



# 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, January 30, 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 9:03 a.m.

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

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

**RESOLUTION - 1**

- 1      [25-120](#)      Creating a memorial to honor the life of Sade Robinson in Warnimont Park and authorizing a transfer of \$7,000 from Agency 194-1945 - Appropriation for Contingencies to Agency 900 Department of Parks, Recreation, and Culture for the purpose of constructing and installing the memorial (**Referred to the Committee on Parks and Culture [P&C] for INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES ONLY per Section 59.52(31)(d), Wisconsin State Statutes; Referred to the Committee on Finance (01/28/25 P&C Meeting: Laid Over to the Call of the Chairperson; 01/30/25 Finance Meeting: Laid Over to the Call of the Chairperson)**)

**Sponsors:**      Martinez, O'Connor, Gómez-Tom and Bielinski

**Attachments:**      [25-120 RESOLUTION](#)  
                                  [25-120 FISCAL NOTE](#)

There were no appearances for Item 1.

A motion was made by Supervisor Martinez that this Resolution be LAID OVER TO THE CALL OF THE CHAIRPERSON. The motion PREVAILED by the following vote:

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

**OFFICE OF THE MEDICAL EXAMINER - 1**

- 2      [25-123](#)      From the Medical Examiner, Office of the Medical Examiner, requesting authorization to enter into an Agreement with the City of Milwaukee Health Department (**Referred to the Committees 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:**      [25-123 REPORT](#)  
                                  [25-123 RESOLUTION](#)  
                                  [25-123 FISCAL NOTE](#)  
                                  [25-123 SUBAWARD AGREEMENT \(59 pages\)](#)

**APPEARANCES:**

Karen Domagalski, Operations Manager, Office of the Medical Examiner (Medical Examiner)  
Greg Wallace, Forensic Toxicology Lab Director, Medical Examiner

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

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

**COMBINED COURT RELATED OPERATIONS /  
FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT - 1**

- 3      [24-1066](#)      Request for Authorization for the Chief Judge to retroactively apply for and to accept the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) Family Treatment Court Enhancement Grant for 2024 (**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:**      [24-1066 REPORT \(received 12/18/24\)](#)  
                                  [24-1066 RESOLUTION](#)  
                                  [24-1066 FISCAL NOTE \(received 12/18/24\)](#)

**APPEARANCE:**

Rebecca Foley-Cramer, Court Coordinator, Family Drug Treatment Court, Combined Court Related Operations

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

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

**COMMUNITY REINTEGRATION CENTER - 1**

- 4      [24-879](#)      2024 Union Supply Commissary Contract Report. **(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:**      [24-879 REPORT](#)  
                                 [24-879 RESOLUTION](#)  
                                 [24-879 FISCAL NOTE](#)

**APPEARANCES:**

Chantell Jewell, 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:** 7 - Taylor (17), Taylor (5), Rolland, Martinez, Bielinski, O'Connor and Johnson Jr.

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

- 5      [25-116](#)      From the Director, Department of Transportation and Interim Director, Milwaukee County Transit System, requesting authorization to apply for and accept RAISE grant funds for transit capital enhancements along the Purple Line (North-South 27th Street). **(Referred to the Committees on Transportation and Transit; and Finance)**

**Attachments:**      [25-116 REPORT](#)  
                                 [25-116 RESOLUTION](#)  
                                 [25-116 FISCAL NOTE](#)  
                                 [25-116 POWERPOINT](#)

**APPEARANCES:**

David Locher, Manager of Enhanced Transit, Milwaukee County Transit System  
Anthony "Tony" Geiger, Senior Manager, Grants Development, Department of Transportation

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

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

**FACILITIES MANAGEMENT DIVISION /  
DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES - 1**

- 6      [25-106](#)      From the Director, Architecture, Engineering, and Environmental Services Section, Facilities Management Division, Department of Administrative Services, requesting approval of the updated project delivery plan for adopted 2025 Capital Improvement Budget projects. **(Referred to the Committees on Community, Environment, and Economic Development; and Finance)**

