



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

Tuesday, October 14, 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 9:03 a.m.

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

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

Supervisor Shawn Rolland appeared virtually and in person for today's meeting.

COURTS AND JUDICIARY FUNCTION - 2

*Strategic Program Area

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

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Agency No. 200 Combined Court Related Operations

- * Administration
- * Criminal Court
- * Children's Court
- * Civil Court
- * Family Court
- * Probate
- * Family Drug Treatment Court
- * Permanency Plan Review
- * Self Help

APPEARANCES:

Chief Judge Carl Ashley, First Judicial District, Combined Court Related Operations

Wesley McKenzie, Senior Financial Manager, Milwaukee County Clerk of Circuit Courts (Clerk of Circuit Courts), Combined Court Related Operations
Mary Ferwerda, Chief Deputy Clerk of Circuit Courts, Combined Court Related Operations

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

Supervisor Taylor (5) requested updated operating budget and revenue information to reconcile discrepancies between the 2026 Recommended Budget and the presentation provided by the Clerk of Circuit Courts.

Agency No. 200 - Combined Court Related Operations (Various *SPAs), was DISCUSSED WITH NO ACTION TAKEN.

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Agency No. 290 Pre-Trial Services

APPEARANCES:

Chief Judge Carl Ashley, First Judicial District, Combined Court Related Operations

Victoria "Vicki" Lupo, Judicial Operations Manager, Pre-Trial Services, Combined Court Related Operations

Agency No. 290 - Pre-Trial Services, was DISCUSSED WITH NO ACTION TAKEN.

PUBLIC SAFETY FUNCTION - 2

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Agency No. 490 Medical Examiner

APPEARANCES:

Dr. Wieslawa Tlomak, Medical Examiner, Office of the Medical Examiner
(Medical Examiner)

Timothy "Tim" Schabo, Operations Manager, Medical Examiner

Agency No. 490 - Medical Examiner, was DISCUSSED WITH NO ACTION
TAKEN.

Item 4 Agency No. 400 - Office of the Sheriff (Various *SPAs) and Item 5 Capital Project WR021601 - Criminal Justice Facility - Camera Replacements, were considered together.

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Agency No. 400 Office of the Sheriff
 * Administration
 * Specialized Units
 * Building Security
 * Training Academy
 * County Jail
 * Expressway Patrol
 * Court Security
 * Airport Security / K9
 * Criminal Investigations
 * Civil Process / Warrants

APPEARANCES:

Dr. Denita Ball, Milwaukee County Sheriff, Office of the Sheriff (Sheriff)
Patricia "Pat" Carravetta, Public Safety Fiscal Administrator, Sheriff
Supervisor Deanna Alexander, District 18
Joseph "Joe" Lamers, Director, Office of Strategy, Budget, and Performance

Item 4 Agency No. 400 - Office of the Sheriff (Various *SPAs) and Item 5 Capital Project WR021601 - Criminal Justice Facility - Camera Replacements, were considered together.

Supervisor Alexander requested information on why intergovernmental cross charges fluctuate significantly from year to year, and why these cross-charge methods are only being applied to the Sheriff.

Item 4 Agency No. 400 - Office of the Sheriff (Various *SPAs) and Item 5 Capital Project WR021601 - Criminal Justice Facility - Camera Replacements, were DISCUSSED WITH NO ACTION TAKEN.

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT BUDGET - 1 [SHERIFF]

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1830 Sheriff (WR)
Capital Project WR021601 - Criminal Justice Facility - Camera
 Replacements

APPEARANCES:

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Patricia "Pat" Carravetta, Public Safety Fiscal Administrator, Sheriff
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Item 4 Agency No. 400 - Office of the Sheriff (Various *SPAs) and Item 5 Capital
Project WR021601 - Criminal Justice Facility - Camera Replacements, were
considered together.

