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Board of Supervisors

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SUPERVISORS RESPOND TO COUNTY EXECUTIVE'S 2011 BUDGET PROPOSAL

Milwaukee, WI – The following is a sampling of comments from County Supervisors in response to the County Executive's 2011 Recommended Budget:

"I have great concerns about this budget, which is balanced on the backs of workers. The County Board will work hard to improve this budget and make it the best that we can. I will update the media next week after we have a chance to fully analyze the budget that was presented this morning." – *Board Chairman Lee Holloway, 5th District Supervisor.*

"Over the course of the next month, my colleagues and I on the Finance & Audit Committee will conduct open and available meetings as we gather as much input from the public as possible. We have a big task ahead of us as we go through the budget line by line. People are suffering economically, and we will make our best effort to hold the line on any tax increases on our constituents." – *Supervisor Elizabeth M. Coggs, 10th District, Chairwoman, Finance & Audit Committee.*

"If you believe you can have your cake and eat it, too, you will like this budget; but the truth is that this budget, like all of Walker's budgets, relies on unrealistic revenues and expenses." – *Supervisor Theodore Lipscomb, 1st District.*

"I'm going to dig into this budget and look at ways to preserve a better quality of life for my constituents." – *Supervisor Nikiya Q. Harris, 2nd District.*

“Walker’s budget isn’t a budget at all. It’s a polemic screed aimed at loyal County employees. Even Dan Vrakas – in one of the most Republican counties in the nation – proposed a 2% increase. Walker’s ‘budget’ cuts 10%. That’s like hiring a pilot who wants to crash your plane.” – *Supervisor Gerry Broderick, 3rd District, Chairman, Parks Energy & Environment Committee.*

“I commend the County Executive for proposing to make our health care and pension plans more like those in the private sector. The proposed budget reduces spending by \$147 million, cuts the tax levy by \$1 million and maintains core services. These changes are important to restore the balance between taxpayers and the services provided by the County.” – *Supervisor Paul Cesarz, 9th District.*

“There is not a lot of magic here. The money had to come from somewhere. If I were a state employee, I would take notice.” – *Supervisor Mark Borkowski, 11th District.*

“Scott Walker has again presented a budget that is out of balance. He expects us to do the heavy lifting, restore essential services and keep a long-term vision for Milwaukee County's residents. Writing a sustainable budget cannot be reduced to a post-it note slogan of 'no taxes.' I hope the media pays closer attention to the other side of the balance sheet and sees the crumbling infrastructure, loss of service, and neglect evident throughout the County that was not addressed in Walker's proposal today.” – *Supervisor Chris Larson, 14th District.*

“This budget is masquerading as a balanced budget, but it’s nowhere close. The numbers just don’t add up.” – *Supervisor John F. Weisban, Jr., 16th District.*

"Considering the fact that so many families are struggling to make ends meet these days, it is not unreasonable for the County to reduce the tax burden on its citizens, and I applaud the County Executive for taking this bold action." – *Supervisor Joe Sanfelippo, 17th District.*

“It’s shameful that the County Executive’s only ideas abuse those who serve the public,” – *Supervisor Johnny L. Thomas, 18th District.*

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