

ADOPTED 2009 BUDGET

DEPT: ETHICS BOARD

UNIT NO. 1905
FUND: General - 0001

OPERATING AUTHORITY & PURPOSE

On February 11, 1975, the County Board of Supervisors created Chapter 9 of the Milwaukee County Ordinances. This chapter establishes a Code of Ethics (Section 9.05) and an Ethics Board (Section 9.07), which shall adopt guidelines and procedures necessary to carry out the provisions of the ordinance. The Board consists of six residents of Milwaukee County appointed by the County Executive and confirmed by the County Board. The

County Executive appoints, subject to confirmation by the County Board, an Executive Director who shall perform such duties as the Board assigns to him/her. The County Board shall provide such additional personnel as may be required in the administration of this chapter.

BUDGET SUMMARY				
Account Summary	2007 Actual	2008 Budget	2009 Budget	2008/2009 Change
Personal Services (w/o EFB)	\$ 46,762	\$ 50,606	\$ 51,595	\$ 989
Employee Fringe Benefits (EFB)	0	0	0	0
Services	2,319	3,017	1,939	(1,078)
Commodities	402	981	981	0
Other Charges	0	0	0	0
Debt & Depreciation	0	0	0	0
Capital Outlay	0	0	0	0
Capital Contra	0	0	0	0
County Service Charges	2,272	2,392	4,160	1,768
Abatements	(131)	0	0	0
Total Expenditures	\$ 51,624	\$ 56,996	\$ 58,675	\$ 1,679
Direct Revenue	420	0	0	0
State & Federal Revenue	0	0	0	0
Indirect Revenue	0	0	0	0
Total Revenue	\$ 420	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
Direct Total Tax Levy	51,204	56,996	58,675	1,679

MISSION

The Milwaukee County Ethics Board assures compliance with the requirements of the Ethics Code pursuant to Chapter 9, Milwaukee County Ordinances, and reviews, investigates and hears, as needed, all verbal and written complaints of ethics code violations.

OBJECTIVES

- Ensure that the public has confidence in the integrity of County government.
- Ensure that County Employees are confident that they comply with the Ethics Code, by responding to requests for information about the Ethics Code.

BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS

- Personal Services expenditures with fringe benefits increase by \$989.
- The Executive Secretary of the Personnel Review Board (PRB), also functions as Executive Director and Administrative Assistant of the Ethics Board. The PRB charges the Ethics Board for 25% of all salary and benefit costs via a direct labor transfer.
- Crosscharges from the Personnel Review Board for operational costs increase by \$1,768 due to increases in IMSD costs.
- The 2008 Appropriation for Contingencies reserved \$200,000 for implementing revisions to the Milwaukee County Code of Ethics. After approval of the Code of Ethics revisions by the

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County Board in June 2008, the Ethics Board subsequently requested and received \$12,234 from this fund. For 2009, \$175,000 is reserved for the Ethics Board to fully implement the adopted changes to the Code of Ethics.

- In 2009, the Administrative Intern added in 2008 by the Personnel Review Board will continue to assist with the Ethics Board's increased workload with 75% of the intern's time being charged to the Personnel Review Board, and 25% to the Ethics Board.

- All departments are required to operate within their expenditure appropriations and their overall budgets. Pursuant to Section 59.60(12), Wisconsin Statutes, "No payment may be authorized or made and no obligation incurred against the county unless the county has sufficient appropriations for payment. No payment may be made or obligation incurred against an appropriation unless the director first certifies that a sufficient unencumbered balance is or will be available in the appropriation to make the payment or to meet the obligation when it becomes due and payable. An obligation incurred and an authorization of payment in violation of this subsection is void. A county officer who knowingly violates this subsection is jointly and severally liable to the county for the full amount paid. A county employee who knowingly violates this subsection may be removed for cause."