**Attachments:**      [25-106 REPORT](#)  
                                  [25-106 RESOLUTION](#)  
                                  [25-106 FISCAL NOTE](#)  
                                  [25-106 2025 PROJECT DELIVERY TABLE](#)  
                                  [25-106 PROGRESS REPORTS \(received 01/27/25\)](#)

**APPEARANCE:**

**Sean Hayes, Interim Director, Facilities Management Division (FMD), Department of Administrative Services (DAS), and Director, Architecture, Engineering, and Environmental Services Section, FMD, DAS**

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

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

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

- 7      [25-108](#)      A report from the Director, Department of Health and Human Services, requesting authorization to submit the 2025-2027 Milwaukee County Area Aging Plan to the Wisconsin Department of Health Services. **(Referred to the Committees on Health Equity, Human Needs, and Strategic Planning; and Finance)**

**Attachments:**      [25-108 REPORT](#)  
                                 [25-108 RESOLUTION](#)  
                                 [25-108 FISCAL NOTE](#)  
                                 [25-108 AREA AGING PLAN 2025-2027 \(98 pages\)](#)  
                                 [25-108 POWERPOINT \(01/23/25\)](#)

**APPEARANCES:**  
**David Muhammad, Deputy Director, Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS)**  
**Emily Petersen, Policy and Advocacy Manager, Aging Services, DHHS**

**A motion was made by Supervisor Taylor (5) that this Action Report be RECOMMENDED FOR ADOPTION. The motion PREVAILED by the following vote:**

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

**PASSIVE REVIEW - ITEM 8**

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.

8      [25-144](#)

A report from the Director, Department of Health and Human Services, requesting passive review authorization to enter into a purchase of service contract within Housing Services (**PASSIVE REVIEW; INFORMATIONAL ONLY UNLESS OTHERWISE DIRECTED BY THE COMMITTEE**)

Attachments:    [25-144 REPORT](#)  
                          [25-144 FISCAL NOTE](#)

**APPEARANCES:**

David Muhammad, Deputy Director, Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS)

James "Jim" Mathy, Administrator, Housing Services, DHHS (virtually)

A motion was made by Supervisor Rolland that this Passive Review Contract be RECOMMENDED ADOPTION. The motion was later withdrawn, therefore no roll call vote was taken.

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

**OFFICE OF STRATEGY, BUDGET, AND PERFORMANCE - 4**

- 9      [25-140](#)      From the Director of the Office of Strategy, Budget and Performance, requesting acknowledgment, acceptance, and appropriation of \$6,250,000 of increases in American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding from the State of Wisconsin for courthouse security (\$2.3 million) and the Forensic Science Center project (\$3.95 million). **(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:**      [25-140 REPORT](#)  
                                  [25-140 RESOLUTION](#)  
                                  [25-140 FISCAL NOTE](#)

**APPEARANCES:**

Joseph "Joe" Lamers, Director, Office of Strategy, Budget, and Performance  
Chief Judge Carl Ashley, First Judicial District, Combined Court Related Operations  
Aaron Hertzberg, Director, Department of Administrative Services

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

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

- 10      [25-149](#)      From the Director, Office of Strategy, Budget, and Performance requesting authorization to process administrative fund transfers from Org. Unit 1972 - Central Salary Costs to departments impacted by the Compensation Transformation Project to cover increased salary and social security costs. **(Referred to the Committee on Personnel for INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES ONLY per Section 59.52(31)(d), Wisconsin State Statutes; Referred to the Committee on Finance)**

**Attachments:**      [25-149 REPORT](#)  
                                  [25-149 RESOLUTION](#)  
                                  [25-149 FISCAL NOTE](#)

**APPEARANCES:**

Joseph "Joe" Lamers, Director, Office of Strategy, Budget, and Performance (OSBP)  
Daniel "Dan" Laurila, Operating Budget Director, OSBP (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:** 7 - Taylor (17), Taylor (5), Rolland, Martinez, Bielinski, O'Connor and Johnson Jr.



- 11      [25-112](#)      From the Director Office of Strategy, Budget, and Performance providing a FY 2024 appropriation packet for the January 2025 cycle.

