges for this highlevel position created in this budget.

1152 [11-426](#)

From the Milwaukee County Executive a communication on the 2012

proposed budget

Org 1152

Appearances:

Amos Owens, Purchasing Administrator, DAS

Pat Farley Director, Department of Administrative Services (DAS)

C. J. Pahl, Interim Assistant Fiscal and Budget Administrator, DAS

Tia Torhorst, Director of Legislative Affairs, County Executive Office

Jerry Heer, Director of Audit

Mr. Owens made comments on this budget. Mr. Farley provided an overview of the future changes happening to the duties of the enhanced department.

Supervisor De Bruin requested Audit working with DAS, find a more cost effective restructuring of the Procurement Department. Report back during the budget hearing sessions.

Supervisor Johnson requested the Department provide the County Board with a list of members of the Value Organization.

1160 [11-426](#)

From the Milwaukee County Executive a communication on the 2012 proposed budget

Org 1160

Appearances:

Pat Farley, Director, Department of Administrative Services (DAS)

Lauri Panella, Interim CIO, Information Management Services Division, DAS

Pamela Bryant, Interim Fiscal and Budget Administrator, DAS

Ms. Panella provided the highlights of this budget and answered questions.

1933 [11-426](#)

From the Milwaukee County Executive a communication on the 2012 proposed budget

Org 1933

Appearances:

Justin Rodriguez, Interim Capital Finance Manager, DAS

Craig Dillmann, Manager Real Estate Services, Department of Transportation and Public Works (DTPW)

Brian Taffora, Director, Economic Development, County Executive Office

Mr. Rodriguez provided comments regarding two new initiatives contained in this budget that pertain to land sales. Mr. Dillman answered questions related to real estate issues. Mr. Taffora provided insight into the role of the Economic Development Department as it relates to land sales.

Supervisor De Bruin requested the Department provide the supervisors, by early next week, with a list of potential properties that may generate revenues for this budget without compromising sale strategies.

1930 [11-426](#)

From the Milwaukee County Executive a communication on the 2012 proposed budget

Org 1130

Appearances:

Kimberly Walker, Corporation Counsel

Mark Grady, Deputy Corporation Counsel

Ms. Walker gave a brief overview of this budget. Ms. Walker stated that requests for legal opinion through Corporation should be by the referral process which is; the full County Board, the County Board Chairman or through a Committee. Supervisors had many questions and concerns regarding this policy. Mr. Grady said there is a policy included in Chapter 1, Section 1.15 of the County Ordinances. Supervisor Johnson suggested that this policy should be in writing and be heard by the Judiciary Committee for clarification and possible changes to procedures or policy.

1961 [11-426](#)

From the Milwaukee County Executive a communication on the 2012 proposed budget

Org 1961

Appearance:

C. J. Pahl, Interim Assistant Fiscal and Budget Administrator, DAS

Ms. Pahl stated this budget contains a one time charge in regards to a lawsuit settlement that requires property taxes collected by Wauwatosa for a specific property be repaid.

1019 [11-426](#)

From the Milwaukee County Executive a communication on the 2012 proposed budget

Org 1019

Appearances:

Don Natzke, Director, Office for Persons with Disabilities

Pat Farley, Director, Department of Administrative Services (DAS)

Mr. Natzke gave an overview and answered questions on this budget.

2 [11-421](#)

From the Southeastern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission (SEWRPC), the 2012 Milwaukee County tax levy support for calendar year 2012.

A motion was made by Supervisor De Bruin that this Action Report be RECOMMENDED FOR ADOPTION during the County Board meeting to adopt

the 2012 Budget. The motion PREVAILED by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Thomas, Johnson Jr., Mayo Sr., Romo West, De Bruin and Schmitt

1912 [11-426](#)

From the Milwaukee County Executive a communication on the 2012 proposed budget

Org 1912

Appearances:

Paul Upchurch, President/CEO VISIT Milwaukee

Brian Taffora, Director Economic Development Department

Jerry Heer, Director of Audit

Pamela Bryant, Interim Fiscal and Budget Administrator, DAS

Vince Masterson, Fiscal and Management Analyst, DAS

Mr. Upchurch provided some background on conventions and tourism statistic that help Milwaukee County's sales tax revenue. Mr. Taffora spoke to the funding for VISIT Milwaukee being part of the DAS Department of Economic Development

Supervisor De Bruin requested that the funding for VISIT Milwaukee be shown as a line item in this and future budgets so that the funding is clearly shown, now that this funding has been absorbed into the newly developed DAS Department of Economic Development.

