



Fall/Winter 2018

12TH DISTRICT MILWAUKEE COUNTY SUPERVISOR

SYLVIA ORTIZ-VELEZ

COUNTY BOARD COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

Judiciary, Safety, and General Services - Vice Chair

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The Milwaukee County Winter Farmers Market

The Milwaukee County Winter Farmers Market is now open for its 10th Season.

Saturdays, Nov. 3 - Mar. 30

NO market on Nov. 24 or Dec. 29

8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

One hour earlier than prior years

**Mitchell Park Domes
Greenhouse Annex
524 S. Layton Blvd., Milwaukee**

www.mcwfm.org

In the face of declining state shared revenue, County leaders are taxed with finding new ways to generate earnings to preserve our County Parks and other vital public services. Currently the County along with Zilli Hospitality group and Fondy Food Center are working together to figure out a solution that will keep the farmers market which provides healthy foods, especially to people in nearby subsidized housing, and still can hold private events, boosting revenue to counter-act declining shared revenue from the state.



Dear Friends:

This past October and November, County officials adjusted and passed Milwaukee County's 2019 budget. As your County Supervisor it is my duty to make sure the County meets its fiduciary responsibilities while doing our best to maintain vital public services to everyone in the 12th district.

In recent years the Milwaukee County budget process has been plagued with discourse and fiery debates over vehicle registration fees, large cuts to public safety and changes to employee fringe benefits. The 2019 budget process, which has been my first one since being elected this past April has been very different. We've enjoyed a new and very refreshing feeling of solidarity and unity which has made this budget a relatively smooth one. Although there are less dramatic cuts than last year the problem of our structured deficit remains. Increases to property taxes and fees are minimal and there are no departments that will singly absorb the brunt of budget cuts. Due to the decrease of state shared revenue and other general aid that we get from the State, the County Board and County Executive must make tough decisions on where to cut down on costs. In this year's budget, we have made very small cuts to several departments so that no single function of county government will suffer the consequences of having insufficient funds to adequately serve the public. This is a step that we unfortunately must take due to constraints that are imposed upon us from the current administration in Madison.

Back in 2009, Milwaukee County sent just over \$2.1 billion to Madison. That number increased to nearly \$2.5 billion in 2015. Milwaukee County is now sending about \$400 million more each year to Madison than we did in 2009. But none of that extra revenue comes back to Milwaukee County in the form of state aid to pay for state-mandated services. This current situation is, at its core, very unfair to the people of Milwaukee County and over the course of 2019 I will be frequently traveling to Madison to lobby our state lawmakers to give Milwaukee a fair deal. Milwaukee County is the economic engine that drives the State of Wisconsin's economy and I find it unacceptable that we do not get our fair share in general aid from the state.

I will continue to fight for the 12th district and all of Milwaukee County because that is what you have elected me to do. As always, I encourage you to reach out to my office any time with your questions, comments and concerns.

Have a great holiday season!

Sincerely,

**Sylvia Ortiz-Velez
Milwaukee County Supervisor, District 12**



Supervisor Sylvia Ortiz-Velez addresses the Milwaukee County Board during Hispanic Heritage month.

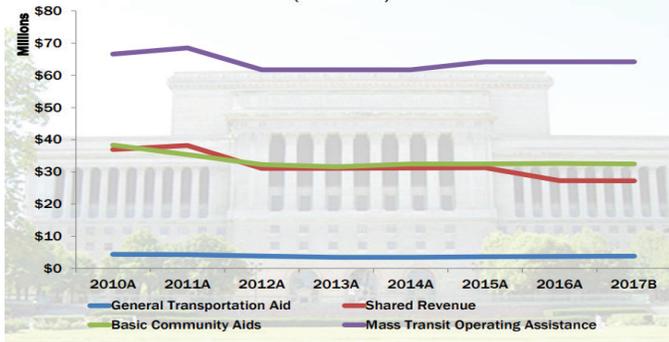
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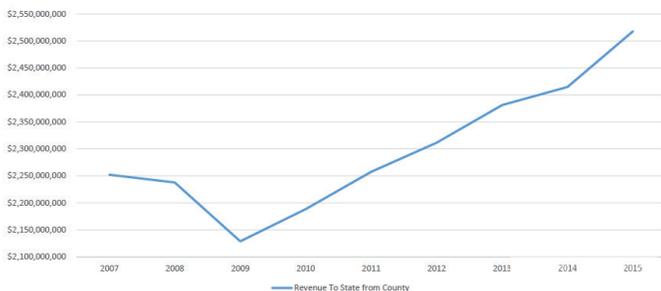
The Milwaukee County Budget - By the Numbers

