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THE OFFICIAL E-NEWSLETTER FROM SUPERVISOR STEVE F. TAYLOR

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Dear Friends,

On November 5, the Milwaukee County Board passed the 2013 Budget by a vote of 13-5. I voted against it for a number of reasons, largely because I think this budget is leading Milwaukee County in the wrong direction -- and not only because it increases taxes.

I am willing to spend money when it comes to public safety, so I supported increases to keep our parks patrolled by the Milwaukee County Sheriff and to increase the contribution to our award-winning EMS Paramedic program. These increases could have been covered by cuts in other areas, which I supported; however, the savings were quickly allocated to other County departments and projects.

In the very near future, the County Board will have to make some tough decisions regarding which services are considered essential to the well-being of Milwaukee County and which services are discretionary. At that time, we will have to stop supporting non-essential programs and organizations, and instead spend only on core services. Unfortunately, this budget started handing out new monies rather than beginning the painful duty of saying "no" to worthy causes and organizations.

I am thankful for the opportunity that you have given to me to be your elected representative, and I promise to continue to work hard every day. As always, please feel free to contact my office with any concerns you have. I truly hope you and your family have a wonderful holiday season. All of us have unwanted stresses in our lives, and this is the time of year when you realize what is most important to you. For me, it is -- and will always be -- family.

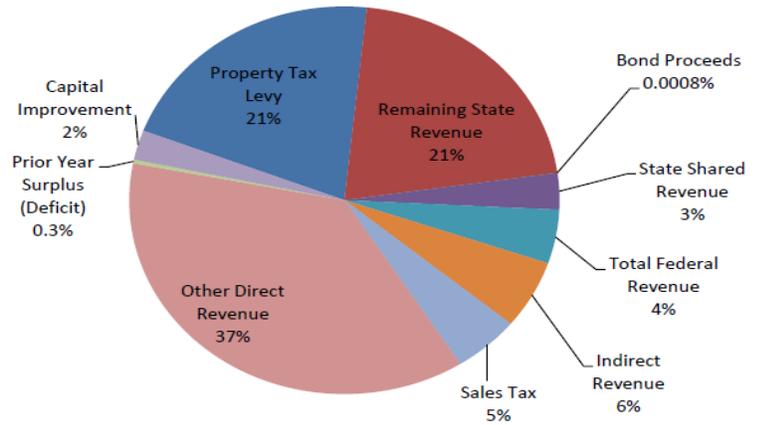
As I have stated in the past, it is an honor to serve you, and, together with your help, I am certain we can *Move Milwaukee County Forward*.

All My Best,

MILWAUKEE COUNTY BOARD ADOPTS 2013 COUNTY BUDGET

On September 27th, County Executive Chris Abele presented his [Milwaukee County 2013 Proposed Budget](#). The Proposed Budget included \$1,348,226,146 in expenditures, with the property tax levy remaining at the 2012 level of \$275,370,836.

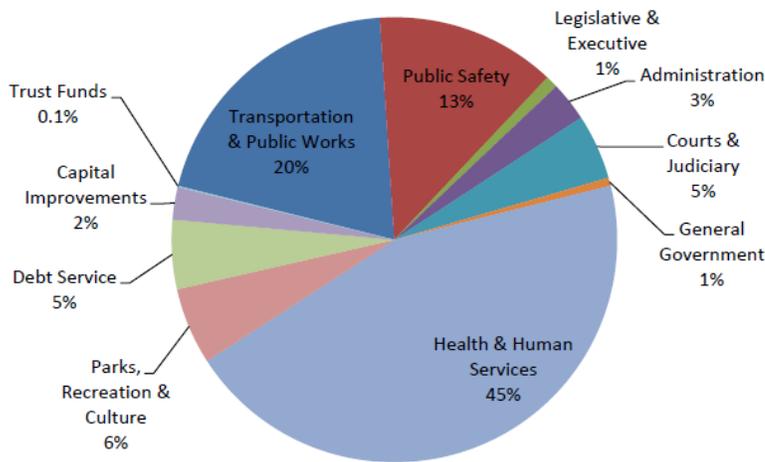
The Proposed Budget was subsequently amended by the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors, and adopted on November 5th. The Board rolled back the majority of the County Executive's cuts, adding \$3,950,360 to the tax levy. The County Executive in turn vetoed the amendments and the levy increase. The County Board voted to override 23 out of his 25 vetoes, putting the final tax levy at \$279,321,196.



Milwaukee County 2013 Revenue by Source

Having voted against the 2013 Adopted Budget and the property tax levy increase, Supervisor Taylor favored the majority of the County Executive's vetoes as sustaining them meant holding the line on taxes. Milwaukee County residents are already overtaxed and they can ill afford another tax increase in the middle of a recession.

Those he did vote to override, such as restoring several Deputy Sheriff positions as well as increasing the much needed funding for the County's EMS program, dealt with public safety – an issue Supervisor Taylor considers a priority.



