



MILWAUKEE COUNTY BOARD SUPERVISOR STEVE F. TAYLOR

Privileged to Serve

Moving Milwaukee County FORWARD Together

FALL 2025



THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER FROM SUPERVISOR STEVE F. TAYLOR

Dear Neighbors,

It continues to be an honor to serve the residents of Franklin and Oak Creek on the Milwaukee County Board. As your representative, I'm proud to share this newsletter highlighting some of the work I've done to stand up for taxpayers, protect our local priorities, and keep Milwaukee County accountable to the people who fund it.

Milwaukee County continues to face serious financial challenges. Even with the sales tax increase passed two years ago, the County is still digging itself out from poor fiscal decisions made decades ago, most notably, a pension system pushed through over twenty years ago that has cost taxpayers more than a billion dollars in deferred maintenance costs and debt, due to budgets being balanced around its ballooning costs.

I've been consistent from day one: fiscal responsibility must come first. Every dollar the County spends comes from hardworking taxpayers, and I take that responsibility seriously. My priorities are clear: protecting our parks, ensuring public safety, maintaining our infrastructure, supporting economic growth, and respecting our seniors. These are the core services the government should provide, and we must fund them responsibly before expanding into new programs we simply can't afford.

As your Supervisor, I'll continue to be a voice for common sense, accountability, and conservative fiscal management. I believe in smaller, smarter government that serves the people, not the other way around. I remain dedicated to advocating for the residents of Franklin and Oak Creek and ensuring that your tax dollars are used wisely to promote long-term fiscal stability.

If you ever have questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact my office.

All My Best,

Steve F. Taylor
Milwaukee County Supervisor, 17th District



Supervisor Taylor speaks on the floor at the 2026 budget adoption meeting.

Steve F. Taylor

Milwaukee County
17th District Supervisor

Milwaukee County Courthouse

901 N. 9th Street, Rm. 201
Milwaukee, WI 53233

Phone:

(414) 278-4263

E-mail

steve.taylor@
milwaukeecountywi.gov

Website

county.milwaukee.gov/
SteveTaylor



Committee Assignments

Community, Environment,
& Economic Development
Committee,
Chair

Finance Committee,
Vice-Chair

Parks and Culture,
Vice-Chair

Capital Improvements
Committee, Chair

Get In Touch With Supervisor Taylor

Visit my website at county.milwaukee.gov/SteveTaylor to contact my office.

I welcome your thoughts on any matter concerning Milwaukee County. You can also email me at Steve.Taylor@milwaukeecountywi.gov to sign up for my e-newsletter, Privileged to Serve.

In the Community - 17th District Updates

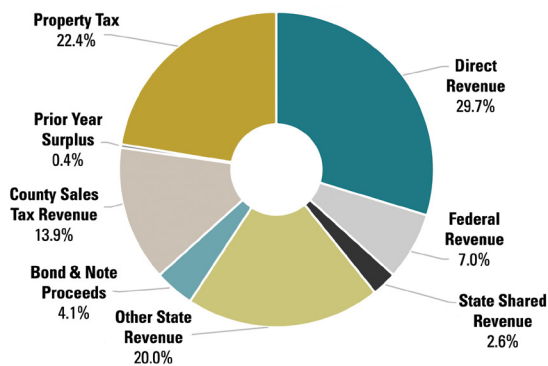
2026 Milwaukee County Budget Highlights

Milwaukee County is continuing to address pressing fiscal concerns through the 2026 Recommended Budget. The proposed budget, adopted by a vote of 17-1, stabilizes funding sources and helps to address the project deficit for 2026 while ensuring departments receive funding for vital projects.

In recent years, Milwaukee County has faced varying financial outlooks. Before the passage of Act 12, projected deficits were expected to reach \$110 million by 2028. This position has greatly improved with the addition of over \$84 million in new sales tax revenue and a \$998,637 increase in shared revenue from 2025. In addition, Milwaukee County is set to receive over \$38 million annually for highway patrol services typically performed by the State Patrol, as well as over \$2 million in annual operating dollars to support critical positions with the Assistant District Attorney.

