



# *Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors*

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## **COUNTY BOARD BUDGET BLAST: OCTOBER 8, 2013**

Today the Milwaukee County Board's Committee on Finance, Personnel and Audit began its first in a series of public meetings on the 2014 Recommended Budget. The Committee is scheduled to meet throughout the month of October and into November as part of the legislative branch's deliberations on the 2014 Recommended Budget.

- To view the schedule of budget meetings, see the agendas and watch a live online feed, please click [here](#).

At this first meeting, the Committee received an overview presentation on the Recommended Budget prepared by budget and research staff. This overview summarizes major budget and policy changes proposed in the Recommended Budget. Supervisors received information about the proposed cuts to public safety, changes to the Behavioral Health Division, and closure of Milwaukee County's two indoor public pools.

- To view the County Board's budget overview, please click [here](#).

One of the issues that impacts all departmental budgets, and was discussed today, is the increase in healthcare costs to County employees. The County Board Budget overview estimates that, to an average worker with family coverage, the net impact to the healthcare plan results in a decrease of approximately \$3,700 in total compensation. On average, County employees (and retirees) would pay almost 29 percent of the total healthcare costs, steadily increasing from the 13 percent paid in 2011.

The budget hearings will continue Wednesday, October 9, at 9:00. The Committee is scheduled to hear from the Department of Health and Human Services and the Department's Behavioral Health Division. All meetings, unless otherwise noted, are held in Room 203-R of the Milwaukee County Courthouse.

The County Board of Supervisors will hold its annual public hearing on the 2014 Recommended Budget on November 4, 2013, at 4PM at the Milwaukee County War Memorial Center. For more information please click [here](#).

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