



# Milwaukee County

901 N. 9th St. Rm 203R  
Milwaukee, WI 53233

## 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*

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Wednesday, October 9, 2024

9:00 AM

Room 203-R and Microsoft Teams  
County Legislative Information Center

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### HYBRID BUDGET 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 9:02 a.m.

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

**Supervisors Shawn Rolland and Juan Miguel Martinez appeared virtually for today's meeting.**

**PRESENTATION OF OVERVIEW OF  
THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE'S 2025 RECOMMENDED BUDGET - 1**

1      [24-827](#)      From the County Executive, providing the 2025 recommended budget.

**Attachments:**      [24-827 2025 Recommended Operating Budget](#)  
[24-827 2025 Recommended Capital Budget](#)  
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Presentation of Overview of the County Executive's 2025 Recommended Budget by the Director of Research and Policy, Research Services Division, Office of the Comptroller

**APPEARANCE:**

**Steve Cady, Director of Research and Policy, Research Services, Office of the Comptroller**

**Mr. Cady provided an electronic presentation, which is included and attached to this Budget File as "24-827 POWERPOINT PRESENTATIONS (10/09/24)."**

**Supervisor Bielinski requested information regarding allowable levy changes to the State-imposed tax levy cap, as provided in the 2025 Recommended Budget Overview electronic presentation, as well as a reexamination and recalculation of the line items, which constitute the allowable levy changes.**

**Supervisor Rolland requested information regarding the average cost, per Milwaukee County household, if the property tax levy were raised to the allowable levy cap of \$15.25 million, as well as a breakdown of how tax levy increases of various sizes could impact property tax assessments on a per-household basis.**

**Supervisor Rolland requested information regarding the legality and accounting regulations associated with creating a trust fund for McKinley Marina.**

**The 2025 Recommended Budget Overview was DISCUSSED WITH NO ACTION TAKEN.**

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**LEGISLATIVE AND EXECUTIVE FUNCTION - 2**

2        [24-827](#)        From the County Executive, providing the 2025 recommended budget.

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Org. Unit 110    County Executive - General Office and the 2025  
Recommended Budget

**APPEARANCES:**

Ethan T. Masarik, Committee Coordinator, Legislative Services, Office of the  
County Clerk

Jeremy Lucas, Policy Director, Office of the County Executive

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

Org. Unit 110 - County Executive - General Office and the 2025 Recommended  
Budget, were DISCUSSED WITH NO ACTION TAKEN.

3        [24-827](#)        From the County Executive, providing the 2025 recommended budget.

**Attachments:**    [24-827 2025 Recommended Operating Budget](#)  
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Org. Unit 103    County Executive - Office of Government Affairs

**APPEARANCE:**

Alec Knutson, Government Affairs Director, Office of Government Affairs

Mr. Knutson provided a revised electronic presentation, which is included and  
attached to this Budget File as "24-827 POWERPOINT PRESENTATIONS  
(10/09/24)."

Org. Unit 103 - County Executive - Office of Government Affairs, was  
DISCUSSED WITH NO ACTION TAKEN.

**DEBT SERVICE FUNCTION - 1**

4        [24-827](#)        From the County Executive, providing the 2025 recommended budget.

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Org. Unit 996 General County Debt Service

**APPEARANCE:**  
Justin Rodriguez, Capital Projects Manager, Office of the Comptroller (virtually)

Org. Unit 996 - General County Debt Service, was DISCUSSED WITH NO ACTION TAKEN.

**NON-DEPARTMENTAL REVENUES FUNCTION - 2**

5      [24-827](#)      From the County Executive, providing the 2025 recommended budget.

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Org. Unit 190 Non-Departmental Revenues

- o 1901 Unclaimed Money
- o 1902 Personal Property Aid
- o 1937 Potawatomi Allocation Revenue
- o 1986 Fire Charge - Uncollectable
- o 1992 Earnings on Investments
- o 1993 State Shared Taxes
- o 1994 State Exempt Computer Aid
- o 1995 Milwaukee Bucks Sports Arena
- o 1996 County Sales Tax Revenue
- o 1998 Surplus from Prior Years
- o 1999 Other Miscellaneous Revenue

**APPEARANCES:**

Lindsey Peterson, Operating Budget Manager, Office of Strategy, Budget, and Performance (OSBP)

Joseph "Joe" Lamers, Director, OSBP

Steve Cady, Director of Research and Policy, Research Services, Office of the Comptroller

Supervisor Taylor (17) requested information regarding the lack of a 2023 entry for 1901 Unclaimed Money, despite the requirement to report the available funds in odd-numbered budget years.

