



Milwaukee County

Meeting Minutes Committee on Finance-Budget

Chairperson: Supervisor Willie Johnson, Jr.

Vice Chairperson: Steve F. Taylor

Supervisor Sequanna Taylor

Supervisor Shawn Rolland

Supervisor Juan Miguel Martinez

Supervisor Justin Bielinski

Supervisor Anne O'Connor

Committee Coordinator: Allyson R. Smith, (414) 278-4225

Director of Research and Policy: Steve Cady, (414) 278-4347

Thursday, October 9, 2025

9:00 AM

Room 203-R and Microsoft Teams
County Legislative Information Center

This meeting was held in Room 203-R, and was live-streamed on the County Legislative Information Center: <https://milwaukeecounty.legistar.com/Calendar.aspx>

Call To Order

Roll Call at 9:01 a.m.

Present 7 - Taylor (17), Taylor (5), Rolland, Martinez, Bielinski, O'Connor and Johnson Jr.

Supervisors Sequanna Taylor (5), Juan Miguel Martinez, and Anne O'Connor appeared virtually for today's meeting.

**PRESENTATION OF OVERVIEW OF
THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE'S 2026 RECOMMENDED BUDGET - 1**

- 1 [25-668](#) From the County Executive, providing the 2026 Recommended budget.

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Presentation of Overview of the County Executive's 2026 Recommended Budget by the Director of Research and Policy, Research Services, Office of the Comptroller

Followed by Discussion, Questions, and Comments

APPEARANCES:

Clarence H. Kinnard, Committee Coordinator, Legislative Services, Office of the County Clerk

Stephen "Steve" Cady, Director of Research and Policy, Research Services, Office of the Comptroller

Mr. Cady provided an electronic presentation, which is included and attached to this Budget File as "25-668 POWERPOINT PRESENTATIONS (10/09/25)."

The 2026 Recommended Budget Overview was DISCUSSED WITH NO ACTION TAKEN.

LEGISLATIVE AND EXECUTIVE FUNCTION - 3

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Agency No. 100 County Board of Supervisors

APPEARANCE:

Supervisor Steven Shea, District 8

Agency No. 100 - County Board of Supervisors, was DISCUSSED WITH NO ACTION TAKEN.

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Agency No. 110 County Executive - General Office and the 2026
Recommended Budget

APPEARANCE:

Isaac Rowlett, Director, Strategy Division, Office of Strategy, Budget, and
Performance

Mr. Rowlett provided an electronic presentation, which is included and
attached to this Budget File as "25-668 POWERPOINT PRESENTATIONS
(10/09/25)."

Agency No. 110 - County Executive - General Office and the 2026
Recommended Budget, was DISCUSSED WITH NO ACTION TAKEN.

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Agency No. 103 County Executive - Office of Government Affairs

APPEARANCE:

Katie Domina, Director, Office of Government Affairs

Isaac Rowlett, Director, Strategy Division, Office of Strategy, Budget, and
Performance, appeared but did not speak regarding Item 4.

Agency No. 103 - County Executive - Office of Government Affairs, was
DISCUSSED WITH NO ACTION TAKEN.

DEBT SERVICE FUNCTION - 1

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Agency No. 996 General County Debt Service

APPEARANCE:

Justin Rodriguez, Capital Project Manager, Office of the Comptroller (virtually)

Agency No. 996 - General County Debt Service, was DISCUSSED WITH NO ACTION TAKEN.

NON-DEPARTMENTAL REVENUES FUNCTION - 2

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- Agency No. 190 Non-Departmental Revenues
- o 1901 Unclaimed Money
 - o 1902 Personal Property Aid
 - o 1937 Potawatomi Revenue Allocation
 - o 1986 Fire Charge - Uncollectable
 - o 1992 Earnings on Investments
 - o 1993 State Shared Taxes
 - o 1994 State Exempt Computer Aid
 - o 1995 Milwaukee Bucks Sports Arena &
 Milwaukee Brewers Stadium Subsidy
 - o 1996 County Sales Tax Revenue
 - o 1998 Surplus from Prior Years
 - o 1999 Other Miscellaneous Revenue

APPEARANCE:

Lindsey Peterson, Operating Budget Manager, Budget Division, Office of Strategy, Budget, and Performance

Agency No. 190 - Non-Departmental Revenues (Various Categories), was DISCUSSED WITH NO ACTION TAKEN.

