



Milwaukee County

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CONTINGENCY FUND CRUCIAL TO PRESERVING COUNTY SERVICES IN 2011

County Board left to clean up mess County Executive leaves behind

Milwaukee, WI – Milwaukee County Supervisors Marina Dimitrijevic and Theodore Lipscomb released the following statement regarding County Executive Scott Walker’s vetoes which eliminate funds added to the 2011 Appropriation for Contingencies by the County Board:

“One year ago, during the 2010 Budget deliberations, County Executive Scott Walker claimed that he would achieve his unrealistic employee concessions. It turns out that he was wrong. Although 2010 is nearing an end, the County Executive has not yet achieved these concessions. The clock is ticking. Walker’s going off to Madison, but taxpayers are currently stuck with an \$8 million deficit due to his inability to negotiate.

“As we look ahead to 2011, the County Executive has delivered an even more irresponsible budget than he did for 2010. The Board acted responsibly by placing money in the contingency fund to soften the blow to critical services when Walker’s plan fails again in 2011. These vetoes, if sustained, ensure that constituents won’t receive the services they deserve and expect. Walker’s vetoes to the Contingency Fund place Milwaukee County in further financial peril.

“Last week, Governor Elect Walker asked Governor Doyle to stop any major action on State issues before leaving office. We feel Walker should exercise that same courtesy in Milwaukee County during his final weeks as County Executive. The County Board will be here next year to deal with the mess he’s leaving behind, but he shouldn’t make it worse on his way out the door.”

The County Board will consider overriding the County Executive’s 2011 Budget vetoes Wednesday at 1:30 p.m. in Room 200 of the Milwaukee County Courthouse.

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