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COUNTY EXECUTIVE TAKES WALKER-LITE APPROACH; BIG 2012 BUDGET DECISIONS WILL BE LEFT TO COUNTY BOARD

Milwaukee, WI – A coalition of Milwaukee County Supervisors are providing information to constituents in advance of the 2012 Budget deliberations in Milwaukee County. The Supervisors are describing a budget situation complicated by major cuts in State funding and County Executive Chris Abele’s unwillingness to explore revenue options.

“This is a broken budget scenario that needs fixing. County Executive Abele is using a Walker-Lite playbook to shy away from making difficult decisions. He will force the Board to do all the heavy lifting. We will be left with a number of bad options, including service cuts, workforce reductions or revenue enhancements. But, we have the courage to make these difficult decisions in a balanced manner. Even the Journal Sentinel is advocating for our approach,” the Supervisors said.

According to the Milwaukee County Department of Administrative Services, the current 2012 budget gap exceeds \$51 million, thanks in large part to nearly \$29 million in state aid reductions to Milwaukee County.

“The State is bringing us trouble, not providing solutions. County Executive Abele is showing no flexibility. Once again, the County Board will have to make the tough choices regarding the future of services we deliver to the community,” the coalition added.

“Our constituents want a reasonable, balanced approach to this budget. They are especially concerned about transit and paratransit. We have the courage to act on their behalf. Their needs will be at the forefront of every budget decision we make.”

State Budget cuts to Milwaukee County	2012 Impact
State Shared Revenue	(8,316,885)
Transit Operating Aids	(6,858,300)
Paratransit	1,450,000
Child Support Base Funding	(3,664,779)
Youth Aids/JCI Charges	(3,550,092)
Income Maintenance Legacy Costs	(4,900,000)
Courts Programs/Victim Witness Assistance	(1,230,911)
Mental Health/AODA	(1,217,123)
General Transportation Aids	(427,901)
TOTAL	(\$28,715,991)

Source: Public Policy Forum, Milwaukee County Department of Administrative Services, Division of Intergovernmental Relations

“Constituents are urged to contact the County Executive at 414-278-4211. Tell him to not abandon his mission and to be our advocate in Madison. Ask him to stand up and fight to deliver services in Milwaukee County.”