Org. Unit 190 - Non-Departmental Revenues (Various Categories), was DISCUSSED WITH NO ACTION TAKEN.

6      [24-827](#)      From the County Executive, providing the 2025 recommended budget.

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Org. Unit 1991      Property Taxes

**APPEARANCES:**

Lindsey Peterson, Operating Budget Manager, Office of Strategy, Budget, and Performance (OSBP)

Daniel "Dan" Laurila, Operating Budget Director, OSBP, appeared but did not speak regarding Org. Unit 1991 - Property Taxes.

Org. Unit 1991 - Property Taxes, was DISCUSSED WITH NO ACTION TAKEN.

**NON-DEPARTMENTAL EXPENDITURES FUNCTION - 2**

\*Strategic Program Area

**Items 7 and 8 were considered together.**

7        [24-827](#)        From the County Executive, providing the 2025 recommended budget.

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Org. Unit 1950    Employee and Retiree Fringe Benefits

**APPEARANCE:**

Daniel "Dan" Laurila, Operating Budget Director, Office of Strategy, Budget, and Performance

Items 7 and 8 were considered together.

Mr. Laurila provided an electronic presentation, which is included and attached to this Budget File as "24-827 POWERPOINT PRESENTATIONS (10/09/24)"

Org. Unit 1950 - Employee and Retiree Fringe Benefits and Org. Unit 194 - Non-Departmental Expenditures (Various \*SPAs), were DISCUSSED WITH NO ACTION TAKEN.

8        [24-827](#)        From the County Executive, providing the 2025 recommended budget.

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Org. Unit 194 Non-Departmental Expenditures  
\* Appropriation for Contingencies  
\* Offset to Internal Service Charges  
\* Charges to Other County Departments  
\* Capital Outlay/Depreciation Contra  
\* Investment Management Fees  
\* 0.4% Sales Tax

**APPEARANCE:**

Daniel "Dan" Laurila, Operating Budget Director, Office of Strategy, Budget, and Performance

Items 7 and 8 were considered together.

Mr. Laurila provided an electronic presentation, which is included and attached to this Budget File as "24-827 POWERPOINT PRESENTATIONS (10/09/24)"

Org. Unit 1950 - Employee and Retiree Fringe Benefits and Org. Unit 194 - Non-Departmental Expenditures (Various \*SPAs), were DISCUSSED WITH NO ACTION TAKEN.



**GENERAL GOVERNMENT FUNCTION - 1**

\*Strategic Program Area

9        [24-827](#)        From the County Executive, providing the 2025 recommended budget.

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Org. Unit 309 Office of the County Treasurer  
\* Banking Services and Delinquent Property Tax Collection

**APPEARANCE:**  
David Cullen, Milwaukee County Treasurer, Office of the County Treasurer (Treasurer)

Rex Queen, Deputy Treasurer, Treasurer, appeared but did not speak regarding Org. Unit 309 - Office of the County Treasurer (\*SPA: Banking Services and Delinquent Property Tax Collection).

Org. Unit 309 - Office of the County Treasurer (\*SPA: Banking Services and Delinquent Property Tax Collection), was **DISCUSSED WITH NO ACTION TAKEN.**

**GENERAL GOVERNMENT FUNCTION - 3**

\*Strategic Program Area

10        [24-827](#)        From the County Executive, providing the 2025 recommended budget.

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Org. Unit 327 Office of the County Clerk  
                         \* County Clerk  
                         \* Election Commission

**APPEARANCES:**  
George L. Christenson, Milwaukee County Clerk, Office of the County Clerk  
Daniel "Dan" Laurila, Operating Budget Director, Office of Strategy, Budget, and Performance

Org. Unit 327 - Office of the County Clerk (\*SPA: County Clerk, and \*SPA: Election Commission), was DISCUSSED WITH NO ACTION TAKEN.

**The Committee recessed from 11:34 a.m. to 12:17 p.m. Upon reconvening at 12:17 p.m., the roll was taken and 7 members were present.**

**Roll Call at 12:17 p.m.**

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

**Supervisors Shawn Rolland and Juan Miguel Martinez appeared virtually for today's meeting.**

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Org. Unit 340 Office of the Register of Deeds  
                         \* Administration  
                         \* Real Estate Services  
                         \* Vital Statistics  
                         \* Tax Listing Services

**APPEARANCE:**

Israel Ramón, Milwaukee County Register of Deeds, Office of the Register of Deeds (virtually)

Org. Unit 340 - Office of the Register of Deeds (Various \*SPAs), was DISCUSSED WITH NO ACTION TAKEN.

12      [24-827](#)      From the County Executive, providing the 2025 recommended budget.

