



# Milwaukee County

901 N. 9th St. Rm 203R  
Milwaukee, WI 53233

## Meeting Minutes Committee on Finance

*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 (278-4225)*

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

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Thursday, May 15, 2025

9:00 AM

Room 203-R and Microsoft Teams  
County Legislative Information Center

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### HYBRID MEETING

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 9:02 a.m.

**Present** 6 - Taylor (17), Taylor (5), Martinez, Bielinski, O'Connor and Johnson Jr.

**Excused** 1 - Rolland

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

**CHIEF JUDGE, FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT  
COMBINED COURT RELATED OPERATIONS - 1**

- 1      [25-312](#)      From the Chief Judge, requesting authorization to enter into a contract with the Wisconsin Policy Forum to hire an Administrative Assistant for \$30,000 with funding from the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation to support the work of the Community Justice Council and the Safety and Justice Challenge.

**Attachments:**      [25-312 REPORT](#)  
                                 [25-312 RESOLUTION](#)  
                                 [25-312 FISCAL NOTE](#)

**APPEARANCE:**

Victoria "Vicki" Lupo, Judicial Operations Manager, Pretrial Services,  
Combined Court Related Operations

A motion was made by Supervisor Taylor (17) that this Action Report be  
**RECOMMENDED FOR ADOPTION**. The motion **PREVAILED** by the following vote:

**Aye:** 6 - Taylor (17), Taylor (5), Martinez, Bielinski, O'Connor and Johnson Jr.

**Excused:** 1 - Rolland

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

- 2      [25-333](#)      From the Economic Development Director, Department of Administrative Services requesting authorization to utilize ED Reserve 37005 to establish Economic Development's "Building Bridges" small business and commercial corridor activation program. **(Referred to the Committee on Community, Environment, and Economic Development for INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES ONLY per Section 59.60(8), Wisconsin State Statutes; Referred to the Committee on Finance)**

**Attachments:**      [25-333 REPORT](#)  
                                 [25-333 RESOLUTION](#)  
                                 [25-333 FISCAL NOTE](#)  
                                 [25-333 PROGRAM BUDGET](#)  
                                 [25-333 POWERPOINT](#)  
                                 [25-333 FINANCE AMENDMENT I \(Failed; Vote 3-3\)](#)

**APPEARANCES:**

Timothy "Tim" Schabo, Deputy Chief of Staff, Office of the County Executive  
Celia Benton, Director, Economic Development, Department of Administrative Services (DAS)

Aaron Hertzberg, Director, DAS

William "Bill" Davidson, Deputy Corporation Counsel, Office of Corporation Counsel

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

Supervisor Taylor (17) introduced Finance Amendment I, which is attached to this file as "25-333 FINANCE AMENDMENT I."

A motion was made by Supervisor Taylor (17) that this Action Report be **AMENDED** with Finance Amendment I. The motion **FAILED** by the following vote:

**Aye:** 3 - Taylor (17), Taylor (5) and Martinez

**No:** 3 - Bielinski, O'Connor and Johnson Jr.

**Excused:** 1 - Rolland

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

**Aye:** 5 - Taylor (5), Martinez, Bielinski, O'Connor and Johnson Jr.

**No:** 1 - Taylor (17)

**Excused:** 1 - Rolland

**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION /  
MILWAUKEE COUNTY TRANSIT SYSTEM - 1**

- 3**      [25-270](#)      **2025 Adopted Budget Amendment 16:** From the Director, Department of Transportation and the Interim President and Managing Director, Milwaukee County Transit System, requesting approval to not implement the Transportation Network Companies (TNC) bus driver relief pilot program, as directed in the 2025 Adopted Budget for Milwaukee County. **(Referred to the Committees on Transportation and Transit; and Finance) (CB 04/24/25: Referred to the Committees on Finance; and Transportation and Transit)**

**Attachments:**      [25-270 REPORT](#)  
                                 [25-270 RESOLUTION](#)  
                                 [25-270 FISCAL NOTE](#)  
                                 [25-270 COUNTY BOARD RESOLUTION \(T&T\)](#)  
                                 [25-270 FINANCE AMENDMENT I \(Adopted: Vote 4-1\)](#)  
                                 [25-270 COUNTY BOARD RESOLUTION \(FINANCE\)](#)  
                                 [25-270 COUNTY BOARD AMENDMENT I \(Not Introduced\)](#)  
                                 [25-270 T&T AMENDMENT I \(Rejected: Vote 5-0\)](#)  
                                 [25-270 FINANCE AMENDMENT II \(Failed: Vote 1-5\)](#)

