



MILWAUKEE COUNTY BOARD SUPERVISOR STEVE F. TAYLOR

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WINTER 2012



## THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER FROM SUPERVISOR STEVE F. TAYLOR

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.



*Steve F. Taylor sworn-in on April 16 as 9th District Milwaukee County Supervisor.*

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,

Supervisor Steve F. Taylor, 9th District

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Please contact my office by using the "Contact Supervisor Taylor" form located on our website ([www.county.milwaukee.gov/Taylor](http://www.county.milwaukee.gov/Taylor)). Fill out all the provided fields and submit your question -- we will receive it immediately. It is quick, easy and saves you the cost of postage or a phone call. Feel free to contact my office and offer comments regarding any matter concerning Milwaukee County. Additionally, you may use this form to sign up for my E-Newsletter "Privileged to Serve." The newsletter contains useful information pertaining to my service on the County Board, including highlights of major events, legislation, and much more. You may also email me directly to sign up for the E-Newsletter.

# Milwaukee County Budget

## Milwaukee County 2013 Budget Analysis

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.

It was nice to see that the County Executive Abele's 2013 Proposed Budget did not raise Milwaukee County's property tax levy. Milwaukee County residents are already overtaxed and increasing taxes during one of the worst recessions in recent history does not make fiscal sense. Instead, to close the deficit, the County Executive focused on achieving savings through employee and retiree benefits modifications (permitted under Wisconsin Act 10) and department funding cuts, including the Sheriff's Office.

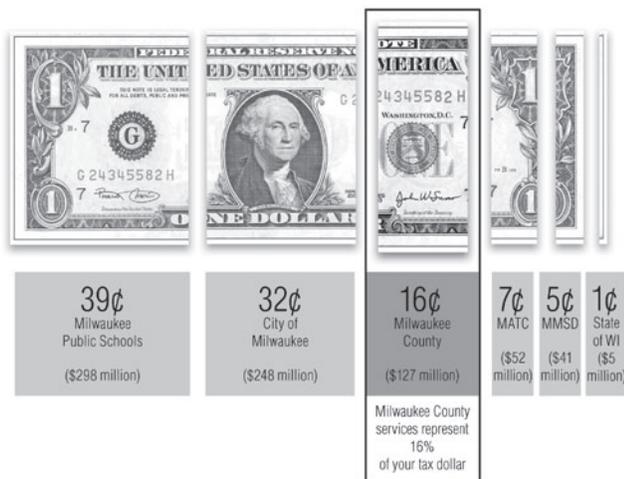
It was discouraging, however, that the County Executive only allocated \$1.5 million towards the County-wide Emergency Medical Services, especially knowing that past allocations of \$3 million haven't been enough.

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 property tax levy at \$279,321,196.

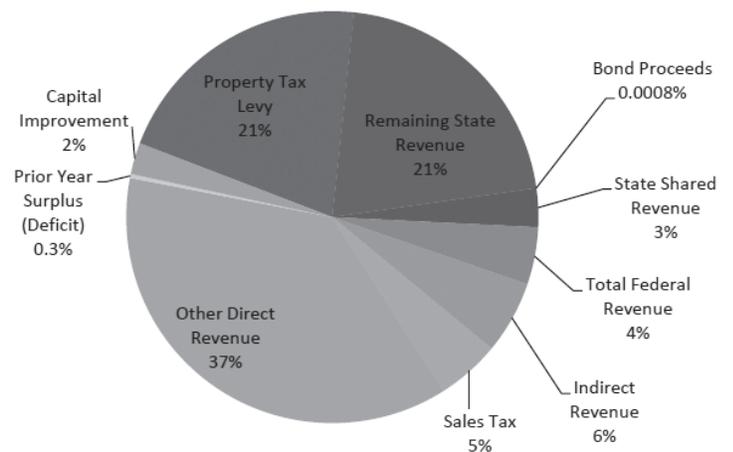
Having voted against the 2013 Adopted Budget and the property tax levy increase, Supervisor Taylor favored the majority of the County Executive's vetoes as sustaining them meant holding the line on taxes. Those he did vote to override, such as restoring several Deputy Sheriff positions as well as increasing the much needed funding for the County's EMS program, dealt with public safety – an issue Supervisor Taylor considers a priority.