Item 4 Agency No. 400 - Office of the Sheriff (Various *SPAs) and Item 5 Capital
Project WR021601 - Criminal Justice Facility - Camera Replacements, were
DISCUSSED WITH NO ACTION TAKEN.

PUBLIC SAFETY FUNCTION - 1

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Agency No. 430 Community Reintegration Center (CRC)
 * Administration
 * CRC
 * Resident Medical and Mental Health
 * CRC Programming

APPEARANCES:

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

Veronica McClain, Interim Fiscal Administrator, CRC

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

Item 6 Agency No. 430 - Community Reintegration Center (various *SPAs), was DISCUSSED WITH NO ACTION TAKEN.

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS BUDGET - 1 [CRC]

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1800 Community Reintegration Center (CRC) (WJ)
 Capital Project WJ012201 - CRC - Segregation Health and Safety
 Improvements
 Capital Project WJ012401 - CRC Back-Up Generator Replacement

APPEARANCES:

Shayla Fenceroy, Assistant Superintendent, Community Reintegration Center (CRC) and Veronica McClain, Interim Fiscal Administrator, CRC, appeared but did not speak regarding Capital Project Nos. WJ012201 - CRC - Segregation Health and Safety Improvements and WJ012401 - CRC Back-Up Generator Replacement.

Capital Project Nos. WJ012201 - CRC - Segregation Health and Safety Improvements and WJ012401 - CRC Back-Up Generator Replacement, were DISCUSSED WITH NO ACTION TAKEN.

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Agency No. 450 Office of the District Attorney
 * Investigations and Criminal Prosecutions

APPEARANCES:

Kent Lovern, District Attorney, Office of the District Attorney (District Attorney)
Scott F. Brown, Corporation Counsel, Office of Corporation Counsel (virtually)

Sara Sadowski, Deputy District Attorney, District Attorney, appeared but did not speak regarding Agency No. 450 - Office of the District Attorney (*SPA: Investigations and Criminal Prosecutions).

Agency No. 450 - Office of the District Attorney (*SPA: Investigations and Criminal Prosecutions), was DISCUSSED WITH NO ACTION TAKEN.

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Agency No. 480 Office of Emergency Management (OEM)
 * OEM Director's Office
 * Emergency Management
 * 911 Communications
 * Radio Services
 * Emergency Medical Services

APPEARANCES:

Cassandra Libal, Director, Office of Emergency Management (OEM)
Christopher "Chris" McGowan, Deputy Director, OEM
Paul Riegel, Director, Emergency Management, OEM
Kinnyetta Patterson, Director, 911 Communications, OEM
Teresa Breyer, Director, Radio Services, OEM
Daniel "Dan" Pojar, Director, Emergency Medical Services, OEM

Ms. Libal provided an electronic presentation, which is attached to the Budget File as "25-668 POWERPOINT PRESENTATIONS (10/14/25)."

Agency No. 480 - Office of Emergency Management (Various *SPAs), was DISCUSSED WITH NO ACTION TAKEN.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS, if necessary.
REGARDING THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE'S 2026 RECOMMENDED BUDGET - 1**

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Unfinished Business, if necessary.

Unfinished Business could include consideration or discussion of any portion of the County Executive's 2026 Recommended Operating or Capital Improvement Budgets. Department Heads should be prepared to attend, if necessary.

There were no appearances for Item 10.

There were no items of Unfinished Business.

Unfinished Business was DISCUSSED WITH NO ACTION TAKEN.

E-COMMENTS - 1

- 11 [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.

Attachments: [25-72 eComments \(10/13/25\)](#)

There were no appearances for Item 11.

There were no eComments submitted for the October 14, 2025, meeting.

The October 14, 2025, record of eComments was DISCUSSED WITH NO ACTION TAKEN.

The foregoing Agency Nos. and Capital Projects were not considered in agenda order.

Length of Meeting: 9:03 a.m. to 12:17 p.m.

Adjourned,

**Allyson R. Smith
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.
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**