



# 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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Thursday, October 10, 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 9:03 a.m.

**Present** 6 - Taylor (17), Taylor (5), Martinez, Bielinski, O'Connor and Johnson Jr.

**Excused** 1 - Rolland

Supervisor Shawn Rolland was not present at the time the roll was called, but appeared virtually shortly thereafter.

Supervisors Sequanna Taylor (5), Shawn Rolland, and Juan Miguel Martinez appeared virtually for today's meeting.

## CONSOLIDATED NON-DEPARTMENTAL CULTURAL CONTRIBUTIONS - 1

\*Strategic Program Area

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

**Attachments:** [24-827 2025 Recommended Operating Budget](#)  
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Org. Unit 199 Cultural Contributions

- \* Fund for the Arts
- \* Milwaukee County Historical Society
- \* Federated Library System
- \* Marcus Center for the Performing Arts
- \* Milwaukee Public Museum
- \* Charles Allis and Villa Terrace Art Museums
- \* War Memorial Center
- \* Milwaukee Art Museum

**APPEARANCES:**

James "Jim" Tarantino, Deputy Director, Department of Parks, Recreation, and Culture

Erica Goblet, Project Manager, Economic Development, Department of Administrative Services (virtually)

Dr. Barbara Leigh, Vice-Chairperson, Cultural, Artistic, and Musical Programming Advisory Council, appeared virtually and spoke regarding Org. Unit 199 \*SPA: Fund for the Arts.

Ben Barbera, Executive Director, Milwaukee County Historical Society (MCHS), appeared and spoke regarding Org. Unit 199 \*SPA: MCHS.

Steve Hesel, System Director, Milwaukee County Federated Library System (MCFLS), appeared and spoke regarding Org. Unit 199 \*SPA: Federated Library System.

Katherine "Katie" Dillow, Chief Financial Officer and Vice President of Finance and Administration, Marcus Center for the Performing Arts (Marcus Center), appeared and spoke regarding Org. Unit 199 \*SPA: Marcus Center.

Dr. Ellen Censky, President and Chief Executive Officer, Milwaukee Public Museum (MPM), appeared virtually and spoke regarding Org. Unit 199 \*SPA: MPM.

Marquayla Ellison, Interim Executive Director, Charles Allis and Villa Terrace Art Museums (CAVT), appeared virtually and spoke regarding Org. Unit 199 \*SPA: CAVT.

Dan Buttery, President and Chief Executive Officer, War Memorial Center (WMC), appeared virtually and spoke regarding Org. Unit 199 \*SPA: WMC.

André Allaire, Chief Development Officer, Milwaukee Art Museum (MAM), appeared virtually and spoke regarding Org. Unit 199 \*SPA: MAM.

Supervisor Bielinski requested information regarding cultural spending in Milwaukee County and its comparability to similar metropolitan areas.

Supervisor O'Connor made the following inquiries:

Might the Community Reintegration Center (CRC)/Milwaukee Secure Detention Facility (MSDF)/Vel R. Phillips Juvenile Justice Center (Vel Phillips)/MCFLS book program funding be considered for placement within the organizational budgets of the CRC/MSDF/Vel Phillips, rather than the budget of MCFLS, if that would be beneficial to MCFLS?

What would any implications be of moving the project budget away from MCFLS?

Org. Unit 199 - Cultural Contributions (Various \*SPAs), was DISCUSSED WITH NO ACTION TAKEN.



**CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS BUDGET - 1  
[WAR MEMORIAL]**

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- 1452 War Memorial Center (WMC)
- Capital Project WU030101 - WMC - Flood Mitigation
- Capital Project WU030201 - WMC Condominium Agreement - Exterior Pedestal - Concrete Repair and Replace
- Capital Project WU030202 - WMC Condominium Agreement - Passenger Elevator (Saarinen)
- Capital Project WU030203 - WMC Condominium Agreement - Penthouse Mechanical Replacements

**There were no appearances for Item 3.**

**Capital Projects WU030101, WU0303201, WU030202, and WU030203, were DISCUSSED WITH NO ACTION TAKEN.**

**PARKS, RECREATION, AND CULTURE FUNCTION - 2**

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Org. Unit 991 - University of Wisconsin - Extension

**Jerrold "Jerry" Braatz, Director, University of Wisconsin (UW) - Extension, appeared and spoke regarding Org. Unit 991 - UW - Extension.**

