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BOARD LAUNCHES UNPRECEDENTED INITIATIVE FOR TRANSPARENCY, ACCESS

Board Invites the Public to “Connect with Milwaukee County,” in Real-Time and On Demand

Milwaukee – The Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors is proud to announce the official launch of “[Connect with Milwaukee County](#),” an online initiative that allows the public to watch all Board meetings in real-time and to access an archive of past meetings, on Thursday, September 13, 2012 at 8:30 a.m. in 201B of the Milwaukee County Courthouse, immediately in advance of the meeting of the Judiciary, Safety and General Services Committee.

Powered by “CLIC” (also known as County Legislative Information Center), Connect with Milwaukee County is an Internet infrastructure that live-streams Board and Committee meetings; provides a searchable archive of recorded meetings; and brings all agendas, resolutions, supporting documents and other legislative materials to the fingertips of anyone with Internet access.

“This tool is the latest in a series that demonstrates our new era in Milwaukee County government,” said Chairwoman Marina Dimitrijevic. “When we say that we, as a legislature, are the government branch closest to the people, we mean it – from our monthly radio show and podcast to my own ‘Chat with the Chair’ traveling listening sessions, from our annual Open House event to this latest investment in communications with constituents.”

The unveiling of the Connect with the County initiative is especially timely, as the County Board of Supervisors has invited the County Executive to present his 2013 Recommended Budget to the Board at its September 27, 2012 meeting.

“I’ve made this sort of openness and transparency to the public a cornerstone of my leadership,” noted Chairwoman Dimitrijevic. “For the first time, Board Committee meetings, in which the core of all County legislation is debated and molded, will be broadcast live to the people.”

Under Connect with Milwaukee County, Internet access means complete access to all Board activity, with the exception of closed sessions, which are protected by State statute.

During the 2012 County Budget deliberations, the Board overrode a veto of the technology and equipment related to Connect with Milwaukee County.

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