**APPEARANCES:**

Kevin Pumphrey, Chief Operating Officer, Milwaukee County Transit System (MCTS)  
Julie Esch, Interim President and Managing Director, MCTS  
Stephen "Steve" Cady, Director of Research and Policy, Research Services Division, Office of the Comptroller  
Donna Brown-Martin, Director, Department of Transportation

The following people appeared and spoke against this Action Report:

Donnell Shorter, Amalgamated Transit Union (ATU), Local 998  
Michael Brown, Vice President, ATU, Local 998  
Kyle Handel, ATU, Local 998, and Mechanic, MCTS  
Tom Stawicki, Legislative Director, ATU, Local 998 (virtually)

Supervisor Taylor (17) introduced Finance Amendment II, which is attached to this file as "25-270 FINANCE AMENDMENT II."

A motion was made by Supervisor Taylor (17) that this Action Report be AMENDED with Finance Amendment II. The motion FAILED by the following vote:

**Aye:**    1 -    Taylor (17)

**No:**     5 -    Taylor (5), Martinez, Bielinski, O'Connor and Johnson Jr.

**Excused:**    1 -    Rolland

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

**Aye:** 5 - Taylor (5), Martinez, Bielinski, O'Connor and Johnson Jr.

**No:** 1 - Taylor (17)

**Excused:** 1 - Rolland

## **COMMUNITY REINTEGRATION CENTER - 2**

- 4      [25-247](#)      Authorization to execute a three-year Purchase of Service Contract with Wisconsin Community Services, Inc. (WCS) for services at the CRC. **(Referred to the Committee on Judiciary, Law Enforcement, and General Services for INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES ONLY per Section 59.52(31)(d), Wisconsin State Statutes; Referred to the Committee on Finance)**

**Attachments:**      [25-247 REPORT](#)  
                                 [25-247 RESOLUTION](#)  
                                 [25-247 FISCAL NOTE](#)

**APPEARANCE:**

**Anthony Dodd, Sr., Assistant Superintendent, Community Reintegration Center (CRC)**

**Michael "Mike" Bickerstaff, Fiscal Administrator, CRC, appeared but did not speak regarding this Action Report.**

**Supervisor Bielinski was not present at the time the roll was called on this item, but later requested unanimous consent to be recorded as voting with the majority. There being no objections by Committee members, it was so ordered by the Chairman.**

**A motion was made by Supervisor Taylor (17) that this Action Report be RECOMMENDED FOR ADOPTION. The motion PREVAILED by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 6 - Taylor (17), Taylor (5), Martinez, Bielinski, O'Connor and Johnson Jr.

**Excused:** 1 - Rolland

- 5      [25-253](#)      Purchase and execute a Service Agreement for waste disposal with G.F.L Environmental Holdings Inc., for services at the Community Reintegration Center, (CRC).

**Attachments:**      [25-253 REPORT](#)  
                                 [25-253 RESOLUTION](#)  
                                 [25-253 FISCAL NOTE](#)

**APPEARANCES:**

Shayla Fenceroy, Assistant Superintendent, Community Reintegration Center (CRC)

Michael "Mike" Bickerstaff, Fiscal Administrator, CRC

A motion was made by Supervisor Taylor (17) that this Action Report be **RECOMMENDED FOR ADOPTION**. The motion **PREVAILED** by the following vote:

**Aye:** 6 - Taylor (17), Taylor (5), Martinez, Bielinski, O'Connor and Johnson Jr.

**Excused:** 1 - Rolland

**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES - 2**

- 6      [25-321](#)      A report from the Director, Department of Health and Human Services, requesting authorization to amend 2025 fee-for-service contracts with out-of-home care community-based vendors for Children, Youth and Family Services (CYFS). **(Referred to the Committee on Health Equity, Human Needs, and Strategic Planning for INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES ONLY per Section 59.52(31)(d), Wisconsin State Statutes; Referred to the Committee on Finance)**

