



Milwaukee County

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COUNTY BOARD ADOPTS FIVE BUDGET AMENDMENTS AUTHORED BY SUPERVISOR BIDDLE

Milwaukee, WI – The County Board adopted five amendments sponsored by Supervisor Eyon Biddle, Sr., at Monday’s 2012 Budget Adoption Meeting:

- The Biddle-Lipscomb Ready to Work jobs/workforce development initiative to train and place 1,000 people into jobs and meaningful career opportunities.
- Develop a method for collecting data on racial and gender breakdowns of all contract employees working on Milwaukee County construction or maintenance projects.
- Employing security guards in-house with living wages and benefits, rather than using privatized workers, at designated County facilities.
- Requesting an audit of services already privatized to ensure high quality, low cost results and examine whether outsourcing is more beneficial than providing the service with public employees.
- Provide \$2 million to repair portions of the HVAC systems at the Martin Luther King, Jr., and Kosciuszko Community Centers.

“I’m pleased that my colleagues adopted these amendments to create jobs and provide equity in the workplace. I encourage the County Executive to not veto these items,” Supervisor Biddle said. “Of particular note is the adoption of the Biddle-Lipscomb Ready to Work Initiative. This gives us the opportunity to provide training for thousands of Milwaukee County residents and put them to work in meaningful careers. We can’t wait to get started.”

“Unfortunately, the Board did not adopt my amendment to end the outsourcing of housekeeping positions and bring that function back in-house,” Supervisor Biddle added. “Although this amendment was defeated, I will not end my quest to make sure employees aren’t working for substandard wages and benefits.”

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