MILWAUKEE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Chairwoman Marcelia Nicholson-Bovell – District 10

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Milwaukee County Board Adopts 2027 Budget, Invests in Community Services

Chairwoman Led Affordability Amendment: A Vision for Food, Parks, and Health Equity for All

The Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors voted to adopt the amended 2027 County Budget 17 to 1, advancing investments in community services, food access, parks, youth programs, and employee health while reducing the proposed property tax levy by $695,157.

The amendment led by Chairwoman Nicholson-Bovell and Finance Committee Chairman Taylor, was unanimously adopted and co-sponsored by Supervisors Shawn Rolland, Caroline Gómez-Tom, Steven Shea, Sheldon A. Wasserman, Justin Bielinski, Sky Z. Capriolo, Jack Eckblad, Anne O'Connor, Kathleen Vincent, Juan Miguel Martinez, Felesia A. Martin, Patti Logsdon, Priscilla E. Coggs-Jones, and Leevan D. Roundtree Jr.

> "*Continuing the strong foundation built by County Executive Crowley, the Board is advancing a budget that invests in our community's priorities, strengthens essential services, and lowers the proposed property tax levy,"* said Chairwoman Nicholson-Bovell. *"I led the effort to remove the Pay to Park proposal because access to our parks and lakefront should never depend on someone's income, neighborhood, or ZIP code. Our Emerald Necklace belongs to everyone, and our public spaces must remain welcoming and accessible to all".*

Amendment investments include:

Community Priorities: Youth Services, including credible messengers - $950,000 set aside • Fast Fund, emergency student support - $200,000 • Right-to-Counsel, supporting EvictionFreeMKE - $150,000 • IMPACT 211, connecting families with essential services - $150,000
Parks for All: Seasonal aquatic staffing, expanding summer recreation - $100,000 • Washington Park aquatics - $497,242 in bonding to support ongoing community fundraising efforts to reimagine the space • Lakefront access for all, removing the pay-to-park program from our parks and lakefront
Food Access for All: Market Match at local farmers' markets - $100,000 • Senior meals - $208,077
Health Equity & Employee Wellness: Keeping dental coverage and emergency room copays the same as part of Milwaukee County's vision of being the healthiest county in Wisconsin

The Amended Budget has now been sent to the desk of the County Executive for approval. If the County Executive issues any vetoes, the Board will convene at 1:30 p.m. on Thursday, November 12, 2026, to consider them.

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