**Attachments:**      [25-112 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:** 7 - Taylor (17), Taylor (5), Rolland, Martinez, Bielinski, O'Connor and Johnson Jr.

- 12      [25-113](#)      From the Director Office of Strategy, Budget, and Performance, providing a 2025 appropriation packet for the January 2025 cycle.

**Attachments:**      [25-113 DRAFT TRANSFER PACKET](#)

**APPEARANCE:**

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

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

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

## OFFICE OF THE COMPTROLLER - 5

- 13      [25-100](#)      From the Milwaukee County Comptroller, Office of the Comptroller, requesting approval of an initial authorizing resolution in an amount not-to-exceed \$195,780,000 in General Obligation Corporate Purpose Bonds or Promissory Notes to finance capital projects, and to reimburse expenses related to projects that occur prior to the issuances.

**Attachments:**      [25-100 REPORT](#)

[25-100 RESOLUTION](#)

[25-100 FISCAL NOTE](#)

[25-100 2025 CAPITAL BUDGET PROJECTS SUMMARY](#)

**APPEARANCE:**

Pamela "Pam" Bryant, Director of Capital Finance, Office of the Comptroller

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

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

- 14      [25-101](#)      From the Milwaukee County Comptroller requesting approval to allocate approximately \$1.1 million in unspent bond proceeds from the Debt Service Reserve; and to process the associated administrative appropriation transfers to pay eligible debt service expenses, to provide additional funding to ongoing projects with shortfalls, to increase the scope of Project WH024201 - North Shop Improvements, and to place remaining funding into the countywide unallocated contingency account.

**Attachments:**    [25-101 REPORT](#)  
                              [25-101 RESOLUTION](#)  
                              [25-101 FISCAL NOTE](#)

**APPEARANCE:**

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

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

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

- 15      [25-107](#)      From the Milwaukee County Comptroller, Office of the Comptroller, requesting authorization to close certain trust accounts for which their purpose no longer exists.

**Attachments:**    [25-107 REPORT](#)  
                              [25-107 RESOLUTION](#)  
                              [25-107 FISCAL NOTE](#)

**APPEARANCE:**

Liz Sumner, Milwaukee County Comptroller, Office of the Comptroller

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

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

- 16      [25-103](#)      From the Milwaukee County Comptroller, Office of the Comptroller, providing an informational report listing the carryovers of operating budget capital outlay appropriations and related revenues.

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

**Attachments:**    [25-103 REPORT](#)

**APPEARANCE:**

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

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

- 17      [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 JANUARY REPORT \(received 01/08/25\)](#)

**APPEARANCES:**

Alexis Gassenhuber, Contracts Coordinator, 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 the January 2025 Report for this Reference File be **RECOMMENDED TO BE RECEIVED AND PLACED ON FILE**. The motion **PREVAILED** by the following vote:

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

**Items 18 and 19 were considered together.**

**OFFICE OF CORPORATION COUNSEL - 2**

**CLOSED SESSION: ITEMS 18 AND 19**

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 18 and 19.

- 18      [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 JANUARY REPORT \(received 12/27/24\)](#)

**APPEARANCE:**

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

Items 18 and 19 were considered together.

The Committee did not adjourn into Closed Session to discuss Items 18 and 19.

The January 2025 Reports for the Reference Files associated with Items 18 and 19 were DISCUSSED WITH NO ACTION TAKEN.

- 19      [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 JANUARY REPORT \(received 12/27/24\)](#)

**APPEARANCE:**

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

Items 18 and 19 were considered together.

The Committee did not adjourn into Closed Session to discuss Items 18 and 19.

The January 2025 Reports for the Reference Files associated with Items 18 and 19 were DISCUSSED WITH NO ACTION TAKEN.

**E-COMMENTS - 1**

20      [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 January 30, 2025, meeting.

The January 30, 2025, record of eComments was **DISCUSSED WITH NO ACTION TAKEN.**

**Length of Meeting: 9:03 a.m. to 10:37 a.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 Thursday, March 13, 2025, at 9:00 a.m.

Approval Tracking System review must be completed in Legistar on or before Friday, February 14, 2025, at 5:00 p.m., for the March meeting cycle.