Below please find the breakdown of your property tax dollar and County's 2013 revenues.

### Your Property Tax Dollar



### Milwaukee County Revenue by Source



#### MAJOR 9TH DISTRICT CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PROJECTS INCLUDED IN THE 2013 ADOPTED BUDGET:

- Engineering and Design of South 76th Street, from West Imperial Drive to West Puetz Road; widening from a two-lane rural section to a four-lane urban section with bicycle and pedestrian accommodations
- Engineering and Design of South 68th Street from Ryan Road to the Milwaukee County House of Correction
- Engineering and Design North Cape Road, from Hi-View Drive to South Carroll Circle
- Replacement of Ryan Road culvert east of South 112th Street
- Removal of asbestos at the Root River riverbank
- Hales Corners Pool main drain replacement

# In the Community

## 9th District Events & Updates

### Drexel Interchange Groundbreaking



Supervisor Taylor with Governor Walker and other elected officials at the groundbreaking ceremony on Drexel Avenue.

On May 7th, Supervisor Taylor joined Governor Scott Walker, State Transportation Secretary Mark Gottlieb and other state and local officials in breaking ground for the I-94 interchange at Drexel Avenue in Oak Creek.

The interchange will play an important part in increasing economic development in the cities of Oak Creek, Franklin and surrounding communities. It will allow for better access to area businesses and institutions, including the nearby Northwestern Mutual campus and the new Delphi plant.

Given the abundance of undeveloped land in the area, proximity to General Mitchell International Airport and easy access to I-94, the southern portion of Milwaukee County has the potential to become a future development hub.

The construction was completed on time – Supervisor Taylor attended the ribbon cutting on November 20th - and the total project cost amounted to approximately \$15 million.

### Milwaukee County Sports Complex Parking Lot Re-pavement

The Milwaukee County Department of Public Works has finished repaving the Milwaukee County Sports Complex parking lot and announced its reopening on November 6th. Supervisor Taylor attended

the event and the demonstration of the newly installed permeable pavement that allows rain to seep into the ground and reduce storm water runoff. About two acres of the rebuilt parking lot features permeable pavement.

Cutting the volume of storm water runoff will limit the amount of pollutants reaching the Root River and improve water quality. Additionally, drainage swells constructed on the perimeter of the entire lot contain plants capable of taking up storm water and reduce the runoff of pollutants even further.



Supervisor Taylor speaking at the Milwaukee County Parks National parking lot re-opening.

### 4th of July Celebrations in the District



Supervisor Taylor at the 2012 4th of July Celebration in Franklin, joined by Congressman Paul Ryan, Police Chief Rick Oliva, and Former Governor Tommy Thompson.

Supervisor Taylor participated in the Fourth of July parade in all three communities he represents on the County Board - Franklin, Oak Creek and Hales Corners. In spite of the weather being somewhat hotter than usual, it was a picture-perfect day.

Joined by Former Governor Tommy Thompson and Representative Paul Ryan, Supervisor Taylor contributed to the festivities commemorating our nation's birth. His uncle's Ford Model A from 1928 was a hit with parade participants and onlookers alike!

Parade organizers in all three communities are to be commended for doing such a wonderful job planning the respective events and making sure everything was running smoothly.

### Crystal Ridge Development: The Rock Sports Complex



The Rock Sports Complex groundbreaking ceremony.

In July of this year, the County Board granted Zimmerman Ventures a long-term lease agreement to install athletic fields and related amenities within the existing Crystal Ridge property. The improvements, estimated at up to \$3.5 million, include six baseball/softball fields with adjacent parking, 3,500 square foot sports-themed restaurant and bar, improvements to the ski hill, and a new BMX bike track. Milwaukee County funds were not used for construction of these improvements.

Supervisor Taylor attended the ground-breaking ceremony on November 8th, both as a County Supervisor representing Franklin and as the President of the Franklin Common Council, to welcome this new development. The facilities will further enhance the quality of life for Franklin residents and will benefit Milwaukee County by adding a new revenue stream.