The Committee took a brief recess from 10:12 a.m. until 10:33 a.m. Another roll call was taken with all members present.

1110 [11-426](#)

From the Milwaukee County Executive a communication on the 2012 proposed budget

Org 1110

Appearances:

Candace Richards, Interim Director of Human Resources

Pat Farley, Director, Department of Administrative Services (DAS)

Ms. Richards provided comments on this budget.

1A017 [11-426](#)

From the Milwaukee County Executive a communication on the 2012 proposed budget

Org 1140

Appearance(s):

Candace Richardson, Interim Director, Department of Human Resources

Pat Farley, Director, Department of Administrative Services (DAS)

George Aldrich, Chief of Staff, County Executive Office

Rick Ceschin, Research Analyst, County Board

Mr. Farley gave an overview to explain the reorganization contained in this Department. Personnel Review Board, Labor Relations, Employee Benefit Division and Ethics Board will be contained in Human Resource to make this one cohesive Department.

Amendment 1A017 denies the consolidation of Org 1135-Labor Relations, Org 1120-Personnel Review Board and Org 1905-Ethics Board with the Human Resources Department for a tax levy reduction of \$29,690.

Supervisor Broderick asked to be a cosponsor on Amendment 1A017.

A motion was made by Supervisor Mayo Sr. that Budgets 1140, 1905, 1120 and 1135 be AMENDED with Amendment 1A017. The motion PREVAILED by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Thomas, Johnson Jr., Mayo Sr., Romo West, De Bruin and Schmitt

Various [11-426](#)

From the Milwaukee County Executive a communication on the 2012 proposed budget

Orgs 1120, 1135, 1188 and 1905

Appearances:

Fred Bau, Director, Labor Relations

Rick Ceschin, Research Analyst, County Board

Veronica Robinson, Executive Secretary, Personnel Review Board/Ethics Board

Matt Hanchek, Fiscal Benefits Manager, Employee Benefits

Speaker:

Kathy Lidwin

Each representative from the various departments stated for the most part, adoption of Amendment 1A017 would keep the departments substantially the same as 2011.

Mr. Bau noted that development of grievance procedures will be needed once labor contracts expire in 2011 and 2012. The Department will still engage in contract negotiations with firefighters, deputies and wages negotiations if unions are recertified.

Ms. Robinson expects more grievance cases for the Personnel Review Board in 2012.

1192 [11-426](#)

From the Milwaukee County Executive a communication on the 2012 proposed budget

Org 1192

Appearances:

Brian Taffora, Director, Economic Development

Craig Dillmann, Manager Real Estate Services, DTPW

Vince Masterson, Fiscal and Management Analyst, DAS

Pamela Bryant, Interim, Fiscal and Budget Administrator, DAS

Speakers:

John La Fave, Register of Deeds

Don Nehmer, Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewer District

Mr. Taffora gave an overview of the new Economic Development Department. He discussed the creation of the Milwaukee County Revolving Loan Fund (MCRLF) and the Milwaukee County Economic Development Corporation. (Also see Org 1933) In addition to these policy changes, the Milwaukee County Automated Mapping and Land Information System (MCAMLIS) will be moved into this department.

Mr. LaFave and Nehmer had questions regarding the move of MCAMLIS and how it effects the board/governance of MCAMLIS.

3270 [11-426](#)

From the Milwaukee County Executive a communication on the 2012 proposed budget

Org 3270

Appearances:

Joe Czarnezki, County Clerk

C. J. Pahl, Interim Assistant Fiscal and Budget Administrator, DAS

Mr Czarnezki gave a brief overview and answered questions on this budget.

The County Clerk is to provide the supervisors with a copy of Milwaukee County's domestic partner affidavit.

Supervisor Thomas requested DAS staff contact the City of Milwaukee to get an accurate number of persons that signed up for the domestic partner health coverage offered by the City.

3400 [11-426](#)

From the Milwaukee County Executive a communication on the 2012 proposed budget

Org 3400

Appearances:

John La Fave, Register of Deeds

Josh Fudge, Fiscal and Management Analyst, DAS

Mr. La Fave provided comments and questions on this budget.

Adjournment

The Committee convened at 9:09 a.m. A recess was taken at 10:12 a.m. The meeting reconvened at 10:33 a.m. A recess was taken for lunch at 12:05 p.m. The meeting reconvened at 1:05 p.m. The Committee adjourned at 2:22 p.m.

Carol Mueller

Chief Committee Clerk

The next meeting for this Committee is Monday, October 17, 2011 at 9:00 a.m.

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