**Attachments:**      [25-321 REPORT](#)  
                                 [25-321 RESOLUTION](#)  
                                 [25-321 FISCAL NOTE](#)

**APPEARANCE:**

Kelly Pethke, Administrator, Children, Youth, and Family Services, Department of Health and Human Services (virtually)

A motion was made by Supervisor Taylor (17) that this Action Report be **RECOMMENDED FOR ADOPTION**. The motion **PREVAILED** by the following vote:

**Aye:** 6 - Taylor (17), Taylor (5), Martinez, Bielinski, O'Connor and Johnson Jr.

**Excused:** 1 - Rolland

**PASSIVE REVIEW: ITEM 7**

Act 14 provides for a 14-day review period by the Finance Committee for all contracts with a value at least \$100,000, but not more than \$300,000. The contract may take effect only upon one of the following:

The 14-day review period expired with no action by the Finance Committee, or

The Finance Committee reviewed the item and placed it on file within the 14-day review period, or

The Finance Committee voted to approve the contract during the 14-day review period, or

The Finance Committee voted to reject it within the 14-day review period, but, within 30 days of the Committee action, the County Board votes to approve it.

7      [25-357](#)

A report from the Director, Department of Health and Human Services, requesting passive review of an amendment to a professional services contract that exceeds \$100,000, but is less than \$300,000 (**PASSIVE REVIEW; INFORMATIONAL ONLY UNLESS OTHERWISE DIRECTED BY THE COMMITTEE**)

Attachments:      [25-357 REPORT](#)  
                              [25-357 FISCAL NOTE](#)

**APPEARANCE:**

Kelly Pethke, Administrator, Children, Youth, and Family Services, Department of Health and Human Services (virtually)

This Passive Review Contract was DISCUSSED WITH NO ACTION TAKEN, and APPROVED.

**DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES - 2**

- 8      [25-292](#)      From the Director of Total Rewards, Department of Human Resources, requesting authorization to execute a contract with Willis Towers Watson, Midwest, Inc. to purchase consulting and actuarial services for non-pension benefit plans effective June 1, 2025, through May 31, 2029.

**Attachments:**      [25-292 REPORT](#)  
                                 [25-292 RESOLUTION](#)  
                                 [25-292 FISCAL NOTE](#)

**APPEARANCE:**

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

**A motion was made by Supervisor O'Connor that this Action Report be RECOMMENDED FOR ADOPTION. The motion PREVAILED by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 6 - Taylor (17), Taylor (5), Martinez, Bielinski, O'Connor and Johnson Jr.

**Excused:** 1 - Rolland

- 9      [25-323](#)      From the Employee Relations Director, Department of Human Resources, requesting the approval of the 2025 Memorandum of Agreement between Milwaukee County and the Milwaukee Building and Construction Trades Council, AFL-CIO.

**Attachments:**      [25-323 REPORT](#)  
                                 [25-323 RESOLUTION](#)  
                                 [25-323 FISCAL ANALYSIS](#)  
                                 [25-323 MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT](#)  
                                 [25-323 PROPOSAL](#)  
                                 [25-323 PROPOSAL ACCEPTANCE](#)

**APPEARANCE:**

Daphne Ursu, Director, Employee Relations, Department of Human Resources

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

**Aye:** 6 - Taylor (17), Taylor (5), Martinez, Bielinski, O'Connor and Johnson Jr.

**Excused:** 1 - Rolland



**OFFICE OF STRATEGY, BUDGET, AND PERFORMANCE - 2**

- 10      [25-314](#)      From the Director Office of Strategy, Budget, and Performance, providing an appropriation transfer packet for the May 2025 cycle.

Attachments:      [25-314 DRAFT TRANSFER PACKET](#)

**APPEARANCE:**

Joseph "Joe" Lamers, Director, Office of Strategy, Budget, and Performance

A motion was made by Supervisor Taylor (17) that this Transfer Packet be **RECOMMENDED FOR ADOPTION**. The motion **PREVAILED** by the following vote:

**Aye:** 6 - Taylor (17), Taylor (5), Martinez, Bielinski, O'Connor and Johnson Jr.

**Excused:** 1 - Rolland

- 11      [25-359](#)      From the Director of the Office of Strategy, Budget and Performance, providing an informational report overview of the 2026 operating budget process and planning. **(INFORMATIONAL ONLY UNLESS OTHERWISE DIRECTED BY THE COMMITTEE)**

Attachments:      [25-359 REPORT](#)

**APPEARANCES:**

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

Joseph "Joe" Lamers, Director, OSBP

This Informational Report was **DISCUSSED WITH NO ACTION TAKEN**.

