

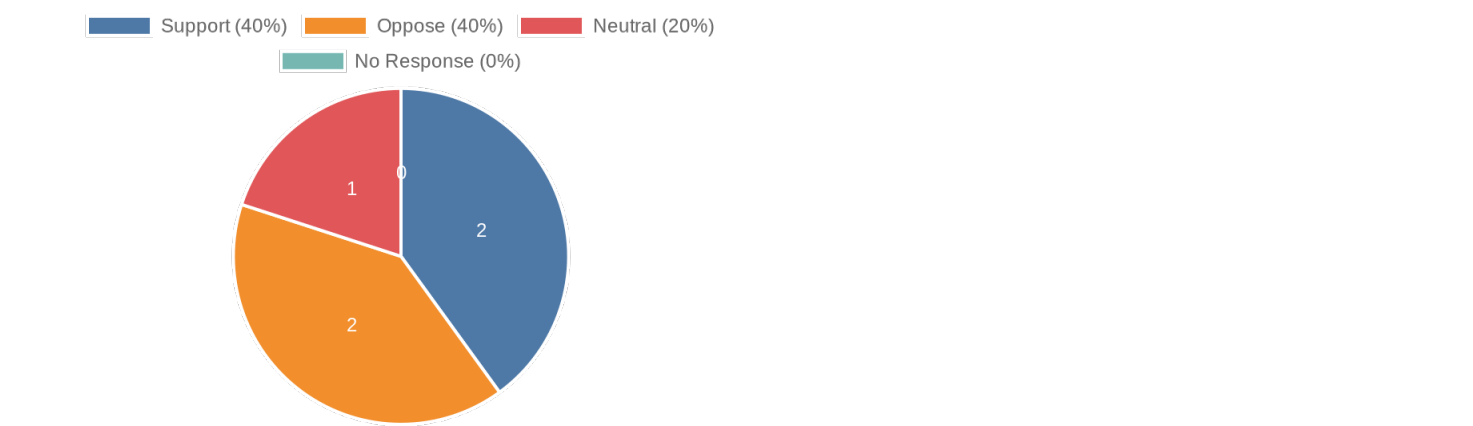
Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors on 2025-10-27 6:00 PM - ANNUAL PUBLIC HEARING
Doors Open at 5:00 P.M.
10-27-25 18:00

Agenda Name	Comments	Support	Oppose	Neutral
1 25-668 From the County Executive, providing the 2026 Recommended budget.	4	2	2	0
6 25-7 eComments submitted to the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors for the Public Hearing regarding the 2026 Recommended Budget via the County Legislative Information Center (CLIC).	1	0	0	1
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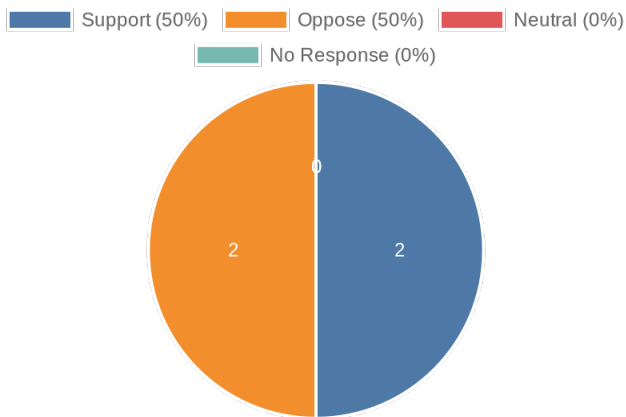
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Overall Sentiment



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## Cori Huston

Location:

Submitted At: 5:15pm 10-27-25

### Budget Oversight and Transparency – Milwaukee Public Museum Annual \$3.5 Million Contribution

#### Comment:

As the Board deliberates the 2026 Milwaukee County Budget, I urge Supervisors to closely examine the \$3.5 million annual County contribution to the Milwaukee Public Museum (ORG 9711, Account 74805 – Other Contributions) and the limited fiscal transparency currently associated with those public funds.

The Milwaukee Public Museum (MPM), operated by a private nonprofit, continues to receive substantial County funding despite no longer functioning as a County department. Unlike agencies such as the Office of Equity, Parks, or the Zoo, MPM is not required to provide detailed, line-item reporting or measurable outcomes tied to its County allocation.

Every other department receiving taxpayer funds must justify its expenditures through public documentation, performance reports, and measurable outcomes. Yet MPM's allocation appears as a single "Other Contributions" line — a \$3.5 million lump-sum payment — with no public documentation of how those dollars are used.

This discrepancy undermines Milwaukee County's stated commitment to data transparency and accountability, as outlined in Resolution 24-880 (Data Governance and Transparency), which directs all County entities to share data, improve accessibility, and report progress publicly.

It also raises an equity concern:

The Office of Equity must document every expenditure.

The Parks Department and Zoo undergo detailed budget review and public audit.

Yet the Museum, though privately operated, continues to receive public funding with minimal disclosure.

Further, the Financial and Management Agreement signed by County Executive David Crowley in 2022 commits the County to \$20 million over 20 years toward the new museum facility — a long-term obligation that brings the County's total commitment to roughly \$90 million when combined with past allocations.