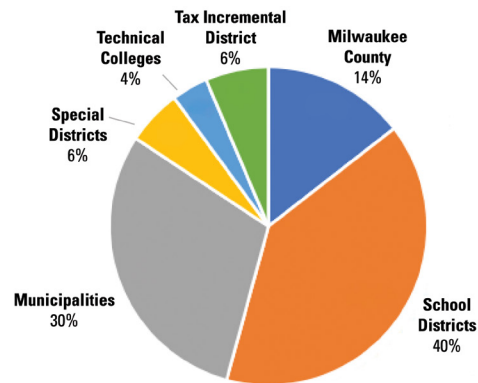
Composition of 2026 Budgeted Countywide Revenue

Milwaukee County now relies more on direct revenue such as golf fees, beer garden sales, and zoo admission for its operations than any other source.



2024 Distribution of Property Taxes in Milwaukee County

The various taxing entities in Milwaukee County collect approximately \$2.1 billion in property taxes annually. Of this total, Milwaukee County government makes up about 14%.



Champion of Supervisory Redistricting Amendment

I authored an amendment to the 2026 recommended budget directing the County Clerk and Corporation Counsel to conduct a cost-conscious review of the independent redistricting process used for the 2022 supervisory plan. The review will be limited to process and ordinance language (not mapmaking). It will solicit input from SEWRPC staff, retired judges who served on the Independent Redistricting Committee, as well as other stakeholders.

I believe voters should choose who represents them – not politicians choosing who they want to represent. This evaluation will identify deficiencies, recommend practical improvements (including any needed ordinance changes), and deliver a final report to the Board by September 2026, well before the 2030 census cycle.

This process is about good governance and protecting taxpayers. By identifying what worked well and what didn't, we can strengthen our redistricting process and avoid the kind of last-minute fixes that invite confusion or legal challenges. This is how we ensure fairness and transparency in the way Milwaukee County draws its district boundaries.

This amendment will put an end to last-minute fixes that invite legal trouble. I'll keep you updated as it moves forward.

Bender Park Dredging Project

This year, the Milwaukee County Capital Improvements Committee (CIC), chaired by Sup. Taylor, voted unanimously to recommend that \$241,418 in cash funding be incorporated into the 2026 Capital Improvement Plan. This funding will cover emergency sediment abatement at the Bender Park boat launch. The committee action revives a project that will restore public and emergency access to the harbor.

The Capital Improvements Committee is the County Board's standing committee that evaluates, prioritizes, and recommends investments in Milwaukee County's long-lived physical assets such as parks, pools, boat launches, bridges, buildings, transit vehicles, and major IT systems. Its work shapes the County's multi-year Capital Improvement Plan, guiding which capital projects are funded.

This action by the members of the CIC moves this important safety project forward. The restoration of the boat launch protects residents and gives our first responders proper access to the lake in the event of an emergency. I will continue to advocate for essential public-safety infrastructure. The recommended funding would support dredging to restore approximately five feet of depth at the launch and return this critical access point to service for recreational boaters and emergency personnel.

Ensuring the Well-Being of Milwaukee County Residents

17th District Capital Projects

WH028701 S. 13th St. – Oakwood Rd. to W. Puetz Rd. Reconstruction

The roadway improvement project on S. 13th St. (CTH V) from W. Oakwood Rd. to W. Puetz Rd. in the City of Oak Creek is on track. The Milwaukee County Department of Transportation (MCDOT) started the design phase of the project in early 2025. The proposed improvements include reconstruction of the roadway, with consideration of bicycle and pedestrian accommodations. The construction is anticipated to start in the Spring of 2028.

WH026501 W. College Ave. – S. 26th St. to W. Howell Ave.

The roadway improvement project on W. College Ave. (CTH ZZ) from S. 26th St. to S. Howell Ave. in the cities of Oak Creek and Milwaukee has had its design start delayed. The Milwaukee County Department of Transportation (MCDOT) had planned to start the design in early 2025; however, the Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) unexpectedly overprogrammed the 2025 funding for the Surface Transportation Program (STP), resulting in a delayed start of the project for a year. Consequently, it is anticipated that the design phase will not start until early 2026 upon WisDOT authorization. The proposed improvements include reconstruction of the roadway from S. 26th St. to S. 13th St. and reconditioning of the roadway from S. 13th St. to S. Howell Ave., with consideration of bicycle and pedestrian accommodations. The construction is anticipated to start in the Spring of 2029 or 2030, depending on WisDOT scheduling.