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Org. Unit 370 Office of the Comptroller  
\* Administration  
\* Central Accounting  
\* Central Payables  
\* Central Capital  
\* Central Payroll  
\* Audit Services  
\* Research Services

**APPEARANCE:**

**Liz Sumner, Milwaukee County Comptroller, Office of the Comptroller (Comptroller)**

**Cynthia "C.J." Pahl, Financial Services Director, Comptroller, appeared but did not speak regarding Org. Unit 370 - Office of the Comptroller (Various \*SPAs).**

**Org. Unit 370 - Office of the Comptroller (Various \*SPAs), was DISCUSSED WITH NO ACTION TAKEN.**

**ADMINISTRATIVE FUNCTION - 3**

\*Strategic Program Area

13      [24-827](#)      From the County Executive, providing the 2025 recommended budget.

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Org. Unit 109 Office of Equity

**APPEARANCES:**

Sumaiyah Clark, Chief Equity Officer, Office of Equity (OOE)

Kenmikiya Terry, Director of Equity Operations, OOE

Supervisor Rolland requested information regarding the annual \$1 million dollar investment in the OOE, and if investment in other service areas such as eviction prevention and credible messenger programs would prove more effective.

Org. Unit 109 - Office of Equity, was DISCUSSED WITH NO ACTION TAKEN.

14      [24-827](#)      From the County Executive, providing the 2025 recommended budget.

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Org. Unit 112 Personnel Review Board, Civil Service Commission,  
and Ethics Board

- \* Personnel Review Board
- \* Civil Service Commission
- \* Ethics Board

**APPEARANCE:**

**Adam Gilmore, Personnel Review Board Administrator and Ethics Board  
Executive Director, Personnel Review Board, Civil Service Commission, and  
Ethics Board (virtually)**

Supervisor Taylor (17) requested a breakdown of each Strategic Program  
Area's 2024 targets, as provided in the Recommended Budget narrative, and  
progress on those targets in calendar year 2024, to date.

Org. Unit 112 - Personnel Review Board, Civil Service Commission, and Ethics  
Board (Various \*SPAs), was **DISCUSSED WITH NO ACTION TAKEN.**

15      [24-827](#)      From the County Executive, providing the 2025 recommended budget.

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Org. Unit 113 Corporation Counsel

**APPEARANCES:**

Scott F. Brown, Corporation Counsel, Office of Corporation Counsel  
Daniel "Dan" Laurila, Operating Budget Director, Office of Strategy, Budget,  
and Performance

Org. Unit 113 - Corporation Counsel, was DISCUSSED WITH NO ACTION TAKEN.

**NON-DEPARTMENTAL EXPENDITURES FUNCTION - 1**

\*Strategic Program Area

16      [24-827](#)      From the County Executive, providing the 2025 recommended budget.

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Org. Unit 194 Non-Departmental Expenditures  
\* Litigation Reserve

**APPEARANCE:**

Scott F. Brown, Corporation Counsel, Office of Corporation Counsel

Org. Unit 194 - Non-Departmental Expenditures (\*SPA: Litigation Reserve), was  
DISCUSSED WITH NO ACTION TAKEN.

**E-COMMENTS - 1**

17      [24-71](#)      eComments submitted to the Committee on Finance via the County Legislative Information Center (CLIC).

\*The Office of the County Clerk collects eComments via CLIC, and appends these official public records to Reference File No. 24-71 at the conclusion of each meeting.

**APPEARANCE:**

**Ethan T. Masarik, Committee Coordinator, Legislative Services, Office of the County Clerk**

There were no eComments submitted for the October 9, 2024, meeting.

The October 9, 2024, record of eComments was **DISCUSSED WITH NO ACTION TAKEN.**

**Length of Meeting: 9:02 a.m. to 1:28 p.m.**

**Adjourned,**

**Ethan T. Masarik  
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.**  
Thursday, October 10, 2024  
Friday, October 11, 2024  
Monday, October 14, 2024  
Tuesday, October 15, 2024 (if necessary)

**COMMITTEE ON FINANCE-BUDGET HYBRID PUBLIC HEARING ON THE 2025 RECOMMENDED BUDGET, and review of supplemental Departmental informational reports.**  
Tuesday, October 15, 2024, at 4:00 p.m.

**SUPERVISOR BUDGET AMENDMENTS, at 9:00 a.m.**  
Thursday, October 24, 2024  
Friday, October 25, 2024

**MILWAUKEE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ANNUAL PUBLIC HEARING ON THE 2025 RECOMMENDED BUDGET**  
Monday, October 28, 2024, at 6:30 p.m.

**FINAL SUPERVISOR BUDGET AMENDMENTS, at 9:00 a.m.**  
Friday, November 1, 2024