



Milwaukee County

County Courthouse
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Milwaukee, WI 53233

Meeting Minutes Intergovernmental Relations Committee

Chairperson: Supervisor James Schmitt

Clerk: Carol Mueller, 278-4228

Research Analyst: Steve Cady, 278-4347

Monday, January 31, 2011

9:00 AM

Room 201-B

Call To Order

Present 6 - Borkowski, Broderick, Cesarz, Dimitrijevic, Weishan and Schmitt

Absent 1 - Holloway

11-63

A resolution seeking a change in State statutes to permit Milwaukee County to establish a health care expenditure stabilization fund,

Sponsors: Mayo

Attachments: [fiscal note](#)
[Audio IGR 01/31/11](#)
[11-87 CB resolution](#)

APPEARANCE(S):
Supervisor Michael Mayo, Sr., District #7

Supervisor Mayo said this amendment allows Milwaukee County to be proactive to create a fund that could be used when the cost of health care fluctuates yearly.

Questions and comments ensued on when this may be approved and possible funding options.

A motion was made by Supervisor Borkowski that this Resolution be Recommended for Adoption. The motion was approved by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Borkowski, Broderick, Cesarz, Dimitrijevic, Weishan and Schmitt

[11-52](#)

From the County Executive requesting adoption of a resolution urging the State of Wisconsin to redirect or designate any revenue generated in Milwaukee County from the eighteen-dollar rental car tax as a local dedicated funding source for transit to the Milwaukee County Transit System (MCTS). **(Referred to the Committee on Intergovernmental Relations.) (02/03/11: Referred to the Committee on Transportation, Public Works and Transit by the County Board.)**

Attachments: [MEMO](#)
[RESOLUTION](#)
[FISCAL NOTE](#)
[Audio Part 1 IGR 01/31/11](#)
[Audio Part 2 IGR 01/31/11](#)
[CB Resolution 11-84](#)
[Audio TPWT 03/02/11](#)

APPEARANCE(S):

*Terry Cooley, County Board Chief of Staff
County Executive, Lee Holloway
Ken Yunker, President, Southeastern Regional Planning Commission
Supervisor Michael Mayo, Sr. District #7*

The County Executive said that MCTS will be in serious trouble with possible transit cuts in the State budget. He wants Milwaukee County to be on record to request/ receive any funds from car rental fees that may be available through legislation approved to fund the Southeastern Regional Transit Authority (SERTA).

Mr. Yunker spoke to the Committee in favor of the request. It is feasible that SERTA will be dissolved without Federal and State support. It is good to have Milwaukee County on record requesting these monies to fund the Milwaukee County Transit System.

Questions and comments ensued.

A motion was made by Supervisor Broderick that this Action Report be Recommended for Adoption. The motion failed by the following vote:

Aye: 2 - Broderick and Dimitrijevic

No: 4 - Borkowski, Cesarz, Weishan and Schmitt

INF 11-38

Update on Legislative matters.

Attachments: [audio part 1 IGR 1/31/11](#)
[audio part 2 IGR 1/31/11](#)

APPEARANCE(S):

Roy de la Rosa, Intergovernmental Relations
Anita Gulotta Connelly, Managing Director of Milwaukee County Transit Service
Lisa Marks, Director, Child Support Enforcement

The Chair spoke to the Committee regarding the Milwaukee County delegation of five supervisors that were part of the Wisconsin Counties Association ambassador program. They met with State legislators on three priority points. They are the Juvenile Justice System closing; the \$6.8 million payment for the old GAMP program that only Milwaukee County pays, that is now a part of Badger Care, a State program; and a dedicated funding source for MCTS.

Each Supervisor tried to meet with his/her own representative. The clear response from Madison is no new taxes or spending. The delegation spoke to the merits to keep Ethan Allen facility open opposed to Linden Hills. It will be fiscally imprudent to keep both centers open. On the second priority, Senator Darling understands the money paid by Milwaukee County for the Badger Care program does not seem fair. Hopefully the Governor will concur. On the final point regarding a sales tax for transit, parks and EMS services the response was that if this could not get passed in the last Democratic administration, it will not be going forward now.

A discussion ensued on state shared revenue cuts that may be forthcoming.

Mr. de la Rosa updated the Committee on a series of legislative sessions that took place where bills passed in one branch on the creation and expansion of jobs, the deductibility of health savings accounts, tax credits for businesses that located in Wisconsin and tort reform.

The Governor in his State of the State address will make public his ideas to reduce the State deficit. They will be two-fold, ideas that affect his budget and recommendations to the current budget deficit that ends in June of 2011. There will be exposure to County programs. Everything is on the table.

Ms. Connelly addressed the possibility of mass transit operating assistance being pulled out of the Transportation fund and put into the General fund and not funding transit services. These funds are an essential part of Milwaukee County's infrastructure for transit. There is an argument in Madison that Public Transportation isn't public transportation but a service. This change would affect all state-wide transit systems. A wide-spread group of transit advocates across the state are working together to mobilize the elderly, disability and environmental concern to fight this perception.

Questions and comments ensued.

Ms. Marks informed the Committee that in June 2010, the Department received a preliminary notice from the State regarding their allocation of the \$8.5 million of continuing general purpose revenues for Department of Children and Families for 2011. This assumption was used for the 2011 Milwaukee County Budget. Later in 2010, Milwaukee County was notified that the general purpose revenue was only \$4.25 million state wide. IGR, along with the legislation from Representative Grigsby

and Senator Taylor was able to suggest another source of revenue that was available for the Department of Children and Families. This additional funding allowed the State to provide both the \$4.25 and an additional \$4.25 in program money. For 2011, all 72 Counties were eligible for the \$8.5 million in matchable funds. The State allocation for 2011 has been received by Milwaukee County.

This informational report was discussed with no action

Adjournment

Length of the meeting 9:02 a.m. to 10:22 a.m.

Deadline for the next meeting to be announced.

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