



# *Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors*

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## **SUPERVISOR MICHAEL MAYO, SR. CRITICIZES ADMINISTRATION FOR “LACK OF TRANSPARENCY” IN BUDGET PROPOSAL**

### **Mayo Says Administration Officials Not Open About Their Decisions**

Milwaukee County Supervisor Michael Mayo, Sr. today criticized the County Executive’s administration for a lack of transparency during the County Board’s budget hearings, which began today.

“We are the County’s board of directors, yet we are left in the dark as to the rationale for the administration’s budget proposals,” said Mayo, a member of the Board’s Finance, Personnel and Audit Committee. “What other municipal, county or state government is forced to go back to a website to get information that should be presented before the Board itself? Is that transparent? Are they really being open with us? I don’t think so.

“That’s why we have budget hearings, that’s why we have budget documents, to help us understand just exactly what we are voting on and why.”

Mayo questioned how he could be expected to vote for a budget when he did not have enough answers for his constituents. He added that when the administration gave the Finance committee a budget document, it wasn’t complete.

“Why didn’t they give us a complete budget? Why wasn’t all of the information in the document they gave us?” he asked. “We need information from the administration, not just glib answers about consulting a website to get the information we need.

“I’m shocked. How are they being transparent? We asked for information so that we can explain the budget to our constituents, and we have a lack of a budget narrative. We’re told to go to a website for information that should be available in the budget itself. How can we make decisions without the information we need? How do we answer to our constituents?”

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