COUNTY OF MILWAUKEE INTEROFFICE COMMUNICATION

DATE : September 6, 2011

TO: Supv. Johnny Thomas, Chairman, Finance and Audit Committee

FROM: Scott Manske, Controller

SUBJECT: Report on 2011 Investment Earnings as of July 31, 2011

Informational Report

This memorandum is an informational report only.

In previous years the Treasurer's Office has submitted a quarterly information report on investment earnings to the Finance and Audit Committee of the County Board. Due to a change in the 2011 budget, the investment reporting will now be made by the Controller's office.

Background

Based upon investment earnings for the first seven months of 2011 the Controller's office is projecting a surplus of \$500,000 on an annual basis. This projection is based on the County having average cash and investments of \$400 million for 2011, or \$121 million over budgeted estimates of \$278 million. In addition, the average interest rate earned for 2011 is expected to 1.16%, or .25% over the 0.91% budgeted earnings rate.

	12/31/2011		Seven Mnths 2011		12 Mnths 2011	
		Budget	Actual		Projected	
Average Investments						
Fixed Income	\$	162,000,000	\$	257,091,000	\$	227,091,000
Money Market type		116,000,000		207,434,000		172,434,000
Total		278,000,000		464,525,000		399,525,000
Average Rate on investments		<u>,</u>		······································		
Fixed Income		1.43%	:	1.90%		1.90%
Money Market type		0.19%		0.18%		0.18%
Total		0.91%		1.16%		1.16%
Earnings on Investments						
Fixed Income	\$	2,316,600	\$	2,809,000	\$	4,326,000
Money Market type		223,000		213,000		304,000
Total	\$	2,539,600	\$	3,022,000	\$	4,630,000
Mark to Market		-		(17,000)		(34,000)
Earnings on Trust Fund Reserves		(477,332)		(400,000)		(800,000)
Earnings on Bonds allocated to						
Capital Fund and Debt Svc		(281,829)		(800,000)		(1,500,000)
Total Investment Earnings	\$	1,780,439	\$	1,805,000	\$	2,296,000

The average investments are above budget due to the borrowing for capital projects that occurred in July and November of 2010. Most of these additional earnings will be allocated to capital projects, as is required under accounting rules. The earnings allocated to bonds on capital projects will be analyzed in coming weeks to determine if the projection is accurate.

The County Treasurer invests a portion of the cash with investment advisors, who invest the cash in fixed income securities. There are currently three investment advisors, who are managing the funds identified above as fixed income. These funds are currently earning approximately 1.90%, and generally in longer term securities.

The remaining funds identified as money market type are invested by US Bank, the County's central banking group. The Treasurer has an agreement with US Bank to invest unused funds, and pay us rates similar to current money market rates. These funds are current and available for County needs.

Action by Committee

Receive the report and place on file.

Submitted by:

Scott Manskè Controller

Cc: Dan Diliberti, Treasurer Patrick Farley Director of Administrative Services Pamela Bryant, Interim Fiscal and Budget Administrator