**OFFICE OF THE COMPTROLLER - 4**

- 12      [25-300](#)      From the Milwaukee County Comptroller, requesting approval to process an administrative appropriation transfer to reconcile surplus and deficits in projects that will be closed (listed on Attachments A and B) and lapse the remaining estimated \$532,079 of net surplus funds from lapsing Corporate Purpose projects to the Debt Service Reserve.

**Attachments:**      [25-300 REPORT](#)  
                                 [25-300 RESOLUTION](#)  
                                 [25-300 FISCAL NOTE](#)  
                                 [25-300 SCHEDULE A LAPSED AIRPORT PROJECTS](#)  
                                 [25-300 SCHEDULE B LAPSED NON-AIRPORT PROJECTS](#)

**APPEARANCE:**

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

**A motion was made by Supervisor Taylor (17) that this Action Report be RECOMMENDED FOR ADOPTION. The motion PREVAILED by the following vote:**

**Aye:**    6 -    Taylor (17), Taylor (5), Martinez, Bielinski, O'Connor and Johnson Jr.

**Excused:**    1 -    Rolland

- 13      [25-301](#)      From the Milwaukee County Comptroller, Office of the Comptroller, providing an informational report regarding the status of projects within the Capital Improvements Program, as of December 31, 2024.

**(INFORMATIONAL ONLY UNLESS OTHERWISE DIRECTED BY THE COMMITTEE)**

**Attachments:**      [25-301 REPORT](#)  
                                 [25-301 2024 PROJECT STATUS LISTING](#)

**APPEARANCES:**

Justin Rodriguez, Capital Projects Manager, Office of the Comptroller (virtually)  
Allyson R. Smith, Committee Coordinator, Legislative Services, Office of the County Clerk

**A motion was made by Supervisor Taylor (17) that this Informational Report be RECOMMENDED FOR ADOPTION. The motion was later withdrawn, therefore no vote was taken.**

**This Informational Report was DISCUSSED WITH NO ACTION TAKEN.**

- 14      [25-74](#)      From the Milwaukee County Comptroller, Office of the Comptroller, providing an informational report regarding the 2025 year-end fiscal projection for Milwaukee County.

**(INFORMATIONAL ONLY UNLESS OTHERWISE DIRECTED BY THE COMMITTEE)**

**Attachments:**      [25-74 MAY REPORT \(received 05/05/25\)](#)

**APPEARANCES:**

Cynthia "CJ" Pahl, Financial Services Director, Office of the Comptroller  
Stephen "Steve" Cady, Director of Research and Policy, Research Services Division, Office of the Comptroller

The May Report for this Reference File was DISCUSSED WITH NO ACTION TAKEN.

- 15      [25-73](#)      From the Milwaukee County Comptroller, Office of the Comptroller, providing an informational report regarding contract notifications received pursuant to Sections 44.09(e), 46.09(8), and 56.30(8) of the Milwaukee County Code of General Ordinances. **(INFORMATIONAL ONLY UNLESS OTHERWISE DIRECTED BY THE COMMITTEE)**

**Attachments:**      [25-73 MAY REPORT \(received 05/08/25\)](#)

**APPEARANCE:**

Alexis Gassenhuber, Contracts Coordinator, Office of the Comptroller (virtually)

A motion was made by Supervisor O'Connor that the May Report for this Reference File be **RECOMMENDED TO BE RECEIVED AND PLACED ON FILE**.  
The motion **PREVAILED** by the following vote:

**Aye:** 6 - Taylor (17), Taylor (5), Martinez, Bielinski, O'Connor and Johnson Jr.

**Excused:** 1 - Rolland

**OFFICE OF CORPORATION COUNSEL - 3****CLOSED SESSION: ITEMS 16 THROUGH 18**

The Committee may adjourn into closed session under the provisions of Section 19.85(1)(g), Wisconsin State Statutes, for the purpose of the Committee receiving oral or written advice from legal counsel concerning strategy to be adopted with respect to pending or possible litigation with regard to the following matter(s).