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Agency No. 1991 Property Taxes

APPEARANCE:

Lindsey Peterson, Operating Budget Manager, Budget Division, Office of
Strategy, Budget, and Performance

Agency No. 1991 - Property Taxes, was DISCUSSED WITH NO ACTION TAKEN.

Agency No. 1950 - Employee and Retiree Fringe Benefits, and Agency No. 194 - Non-Departmental Expenditures (*Strategic Program Area: Fringe Benefits - Other Funding Sources) were considered together.

NON-DEPARTMENTAL EXPENDITURES FUNCTION - 2

*Strategic Program Area

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Agency No.1950 Employee and Retiree Fringe Benefits

APPEARANCES:

Daniel "Dan" Laurila, Operating Budget Director, Budget Division, Office of Strategy, Budget, and Performance (OSBP)

Clarence H. Kinnard, Committee Coordinator, Legislative Services, Office of the County Clerk

Tony Maze, Director, Total Rewards, Department of Human Resources

Stephen "Steve" Cady, Director of Research and Policy, Research Services, Office of the Comptroller

Joseph "Joe" Lamers, Director, OSBP

Item 8 - Agency No. 1950 - Employee and Retiree Fringe Benefits, and a portion of Item 9 - Agency No. 194 - Non-Departmental Expenditures (*Strategic Program Area: Fringe Benefits - Other Funding Sources) were considered together.

Mr. Laurila provided an electronic presentation, which is included and attached to this Budget File as "25-668 POWERPOINT PRESENTATIONS (10/09/25)."

Agency No. 1950 - Employee and Retiree Fringe Benefits, and Agency No. 194 - Non-Departmental Expenditures (*SPA: Fringe Benefits - Other Funding Sources), were DISCUSSED WITH NO ACTION TAKEN.

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Agency No. 194 Non-Departmental Expenditures
 * Fringe Benefits - Other Funding Sources

APPEARANCES:

Daniel "Dan" Laurila, Operating Budget Director, Budget Division, Office of Strategy, Budget, and Performance (OSBP)

Clarence H. Kinnard, Committee Coordinator, Legislative Services, Office of the County Clerk

Tony Maze, Director, Total Rewards, Department of Human Resources

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Agency No. 194 Non-Departmental Expenditures
 * Appropriation for Contingencies
 * Offset to Internal Service Charges
 * Charges to Other County Departments
 * Capital Outlay/Depreciation Contra
 * Investment Management Fees

APPEARANCES:

Clarence H. Kinnard, Committee Coordinator, Legislative Services, Office of the County Clerk

Daniel "Dan" Laurila, Operating Budget Director, Budget Division, Office of Strategy, Budget, and Performance

Agency No. 194 - Non-Departmental Expenditures (Various *SPAs), was DISCUSSED WITH NO ACTION TAKEN.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT FUNCTION - 4

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Agency No. 309 Office of the County Treasurer
 * Banking Services and Delinquent Property Tax
 Collection

APPEARANCE:

David Cullen, Milwaukee County Treasurer, Office of the County Treasurer
(Treasurer)

Catherine "Cat" Hollers, Deputy County Treasurer, Treasurer, appeared but did
not speak regarding Item 10.

Agency No. 309 - Office of the County Treasurer (*SPA: Banking Services and
Delinquent Property Tax Collection), was DISCUSSED WITH NO ACTION
TAKEN.

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Agency No. 327 Office of the County Clerk
 * County Clerk
 * Election Commission

APPEARANCES:

Stefan Dostanic, Deputy County Clerk, Office of the County Clerk (Clerk)
Michelle Hawley, Director, Election Commission, Clerk

Agency No. 327 - Office of the County Clerk (*SPA: County Clerk, and *SPA: Election Commission), was DISCUSSED WITH NO ACTION TAKEN.

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Agency No. 340 Office of the Register of Deeds
 * Administration
 * Real Estate Services
 * Vital Statistics
 * Tax Listing Services

APPEARANCE:

Steven "Steve" Kroll, Deputy Register of Deeds, Office of the Register of Deeds (virtually)

Agency No. 340 - Office of the Register of Deeds (Various *SPAs), was DISCUSSED WITH NO ACTION TAKEN.