**Supervisor Rolland requested data regarding participant evaluations of the programming offered by UW - Extension, including participant satisfaction, demographic information, and other investment impact data.**

**Org. Unit 991 - University of Wisconsin - Extension, was DISCUSSED WITH NO ACTION TAKEN.**

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Org. Unit 900 Department of Parks, Recreation, and Culture  
\* Administration  
\* Park Operations and Trades  
\* Recreation and Business Services

**APPEARANCES:**

Guy Smith, Director, Department of Parks, Recreation, and Culture (DPRC)  
James "Jim" Tarantino, Deputy Director, DPRC  
Supervisor Patti Logsdon, District 9

Supervisor Rolland requested information regarding the established criteria for which structures, institutions, or organizations will be receiving trust funds, and the process for which those are designated, as well as information regarding a system-wide approach to trust funds throughout the parks system, and a fair process for application.

Supervisor Taylor (5) requested a listing of parks receiving or scheduled to receive lighting updates, including facilities and along parkways.

Supervisor Taylor (5) requested a listing of parks that have or will have a friends groups, and/or friends groups sponsoring multiple parks.

Supervisor Taylor (5) requested information regarding the status of all projects currently underway, or scheduled, at Atkinson and Indigenous People's Park.

Supervisor Bielinski requested information regarding the lack of capital investment in parks within the 16th Supervisory District for calendar year 2025.

Supervisor Taylor (17) requested a listing of the expenses and revenues associated with each open pool and splash pad in 2024.

Org. Unit 900 - Department of Parks, Recreation, and Culture (Various \*SPAs), was DISCUSSED WITH NO ACTION TAKEN.

**CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS BUDGET - 1  
[PARKS]**

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- 1400   Parks  
 Capital Project WP032001 - North Point Parking Lot  
 Capital Project WP046801 - Sports Complex Make Up Air (MUA)  
 Capital Project WP067401 - Underwood Creek Parkway Road  
                                  Replacement - Roundabout to Swan Drive  
 Capital Project WP070603 - South Shore Breakwater North Section -  
                                  Phase 2  
 Capital Project WP071403 - Kinnickinnic River Parkway - Jackson  
                                  Park Drive - Alternative C  
 Capital Project WP078201 - Oak Leaf Trail Hampshire Access  
 Capital Project WP082601 - Parks Fire Protection Systems - Phase 1

**APPEARANCE:**  
**Guy Smith, Director, Department of Parks, Recreation, and Culture (DPRC)**

**James "Jim" Tarantino, Deputy Director, DPRC, appeared but did not speak regarding these Capital Projects.**

**Capital Projects WP032001, WP046801, WP067401, WP070603, WP071403, WP078201, and WP082601, were DISCUSSED WITH NO ACTION TAKEN.**



**PARKS, RECREATION, AND CULTURE FUNCTION - 1**

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- Org. Unit 950 Zoological Department  
\* Administration and Finance  
\* Marketing and Communications  
\* Facilities  
\* Animal Management and Health  
\* Zoo Operations

**APPEARANCES:**  
**Amos Morris, Director, Milwaukee County Zoo (Zoo)**  
**Vera Westphal, Vice President of Administration, Finance, and Operations, Zoo**

Supervisor O'Connor requested the name and e-mail address for the Facilities Director at the Milwaukee County Zoo.

Org. Unit 950 - Zoological Department, was DISCUSSED WITH NO ACTION TAKEN.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS, if necessary.  
REGARDING THE COUNTY EXECUTIVES 2025 RECOMMENDED BUDGET - 1**

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Unfinished Business, if necessary.

Unfinished Business could include consideration or discussion of any portion of the County Executive's 2025 Recommended Operating or Capital Improvement Budgets. Department Heads should be prepared to attend, if necessary.

**There were no appearances for Item 8.**

**There were no items of Unfinished Business.**

**Item 8 was DISCUSSED WITH NO ACTION TAKEN.**

**E-COMMENTS - 1**

9      [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:**

**Kelsey A. Evans, Committee Coordinator, Legislative Services, Office of the County Clerk**

**There were no eComments submitted for the October 10, 2024, meeting.**

**The October 10, 2024, record of eComments was DISCUSSED WITH NO ACTION TAKEN.**

**Length of Meeting: 9:03 a.m. to 12:12 p.m.**

**Adjourned,**

**Kelsey A. Evans  
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.  
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**