Milwaukee is kicking up major revenues to the state, but Madison is not sending us back our fair share in return. I will be lobbying at the capital to get a fair deal for Milwaukee so we can fund vital local services like public safety, public transit and public parks.

STATE AID TRENDS
(In Millions)



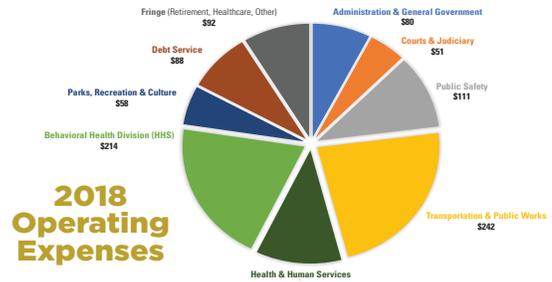
Revenue Trends



Graph prepared for Milwaukee County Department of Administration Services, Dec. 2015. Underlying data from Wisconsin Department of Revenue, "State Taxes & Aids by Municipality and County for Calendar Year 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015."

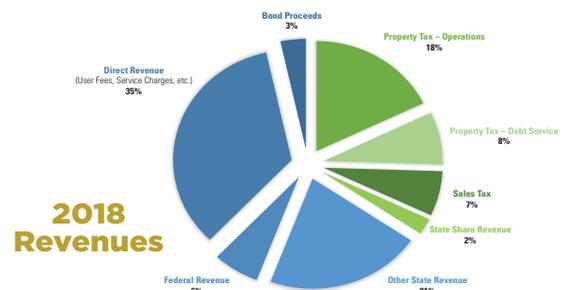
Where does the money go?

CURRENT COUNTY BUDGET



Where does the money come from?

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Handy Milwaukee County Phone Numbers

County Supervisor Sylvia Ortiz-Velez...278-4269

Airports

Mitchell International Airport 747-5300
Timmerman Airport 461-3222

Child Support Enforcement 615-2593

Clerk of Circuit Court.....278-5362

County Clerk 278-4067

County Executive.....278-4211

County Treasurer278-4033

Courts

Civil Division (small & large claims)278-4120

Criminal Division.....278-4538

Children's Court 257-7700

Department on Aging.....289-6874

Dept. of Health & Human Services..... 289-6877

District Attorney's Office

John Chisholm 278-4646

Election Commission 278-4060

Emergency/Public Safety

Sheriff (non-emergency).....278-4700

Sheriff (non-emergency).....278-4766

Burn Center Hotline (24 hours) 272-2876

Emergency Management (24 hours)525-5770

Suicide Prevention/Intervention

Mental Health Crisis.....257-7222

Fraud Hotline93-FRAUD

House of Correction

General and Visiting Information427-4700

Jury Services

General Information 278-4468/278-4469

Reserve Juror Message985-6000

Low Income Housing/Rent Assistance..... 278-4894

Marcus Center for the Performing Arts..... 273-7121

Marriage Licenses/Passports/DNR License... 278-4067

Medical Examiner223-1200

Mental Health Complex.....257-6995

Admitting (Emergency).....257-7260

Milwaukee Art Museum224-3200

Milwaukee County Historical Society273-8288

Milwaukee County Parks

Boerner Botanical Gardens..... 525-5600

General Information 257-7275

Parks Hotline257-5100

Organized Sports.....257-8030

Golf Reservations.....475-6222

Golf Office257-8024

District 12 Parks.....643-0120

Clarke Square Park (2330 W. Vieau Pl.)

Kosciuszko Community Center (2201 S. 7th St.)

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Mitchell Park Horticultural Conservatory -

The Domes (524 S. Layton Blvd.)

Walker Square Park (1031 S. 9th St.)