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Agency No. 370 Office of the Comptroller
 * Administration
 * Central Accounting
 * Central Payables
 * Central Capital
 * Central Payroll
 * Audit Services
 * Research Services

APPEARANCES:

Elizabeth "Liz" Sumner, Milwaukee County Comptroller, Office of the
Comptroller (Comptroller)
Cynthia "CJ" Pahl, Financial Services Director, Comptroller

Agency No. 370 - Office of the Comptroller (Various *SPAs), was DISCUSSED
WITH NO ACTION TAKEN.

ADMINISTRATIVE FUNCTION - 3

*Strategic Program Area

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Agency No. 109 Office of Equity

APPEARANCES:

Sumaiyah Clark, Chief Equity Officer, Office of Equity (OOE)

Kenmikiiya Terry, Director of Equity Operations, OOE

Supervisor Caroline Gómez-Tom, District 14 (virtually)

Supervisor Rolland requested data and information regarding outcomes of OOE's public outreach efforts.

Agency No. 109 - Office of Equity, was DISCUSSED WITH NO ACTION TAKEN.

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Agency No. 112 Personnel Review Board, Civil Service Commission,
and Ethics Board

* Personnel Review Board

* Civil Service Commission

* Ethics Board

APPEARANCES:

Adam Gilmore, Administrator, Personnel Review Board, and Executive Director, Ethics Board (virtually)

Supervisor Patti Logsdon, District 9

Agency No. 112 - Personnel Review Board, Civil Service Commission, and Ethics Board (Various *SPAs), was DISCUSSED WITH NO ACTION TAKEN.

Items 16 and 17 were considered together.

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Agency No. 113 Corporation Counsel

APPEARANCE:

Scott F. Brown, Corporation Counsel, Office of Corporation Counsel

Items 16 and 17 were considered together.

Agency No. 113 - Corporation Counsel and Agency No. 194 - Non-Departmental Expenditures (*SPA: Litigation Reserve), were DISCUSSED WITH NO ACTION TAKEN.

NON-DEPARTMENTAL EXPENDITURES FUNCTION - 1

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Agency No. 194 Non-Departmental Expenditures
 * Litigation Reserve

APPEARANCE:
Scott F. Brown, Corporation Counsel, Office of Corporation Counsel

Items 16 and 17 were considered together.

Agency No. 113 - Corporation Counsel and Agency No. 194 - Non-Departmental Expenditures (*SPA: Litigation Reserve), were DISCUSSED WITH NO ACTION TAKEN.

E-COMMENTS - 1

- 18 [25-72](#) eComments submitted to the Committee on Finance 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. 25-72 at the conclusion of each meeting.

There were no appearances for Item 18.

There were no eComments submitted for the October 9, 2025, meeting.

The October 9, 2025, record of eComments was DISCUSSED WITH NO ACTION TAKEN.

Length of Meeting: 9:01 a.m. to 12:07 p.m.

Adjourned,

**Clarence H. Kinnard
Committee Coordinator
Legislative Services, Office of the County Clerk
Committee on Finance-Budget**

Upcoming Budget Meetings for the Committee on Finance-Budget:

DEPARTMENTAL BRIEFINGS, at 9:00 a.m.

Friday, October 10, 2025

Monday, October 13, 2025

Tuesday, October 14, 2025

Wednesday, October 15, 2025

**COMMITTEE ON FINANCE-BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING ON THE 2026
RECOMMENDED BUDGET, and review of supplemental Departmental
informational reports.**

Wednesday, October 15, 2025, at 4:00 p.m.

SUPERVISOR BUDGET AMENDMENTS, at 9:00 a.m.

Thursday, October 23, 2025

Friday, October 24, 2025

**MILWAUKEE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ANNUAL PUBLIC HEARING
ON THE 2026 RECOMMENDED BUDGET**

Monday, October 27, 2025, at 6:00 p.m.

FINAL SUPERVISOR BUDGET AMENDMENTS, at 9:00 a.m.

Friday, October 31, 2025