



**COUNTY OF MILWAUKEE  
INTEROFFICE COMMUNICATION**

Office of the Comptroller

**DATE** : March 11, 2015  
**TO** : Supervisor Marina Dimitrijevic, Chairwoman, County Board of Supervisors  
**FROM** : Scott B. Manske, Comptroller  
**SUBJECT:** 2015 Fiscal Projection for Milwaukee County – (January 2015) **(For Information Only)**

**Policy Issue**

County Ordinance 56.02(2) was modified to reflect changes adopted under 2011 Wisconsin Act 62 which created the Office of the Comptroller and requires a monthly update of the fiscal condition of the County to the County Board. To comply with this ordinance, the Comptroller is providing the County Board with a report on the fiscal condition of the County for 2015.

**2015 Year-end Fiscal Projection – January 2015**

The Office of the Comptroller is continuing to review departmental fiscal reports for 2015 but due to there being only one month of fiscal activity it is too early to issue a projection on the year end position of the County. However, the purpose of this report is to alert the County Board to certain anticipated fiscal issues facing the County. These fiscal issues at the present time and detailed below have an overall positive variance for the County.

**Projected Variances to the 2015 Adopted Budget**

The following are projected variances from the 2015 Adopted Budget:

<b>Department</b>	<b>Issue</b>	<b>Surplus/Deficit vs. Budget</b>
Fringe Benefits	Improved 2015 projections, savings resulting from a higher Medicare Advantage enrollment and decreased stop loss costs result in a projected surplus of \$3.0 million.	\$3,000,000
Contingency Fund	Any unused balance falls to the bottom line at the end of the fiscal year. Current unallocated balance is \$5,468,711.	\$5,468,711

Sales Tax Revenue	The 2014 sales tax collections have improved subsequent to the estimate provided for the 2015 Budget. The current projection for 2014 Milwaukee County sales tax collections are estimated to be \$69.5 million. Based on the current projection for 2014 collections and an estimated growth percentage of 1.5%, the current estimate of 2015 collections is \$70.5 million. The current estimate for 2015 is approximately \$1.5 million higher than the 2015 Budget amount of \$69.0 million.	\$1,500,000
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**Committee Action**

This is an informational report only. This report should be referred to and reviewed by the Finance and Audit Committee.



Scott B. Manske  
Comptroller

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