WH025701 Signal at College Ave. & 20th St. Intersection and WH026401 Signal at College Ave. & S. 13th St. Intersection

The two (2) safety improvement projects on W. College Ave. (CTH ZZ) at the intersections of both S. 20th St. and S. 13th St. in the Cities of Oak Creek and Milwaukee have been rescheduled to be jointly constructed with the new roadway improvement Project. WH026501 on W. College Ave. (CTH ZZ) from S. 26th St. to S. Howell Ave. is anticipated in 2029 or 2030. Jointly constructing all three (3) projects together will lessen inconvenience to the public, provide more efficient project coordination, and provide cost savings. The Milwaukee County Department of Transportation (MCDOT) is currently in the preliminary design stages. The proposed improvements include positively offsetting the eastbound and westbound left-turn lanes on W. College Ave. (CTH ZZ) at both intersections to improve visibility of oncoming traffic, replacing traffic signals with indications for every lane, installing 4-section flashing yellow left-turn arrows, enhancing pavement markings, and improving pedestrian curb ramp accommodations.

Oak Leaf Trail Connectivity Through Bender Park

Milwaukee County Parks is working on an exciting project that involves the addition of over 1 mile of 10-foot-wide paved trail in Bender Park. The trail will extend the South Shore Line of the Oak Leaf Trail, connecting Bender Roadway to Oakwood Road. Trail users will weave through prairies and woodlands, enjoying sweeping views of Lake Michigan. Importantly, this project will close a key gap in the regional trail network, creating a 20-mile continuous bike facility that span between Milwaukee and Racine counties.

Funding for this project was awarded in 2020 thanks to a \$1,306,400 federal Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) grant in conjunction with the Wisconsin Department of Transportation. Bids for this project were due November 6, 2025. Following contractor approval, construction can begin with most of the work expected to be completed in 2026.

Bender Park Roadway and Adjacent Drainage Corrections

Bender Park Roadway and Adjacent Drainage Corrections is a 2026 capital project request for Milwaukee County. The scope of work for this project includes the replacement of Bender Park Roadway and walkway to the Boat Launch and Lakefront. This project will improve both drainage and the roadway. Improvements include slope stability, stormwater best management practices, landscaping, guard rails, green infrastructure, improvements to utilities, and natural area restoration.

Traffic calming measures such as speed bumps and barriers will be in the Bender Park parking lot to improve safety.

Due to the transport of approximately 1,000 truckloads of sediment through the park as part of the dredging project, this roadway improvement project will commence once dredging and removal of trucking spoils is complete.



Supervisor Steve F. Taylor addresses his colleagues on the floor during a recent County Board meeting.



Supervisor Steve F. Taylor
 901 N. 9th Street, Room 201
 Milwaukee, WI 53233






**"Any definition of a successful life
 must include serving others."
 – George H.W. Bush**

PRSR STD
 US POSTAGE
PAID
 MILWAUKEE, WI
 PERMIT NO. 500



Supervisor Steve F. Taylor joins other county leaders to kick off the renovation of Concourse E at Milwaukee Mitchell International Airport.