Riverfront Boat Launch (600 S. Water St.)273-5224

Milwaukee County Zoo771-3040

Milwaukee Public Museum.....278-2702

Office of Persons with Disabilities 278-3932

Register in Probate 278-4444

Register of Deeds.....278-4021

Transit System

Bus Routes/Schedules/Fares344-6711

Customer Comments 937-3218

Transit Plus 343-1700

UW-Extension.....256-4600

Veterans Services.....266-1234

Victim/Witness Service

General Information-Felony..... 278-4667

City of Milwaukee

City Hall/Common Council.....286-2221

Night.....286-CITY (2489)

Kosciuszko Park & Community Center



The kids of Summer Camp 2017 at the Kozy Community Center.

Kosciuszko Park (Kozy Park) is one of the South Side's greatest places to visit for recreation. It's home to an incredible pool, a beautiful pond where young people can fish and observe wildlife, tennis courts, plenty of green space for all kinds of family friendly activities and much more.

The Kosciuszko Community Center is located at Kosciuszko Park and is a very unique and valuable amenity that the county proudly offers to South Siders. The Kozy Center houses a gymnasium with basketball leagues, weight rooms, rental spaces and boxing and martial arts programs, all of which encourage fitness, exercise and a healthy lifestyle. On top of programs that offer physical fitness for our youth as well as adults, Kosciuszko has educational programs like the Milwaukee Christian Center and Summit Educational Association which is an award-winning non-profit for kids.

Shortly after being elected in April 2018 I found that the community center could potentially lose revenues or even their two youth programs because of maintenance issues including a broken-down HVAC system which provides air circulation to the building. I worked with our Parks Department to secure a temporary chiller system which would keep the community center operational through this summer season and I am currently working to ensure that funds are in place to make permanent fixes in the next County budget. As your county supervisor I will continue to fight to ensure that the south side will always have a community center.

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County Board Passes Proposal to Study Growing Hemp at the Mitchell Park Domes Greenhouses

On September 14th, 2018 I introduced a resolution to have the Parks department study the possibilities of growing hemp in Mitchell Park's greenhouses.

Growing hemp is currently legal in the state of Wisconsin and the product can be used to produce cannabinoid oil which can be used as an effective substitute for addictive pain medications.

I believe this has the potential to provide much needed revenue to our county and increase supply of non-addictive alternatives to prescribed opiates used in treating pain. This legislation could even lead to funding the necessary reparations to the Domes. Hemp manufacturing is a burgeoning enterprise that I believe the county can be on the forefront of.

It is important to note that hemp is different from marijuana in the sense that it has less than 0.3% of THC, the chemical compound that causes intoxication. We might be the only county government in the nation that has a state of the art, self-sustainable greenhouse system which uses very minimal energy. I believe that when a government is faced with difficult budget deficits, leaders should find creative ways to generate revenues, rather than simply increasing taxes and fees, and I believe this resolution does just that. The resolution passed with near unanimous consent at the full county board meeting on September 20, 2018.



Supervisor Ortiz-Velez presents a resolution during a meeting of the Milwaukee County Board to study the possibilities of hemp production at the Mitchell Park greenhouses.



Hispanic Heritage Month 2018



I was glad to have my colleagues join me in celebrating Hispanic Heritage Month at the meeting of the full county board of Supervisors on September 20th, 2018. It was my honor and pleasure to present three citations to three people in our southside community. Victor Huyke of El Conquistador, Teresa Mercado of Mexican Fiesta and Carmen Cabrera of the City of Milwaukee. These three southside residents have contributed so much to the southside and I was happy to have the Milwaukee County Board recognize them.

Supervisor Ortiz-Velez In the Community



Sylvia is committed to continuing community outreach by knocking on doors and hearing concerns from District 12 residents. If we have not met already, I look forward to meeting you soon, as I go door to door in the district to hear your concerns. In the meantime, I encourage you to reach out to my office with any comments or questions.

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2018: 12/1, 2019: 1/5, 2/2, 3/2, 10/5, 11/2, 12/7.
Thanksgiving, Christmas & New Year's Day.
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FREE for all visitors
the first Thursday of every month
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Excludes major holidays.
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Charles Allis Art Museum

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