## 9th District Events & Updates (continued)

The agreement between Zimmerman Ventures and Milwaukee County reads that the property would be leased for \$25,000 a year for 15 years. A percentage of the profits from the Rock Sports Complex will go to the County, starting at 5 percent for the first five years, 8 percent for next five years, and 10 percent during the final five years of the lease.

### 128th Air Refueling Wing Tour



*Supervisor Taylor on board of KC-135R "Stratotanker"*

Supervisor Taylor participated in the tour of the Wisconsin Air National Guard's 128th Air Refueling Wing facility

at General Mitchell International Airport on Aug 22, 2012. Participants had the privilege of flying aboard a KC-135R "Stratotanker" and witnessing an in-flight jet refueling. Supervisor Taylor was joined by 32 other elected officials, including State Representative Honadel.

Wisconsin Air National Guard 128th Air Refueling Wing transfers fuel to United States' Military and Allied aircraft, provides aero-medical evacuation and airlifts personnel and equipment to strategic locations in a cost-effective manner. In doing so, they are protecting and defending the United States' global mission while simultaneously serving the communities of Wisconsin and incorporating a 24/7 National Guard Reaction Force.

In addition to their crucial role with respect to our national defense, the Wisconsin Air National Guard's 128th Air Refueling Wing also has a tremendous economic impact on our community. Its 373 full-time employees and 804 part-time guardsmen contribute approximately \$77,300,000 annually to our economy.

### Visiting the Cub Scouts

Supervisor Taylor had the privilege of being a special guest at the Cub Scout Pack 218 event on October 9th and speaking about the importance of citizen participation in government.

The organization helps kids on their road to becoming honest and productive citizens of our nation. Boys from first grade through fifth grade can join Cub Scouts in which they progress through Tigers, Wolves, Bears and Webelos. Many Cub Scouts go on to join a Boy Scout Troop and some continue all the way to earn their Eagle Scout Rank, the highest rank in Boy Scouts.



*Oak Creek Cub Scout Pack 218 with Supervisor Taylor, showcasing their flag.*

## Milwaukee County Downtown Transit Center



*Supervisor Taylor speaking at the press conference announcing the high-rise project.*



*Artist rendering of the proposed high-rise, Barrett Visionary and Rinka Chung Architecture.*

A great deal of public attention was focused earlier this year on the new proposal to replace the underutilized Downtown Transit Center with a new development – a mixed-use high-rise building that came as a frontrunner among the four proposals considered. Milwaukee County has a great opportunity to create an iconic new building on our lakefront and a grand new entrance to our downtown – while creating more than 4,400 construction jobs, 200 permanent jobs and increasing the overall tax base.

That is why it was disappointing to see that, contrary to previous discussions, the item involving the Downtown Transit Center redevelopment was not included on the agenda for the Economic and Community Development Committee meeting on July 16, 2012 - particularly in light of the overwhelmingly positive response from local leaders and the broader community.

Supervisor Taylor voiced his opposition to this inaction and joined three colleagues who sit on the Economic and Community Development Committee in asking Committee Chairwoman Patricia Jursik to schedule a special meeting in order for the County Board to take up this business before the August recess. The effort was successful, and the project was approved without delays.

Following the approval of the project, the County Board of Supervisors approved a resolution that revises the process by which Milwaukee County sells its excess property. Supervisor Taylor voted against the resolution as it contains clauses that have the potential to be overly burdensome and to impede development that we desperately need in Milwaukee County.