Milwaukee County 2013 Expenditures by Function

LEGISLATIVE ROUND-UP

Prior to its November 5th Budget Adoption meeting, the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors met on November 1st to take up matters other than the 2013 Budget. Some of the most notable legislation considered includes:

- 17-1 vote to approve a resolution amending Chapter 1 of the Milwaukee County Code of General Ordinances, affirming the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors as the principal policymaking body for Milwaukee County government. Supervisor Taylor voted in favor of the ordinance change.
- 18-0 vote to approve the appointment of Oak Creek Mayor Stephen Scaffidi to serve on the Emergency Medical Services Council for a term expiring August 31, 2014.
- 17-1 to approve a resolution relating to a new policy with respect to actions by the Medical Examiner in cases involving death of a person in law enforcement custody.

You may view the voting records of all Milwaukee County Supervisors, please visit the [Milwaukee County Legislative Information Center](#).

2013 MILWAUKEE COUNTY BUDGET LISTENING SESSIONS RECAP

Supervisor Taylor held Listening Sessions on the 2013 Milwaukee County Budget in all three municipalities: Oak Creek, Franklin, and Hales Corners. Residents came out to voice their opinions on County's priorities and share their thoughts about County-provided services.

Among the most pressing issues raised by residents in attendance were the poor shape of County-maintained road infrastructure, impact of funding cuts to the Sheriff's Office on public safety, and the current state of County-provided mental health services.

The public's input was very valuable as the 2013 Proposed Budget was amended. Supervisor Taylor intends to hold additional public meetings in the future as one of the means to stay in touch with 9th District residents and have continuous discussion and input on what its resident's priorities are.



EAST WISCONSIN COUNTIES RAILROAD CONSORTIUM APPOINTMENT

During its regularly scheduled November 1, 2012 meeting, the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors unanimously confirmed the County Executive's appointment of Supervisor Steve F. Taylor to the East Wisconsin Counties Railroad Consortium for a term ending October 4, 2015.



In addition to maintaining railroad tracks and expanding railroad use, the East Wisconsin Counties Railroad Consortium also focuses on economic development, including finding new customers and regaining former rail ones.

As the newest member of the railroad consortium, Supervisor Taylor is looking forward to participating in finding ways to preserve and to improve rail infrastructures throughout Milwaukee County and the state of Wisconsin.

HALES CORNERS PUMPKIN FEST

The Hales Corners Lions Club is to be commended for organizing a very successful Pumpkin Fest this year. The event was held at the Hales Corners Park Pool Pavilion and it was free to the public. The highlight of the event was the pumpkin carving competition.

Residents also enjoyed delicious treats and beverages from local vendors, and the youngest residents rejoiced playing free games that were available. All the proceeds from the event will benefit the Hales Corners Lions Club charities.



Hales Corners Lions Jim Gilboy and Jerry Mudlaff survey pumpkin creations made by kids age 8-10 with Supervisor Taylor.

GORDON FOOD SERVICE GRAND OPENING IN FRANKLIN

Gordon Food Service store grand opening took place in Franklin on October 16th. The new 16,000 square foot store is located at 6919 South 27th St., Franklin. Supervisor Taylor attended the ribbon cutting ceremony to celebrate the opening of the new location which employs 29 full time and part time employees. The grand opening was one of the most successful ones in store's history, with record high sales that day.

This is the fifth GFS store to open in Wisconsin. Headquartered in Grand Rapids, Michigan, Gordon Food Service is the largest family owned distributor of foodservice products to restaurants, schools and food service operators in the country.

GFS Marketplace offers a unique shopping alternative for retail and wholesale consumers. Customers can shop without membership and purchase restaurant quality items at excellent prices.

The store is open Monday through Saturday from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Sunday from 12p.m. to 5 p.m.



Supervisor Taylor with State Senator Lazich, State Representative Honadel and Franklin elected officials at the GFS store ribbon cutting in Franklin.

MUSIC UNDER GLASS - A CONCERT SERIES AT THE DOMES

Live music, computer light shows and a chance to escape the cold this winter are offered at Milwaukee's highly anticipated "Music Under Glass," a live concert series at the Mitchell Park Domes. Every Thursday evening from November 1 through March 14, the region's most celebrated, diverse and award-winning bands perform in the Show Dome from 6:30 to 9 p.m. Light shows set to music will "wow the senses" during the band's breaks and after each performance.

Celebrations with prize giveaways from partners of the Milwaukee County Parks are scheduled throughout the series. (See schedule below.) Patrons are welcome to explore the Tropical and Desert domes, as well as the lobby, where parks partners will have information tables.

Beginning November 17, the holiday floral show, "Let it Snow," will transform the Show Dome into a winter wonderland. Beginning January 19, the garden train show, "The Circus Comes to Town," will open featuring G-scale trains running on over 500 feet of track, surrounded by a landscape created with miniature plants.



Admission to "Music Under Glass" is \$6.50 for adults and \$5 for youth ages 6-17. Food and beverages are available for purchase from Zilli Hospitality Group. Hours will be extended to 10 p.m. on Thanksgiving Night. For more information visit countyparks.com or call the Domes at (414) 257-5611.

Please visit the Milwaukee County Parks Department website for more information.