At the conclusion of the closed session, the Committee may reconvene in open session to take whatever actions it may deem necessary.

The Committee did not adjourn into Closed Session to discuss Items 16 through 18.

**16**[25-268](#)

From the Office of Corporation Counsel requesting approval of a resolution authorizing Milwaukee County, Department of Parks, to enter into a Settlement Agreement and Mutual Release with Grandview Management, Inc. d/b/a Zilli Hospitality Group resolving certain disputes under the 2013 Boerner Catering and Facility Management Services Agreement, as amended by the May 2, 2019 First Amendment.  
**(Referred to the Committees on Judiciary, Law Enforcement, and General Services; Finance; and Parks and Culture) (JLEGS 04/15/25 Meeting: Laid Over for One Meeting)**

**Attachments:**     [25-268 REPORT](#)  
                              [25-268 RESOLUTION](#)  
                              [25-268 FISCAL NOTE](#)  
                              [25-268 SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT](#)

**APPEARANCES:**

Karen Tidwall, Deputy Corporation Counsel, Office of Corporation Counsel  
James "Jim" Tarantino, Deputy Director, Department of Parks, Recreation, and Culture (virtually)

The Committee did not adjourn into Closed Session to discuss Item 16.

A motion was made by Supervisor Taylor (17) that this Action Report be **RECOMMENDED FOR ADOPTION**. The motion **PREVAILED** by the following vote:

**Aye:** 3 - Taylor (17), O'Connor and Johnson Jr.

**No:** 2 - Martinez and Bielinski

**Excused:** 2 - Taylor (5) and Rolland

Items 17 and 18 were considered together.

- 17      [25-29](#)      From Corporation Counsel, Office of Corporation Counsel, providing an informational report regarding the status of pending litigation.  
**(Considered by the Committees on Judiciary, Law Enforcement, and General Services; and Finance) (INFORMATIONAL ONLY UNLESS OTHERWISE DIRECTED BY THE COMMITTEE)**

Attachments:      [25-29 MAY REPORT \(received 04/17/25\)](#)

**APPEARANCE:**

Karen Tidwall, Deputy Corporation Counsel, Office of Corporation Counsel

Items 17 and 18 were considered together.

The Committee did not adjourn into Closed Session to discuss Items 17 and 18.

The May Reports for the Reference Files associated with Items 17 and 18 were DISCUSSED WITH NO ACTION TAKEN.

- 18      [25-30](#)      From Corporation Counsel, Office of Corporation Counsel, providing an informational report regarding claim and litigation settlement payments.  
**(Considered by the Committees on Judiciary, Law Enforcement, and General Services; and Finance) (INFORMATIONAL ONLY UNLESS OTHERWISE DIRECTED BY THE COMMITTEE)**

Attachments:      [25-30 MAY REPORT \(received 04/17/25\)](#)

**APPEARANCE:**

Karen Tidwall, Deputy Corporation Counsel, Office of Corporation Counsel

Items 17 and 18 were considered together.

The Committee did not adjourn into Closed Session to discuss Items 17 and 18.

The May Reports for the Reference Files associated with Items 17 and 18 were DISCUSSED WITH NO ACTION TAKEN.

**E-COMMENTS - 1**

- 19      [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.

**APPEARANCE:**

**Allyson R. Smith, Committee Coordinator, Legislative Services, Office of the County Clerk**

There were no eComments submitted for the May 15, 2025, meeting.

The May 15, 2025, record of eComments was **DISCUSSED WITH NO ACTION TAKEN.**

**Length of Meeting: 9:02 a.m. to 12:22 p.m.**

**Adjourned,**

**Allyson R. Smith  
Committee Coordinator  
Legislative Services, Office of the County Clerk  
Committee on Finance**

Deadline for the next meeting:

The next regular meeting for the Committee on Finance is WEDNESDAY, June 18, 2025, at 9:00 a.m.

Approval Tracking System review must be completed in Legistar on or before WEDNESDAY, May 21, 2025, at 5:00 p.m., for the June meeting cycle.