Given the County's ongoing structural deficit and projected \$11.5 million annual operating gap, fiscal due diligence demands that all publicly funded partners adhere to the same transparency and reporting standards as County departments.

This request is about equity, fairness, and stewardship. Milwaukee County taxpayers deserve to know how their dollars are used, particularly when funds flow to a private entity outside normal departmental oversight.

I respectfully urge the Board to:

Require annual itemized reporting from MPM showing how County funds are allocated and spent.

Establish a clear accountability mechanism for all nonprofit partners receiving ongoing County support.

Tie measurable outcomes — attendance, programming, or access — to future County funding.

Publish all MPM financial reporting on the County's transparency portal.

Milwaukee County cannot claim data-driven budgeting while allowing millions in taxpayer dollars to flow to a private nonprofit without public accounting.

Public dollars deserve public disclosure.

Applying consistent transparency standards across all County-funded entities will strengthen fiscal accountability and public confidence.

### **Edward Meyers**

Location:

Submitted At: 2:27pm 10-27-25

I am tired of the wasteful spending of Milwaukee County. It is time for the county board to make some decisions. In 2024, Urban Milwaukee published an article about the three constitutional officers who oversee the operations of the Office of the Treasurer, County Clerk, and the Register of Deeds. There needs to be a study on how necessary these offices are and how to consolidate and save the taxpayers of Milwaukee County. People can get birth and death certificates from the City of Milwaukee. It would make sense that this study look at combining the duties of the Register of Deeds and the County Clerk, with respect to the issuance of marriage licenses and passports. Since a marriage certificate signed by an officiant is taken to the Register of Deeds after a wedding ceremony, it would make sense to have the issuance of a marriage license completed in the Register of Deed's office. There is a potential savings of \$300,000 per year that could be reinvested into Right to Counsel and other vital county initiatives. The deputy directors and managers are the ones who run the day-to-day operations of these offices. The deputies and the constitutional officers have received substantial salary increases off of the blood, sweat, and tears of taxpayers. The deputies could be appointed in the leadership roles of these offices. The treasurer could be a position within Economic Development and Administrative Services. Please investigate options through a study because I am tired of supporting waste. These leaders are not held to the same accountability of employees and it needs to stop.

<https://urbanmilwaukee.com/2025/10/17/mke-county-report-says-bad-times-just-beginning-for-milwaukee-county/>

Murphy's Law: Top County Jobs No Longer Needed? » Urban Milwaukee

### **Joy Lincoln**

Location:

Submitted At: 12:45pm 10-27-25

Please consider the approval of a \$150,000 appropriation to continue the Milwaukee Market Match. Not only does this effort provide access for SNAP-eligible Milwaukee County Community members to fresh fruit and vegetables to improve well-being and promote health, it financially supports our local farming community.

**Linda Crawford**

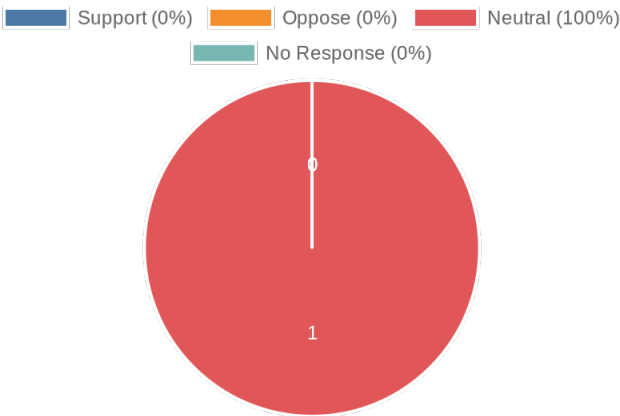
Location:  
Submitted At: 1:38pm 10-26-25

Please approve the finding for the Milwaukee Market Match program that passed the finance committee this week. The \$150,000 grant is a win-win-win; by doubling SNAP benefits at local farmers markets, recipients win by stretching their food dollars fur in further time of rising prices, their families win by having access to healthy, fresh food, and the vendors and farmers win by keeping Milwaukee County dollars in Milwaukee County. Linda Crawford Glendale WI

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**Amber Miller**

Location:  
Submitted At: 2:26pm 10-27-25

On behalf of the 90k+ members within County of Milwaukee, we urge Milwaukee County leaders to reconsider the proposed elimination of several Milwaukee County Transit System (MCTS) bus routes in the 2026 budget. These cuts affecting routes like 20, 28, 33, 34, 55, and 58, along with reduced service on others will have a profound impact on our community’s ability to remain livable, equitable, and connected.

Public transit is a cornerstone of Livable Communities. It allows residents of all ages, incomes, and abilities to access jobs, education, healthcare, grocery stores, and social opportunities. When we reduce or eliminate routes, we’re not just cutting service we’re cutting off access to opportunity.

Many of the proposed cuts target routes with lower ridership, but ridership alone doesn't tell the full story. These routes often serve neighborhoods with limited transportation alternatives, including seniors, people with disabilities, and low-income families. Livable Communities are built on inclusion, not efficiency alone.

Transit isn't just a line item—it's a lifeline. Eliminating routes may save dollars today, but it risks long-term costs in economic mobility, public health, and community cohesion.

Let's work together to build a budget that reflects our shared values: accessibility, sustainability, and livability for all Milwaukee County residents.

Thank you,  
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