# MILWAUKEE COUNTY 9TH DISTRICT CONSTITUENT SURVEY

One of the most important parts of my job is finding out your opinions on various issues facing Milwaukee County. Please complete and send your survey using one of the following methods:

**Mail:** 901 N. 9th Street, RM 201, Milwaukee, WI 53233 • **Fax:** (414) 223-1380

**Online:** Complete the survey online at [www.County.Milwaukee.gov/Taylor](http://www.County.Milwaukee.gov/Taylor)

*Please know that I value your opinion and read each survey personally.*

1. Milwaukee County is projected to have a structural deficit of \$125.7 million by 2016. How do you think deficit should be closed?
  - Tax increases
  - Spending cuts
  - Other: \_\_\_\_\_
2. Do you support restructuring Milwaukee County government by spinning off certain functions (such as parks and transit to separate regional authorities)?
  - Yes     No     Unsure
3. If such new authorities are created, how should they be funded?
  - Sales Tax
  - Property Tax
  - Wheel Tax
  - Other: \_\_\_\_\_
4. What are the two most important issues facing Milwaukee County?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Crime                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Public Education       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Declining Property Values | <input type="checkbox"/> Race Relations         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Economy/Jobs              | <input type="checkbox"/> Stormwater/Flooding    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Government Inefficiency   | <input type="checkbox"/> Taxes                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Health Care               | <input type="checkbox"/> Environment            |
|  | <input type="checkbox"/> Traffic/Transportation |
|  | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____           |
5. The following programs account for approximately 70 % of county spending. If reduction in services were to be made, do you support spending reductions to these programs? *(check all that apply)*

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Cultural attractions (e.g. museums) | <input type="checkbox"/> Social Service Programs |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Highway Maintenance                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Transit/Buses           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Law Enforcement                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Zoo                     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Parks                               | <input type="checkbox"/> Unsure                  |
6. How satisfied are you with the services provided by Milwaukee County?
  - Very Satisfied
  - Somewhat Satisfied
  - Dissatisfied
  - Very Dissatisfied
  - Unsure
7. Do you believe that Milwaukee County provides a high value for your tax dollar?
  - Yes     No     Unsure
8. Do you feel that the Milwaukee County share of your tax bill is:
  - Too High
  - Too Low
  - About Right
9. How satisfied are you with the overall quality of life in Milwaukee County?
  - Very Satisfied
  - Somewhat Satisfied
  - Dissatisfied
  - Very Dissatisfied
  - Unsure
10. Do you support tax breaks for businesses that bring jobs to Milwaukee County?
  - Yes     No     Unsure
11. Do you approve of Governor Walker's efforts to revise collective bargaining laws in order to reduce the cost of government operations?
  - Yes     No     Unsure



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*Your Opinion Counts*

# Comments

**INSTRUCTIONS: How to send in your survey with the self mailer**  
Please fold the survey in half, tape the gray boxes at the top of this page, add letter stamp postage and mail.

Please add comments, suggestions and requests below:

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Additional Information (Optional): *If you would like to receive a copy of the results of this survey and updates on county news, please supply your e-mail address.*

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# Legislative Roundup

## Notable Legislation & Supervisor Taylor's Voting Record



- After much deliberation and controversy over the issue, the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors voted on the resolution to amend the process by which Milwaukee County sells its excess land. Supervisor Taylor voted against the resolution as it contains clauses that have the potential to be overly burdensome and to impede development that we desperately need in Milwaukee County.
- A resolution authorizing the Director of Economic Development to negotiate with Barrett Visionary Development on the purchase and development on the 2.2-acre Milwaukee County Transit Center property was unanimously approved by the County Board.

- The Board voted to sustain a veto from the County Executive on a resolution providing for an advisory referendum on whether the U.S. Constitution should be amended to establish that only human beings, not corporations, are entitled to Constitutional rights, and money is not speech, and therefore regulating political contributions and spending is not equivalent to limiting political speech. Supervisor Taylor voted to sustain the veto.
- Supervisor Taylor voted against appointing Paula Lucey as the Milwaukee County Behavioral Health Division Administrator, based on her unsatisfactory performance in implementing reforms previously mandated by the County Board.
- Supervisor Taylor voted against the proposal to request authorization from the Federal Aviation Administration to increase the Passenger Facility Charge (PFC) rate from \$3.00 to \$4.50 at General Mitchell International Airport. In order to remain competitive, it is important to keep fees at Mitchell low and generate revenue without resolving to simply increasing fees.

You may view the voting records of all Milwaukee County Supervisors, by visiting the County Legislative Information Center at <http://county.milwaukee.gov/CLIC>.