Enjoy Free Milwaukee County Attractions! Visit county.milwaukee.gov/freedays

 <p>MILWAUKEE PUBLIC MUSEUM</p> <p>Free to all (excluding groups) the first Thursday of every month, sponsored by Kohl's. County residents get \$2 off every day.</p> <p>800 W. Wells St., Milw. (414) 278-2728 www.mpm.edu</p>	<p>VILLA TERRACE DECORATIVE ARTS MUSEUM</p> <p>Free admission for up to 4 for those receiving food assistance and military personnel/families.</p> <p>2220 N. Terrace Ave. Milwaukee (414) 271-3656 www.villaterrace.org</p>	 <p>MILWAUKEE ART MUSEUM</p> <p>Free every day for kids 12 and under and WI K-12 teachers. Thursdays 4-8 p.m. pay what you wish.</p> <p>700 N. Art Museum Dr. Milwaukee (414) 224-3200 www.mam.org</p>	<p>Charles Allis Art Museum</p> <p>Free the first Thursday of the month. Free for members of indigenous tribes/native nations & for up to 4 for those receiving food assistance and military personnel/families.</p> <p>1801 N. Prospect Ave., Milw. (414) 278-8295 www.charlesallis.org</p>	 <p>Milwaukee County Zoo</p> <p>Check website for Family Free Days and other discounted admission. Parking fees still apply.</p> <p>10001 W. Bluemound Rd. Milwaukee (414) 256-5412 www.milwaukeezoo.org</p>	 <p>betty brinn CHILDREN'S MUSEUM</p> <p>Free admission on the third Thursday of each month (excluding groups).</p> <p>929 E. Wisconsin Ave. Milwaukee (414) 390-5437 www.bbcmkids.org</p>	 <p>War Memorial Center</p> <p>Free and open every day 8 a.m.-close.</p> <p>750 N. Lincoln Memorial Dr. Milwaukee (414) 273-5533 www.warmemorialcenter.org</p>
---	---	--	---	--	---	--

Service Guide for 17th District Milwaukee County Residents

17th District Milwaukee County Supervisor Steve F. Taylor.....(414) 278-4263

Aging and Disability Resource Center ... (414) 289-6874

Airports

Mitchell International Airport(414) 747-5300

Timmerman Airport.....(414) 461-3222

Child Support Services.....(414) 615-2593

Clerk of Circuit Courts(414) 278-5362

Community Reintegration Center(414) 427-4700

County Board of Supervisors(414) 278-4222

County Clerk.....(414) 278-4067

County Executive(414) 278-4211

County Treasurer(414) 278-4033

Courts

Civil Division (small & large claims).....(414) 278-5362

Criminal Division(414) 278-4538

Children's Division(414) 257-7700

District Attorney's Office(414) 278-4646

Election Commission.....(414) 278-4060

Emergency/Public Safety

Sheriff General Information(414) 278-4766

Sheriff (non-emergency)(414) 278-4788

TDD Emergency.....(414) 278-5252

Burn Center Hotline (24 hours).....(414) 585-1163

Emergency Management (24 hours).....(414) 257-4709

Suicide Prevention/Intervention(414) 257-7222

Mental Health Crisis(414) 257-7222

Fraud Hotline(414) 93-FRAUD

Health and Human Services.....(888) 947-6583

Jury Services

General Information.....(414) 278-4469

Reserve Juror Message(414) 985-6000

Marcus Performing Arts Center.....(414) 273-7121

Medical Examiner.....(414) 223-1200

Milwaukee Art Museum(414) 224-3200

Milwaukee County Historical Society... (414) 273-8288

Milwaukee County Parks.....(414) 257-7275

Organized Sports.....(414) 257-8030

Golf Office(414) 257-8024

Boerner Botanical Gardens.....(414) 525-5600

Mitchell Park Domes(414) 257-5600

District 17 Parks

Bender Park(414) 762-1550

Clement's Park(414) 257-7275

Falk Park.....(414) 762-1550

Grobschmidt Park.....(414) 281-6289

Johnstone Park.....(414) 766-7920

Riverton Meadows Park(414) 257-7275

Milwaukee County Sports Complex.....(414) 281-2694

Milwaukee County Zoo(414) 771-3040

Milwaukee Public Museum(414) 278-2728

Municipalities

Franklin.....(414) 425-7500

Oak Creek(414) 766-7000

Office of Persons with Disabilities(414) 278-3932

Register in Probate(414) 278-4444

Register of Deeds(414) 278-4021

Rent Assistance.....(414) 278-4894

Senior Centers

Clinton & Bernice Rose Senior Center(414) 263-2255

Kelly Senior Center.....(414) 481-9611

McGovern Park Senior Center(414) 527-0990

Washington Park Senior Center.....(414) 933-2332

Wilson Park Senior Center(414) 282-5566

Serving Older Adults(414) 933-2332

Transit System - www.ridemcts.com

Bus Routes/Schedules/Fares(414) 344-6711

Customer Comments.....(414) 937-3218

Transit Plus.....(414) 343-1700

UW-Extension.....(414) 615-0550

Veterans Services(414) 266-1234

Victim/Witness Service.....(414) 278-4667