



Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors

————— *Lee Holloway* —————

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**CHAIRMAN HOLLOWAY STATEMENT ON
MILWAUKEE PUBLIC MUSEUM RECOVERY PLAN**

County Board could consider plan this summer

Milwaukee, WI – Milwaukee County Board Chairman Lee Holloway released the following statement regarding the Milwaukee Public Museum recovery plan:

“I’m encouraged to see the Milwaukee Public Museum Board of Directors advance this comprehensive recovery plan. Because of the critical nature of Milwaukee County’s involvement in the Museum’s recovery, the County Board will analyze the details of this plan and vote on it as soon as this summer.”

“Since the discovery of poor fiscal management by MPM, Inc. in 2005, it has been the actions of the County Board that have kept the museum open during this time. A Financial Oversight Committee was appointed to oversee the taxpayers’ investment in the museum and a Museum Recovery Committee was created to develop this recovery plan, which is intended to benefit all parties involved, including Milwaukee County taxpayers.”

“I’d like to thank both Committees for their hard work. Dr. Mary Meehan, President of Alverno College, has been particularly helpful in developing this plan. As Chair of the Recovery Committee and an objective but concerned community leader, she was able to guide the Committee as it crafted the intricate details of this recovery plan. Finally, I’m pleased Milwaukee County has played and is likely to continue to play a key role in this great institution’s recovery.”

Milwaukee County owns the Milwaukee Public Museum building and artifacts. Currently, the County provides more than \$3.3 million in direct operating funds annually to the Museum.

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