### 2012 Wisconsin State Fair



As an avid supporter of the Wisconsin State Fair, Supervisor Taylor took advantage of any chance he had to go to the fair grounds to enjoy this wonderful Wisconsin tradition. He joined Governor Scott Walker and other elected officials for the opening ceremonies. According to State Fair organizers, despite the few exceptionally hot and humid days, the Fair was well attended with over 920,000 visitors in the span of 11 days – 10,000 more than last year.

## Steve F. Taylor Government Scholarship

In May of this year, Supervisor Taylor proudly announced the first winner of the Steve F. Taylor Future Leaders of Franklin Scholarship. With his own personal funds, Supervisor Taylor has awarded a \$500 scholarship to Charlotte Kanyuh, a junior at Franklin High School. Charlotte is interested in studying political science and law, and last year she participated in the United States Congressional Page Program.

Scholarship applicants were asked to write about the qualities of a good public servant and why public service is important to the community. Each applicant also went through a short interview. Franklin Municipal Judge and Former Mayor Fred Klimetz also participated in the review and selection process.

The award will be offered annually in the spirit that young people are our future, and it is important to invest in the next generation of leaders. For additional information, including instructions for Franklin residents who wish to apply or to contribute next year, e-mail Supervisor Taylor at [steve.taylor@milwcnty.com](mailto:steve.taylor@milwcnty.com).



Supervisor Taylor awarding the "Steve F. Taylor Future Leaders of Franklin Scholarship" to the 2012 recipient Charlotte Kanyuh, a junior at the Franklin High School. Also pictured is the Principal of Franklin High School Mike Cady.



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## Infrastructure Improvements are 9th District's Main Priorities

Immediately upon taking office, Supervisor Taylor called a meeting with city and village engineers from all three municipalities located in the 9th District and the Milwaukee County Department of Transportation and Public Works Director Frank Busalacchi to discuss outstanding district-related public works issues.

Among the most pressing issues cited by the municipal officials in attendance was the bad condition of roadways the County maintains in these municipalities, dredging of the boat launch pad in Bender Park, and a collapsed culvert at the entrance of Hales Corners Park.

With respect to the dredging issue at Bender Park, the County expended over \$200,000 for dredging of the launch pad in 2011, and the fix was to last for about five years. Unfortunately, due to an extremely mild winter and other weather conditions, the sediment that was removed piled back up in the basin to the extent that new dredging is required to make the launch pad usable. The County is working on addressing this problem and hopes that the launch pad will be fully operational for the 2013 season. New launch pads have already been installed at Bender this year.

Concerning road maintenance issues, it was discouraging to learn that major reconstruction of some of the roads in the 9th District that are in poor shape is

scheduled later than expected. Despite its condition, South 13th Street will not be reconstructed until 2017. Supervisor Taylor has strongly communicated to County Executive Abele the urgent need for reconstructing South 13th Street as soon as possible, as well as other roadways that the County is in charge of maintaining.

### TENTATIVE SCHEDULE OF MAJOR PUBLIC WORKS PROJECT IN THE 9TH DISTRICT

- South 68th Street: Ryan Rd. to House of Correction – 2014
- South North Cape Road: Hi-View Dr. to Carroll Cir. – 2014
- Ryan Road Culvert East of South 112th – 2014
- South 76th Street: Imperial Dr. to Puetz Rd. – 2014
- West St. Martins Road: North Cape Rd. to Lovers Lane Rd. – 2015
- Old Loomis Road: Warwick Way to Rawson Ave. – 2015
- Old Loomis Road: Rawson Ave. to 76th St. – 2015
- South 13th Street: Rawson Ave. to Drexel Ave. – 2016
- South 13th Street: Drexel Ave. to Puetz Rd. – 2017
- South 13th Street: Puetz Rd. to Ryan Rd. – 2019
- South 76th Street: Ryan Rd. to Puetz Rd. – 2019
- South 13th Street: Rawson Ave. to Ryan Rd. – 2020
- South 76th Street: Puetz Rd. to County Line Rd. – 2020