



16th District Milwaukee County Supervisor

JUSTIN BIELINSKI

*Proudly representing portions of West Allis
and the City of Milwaukee*



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Committee on Finance

**Committee on
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Supervisor Bielinski sworn in at the beginning of the 2024-2026 term by County Clerk Christenson.



Supervisor Bielinski speaking at the Joint Committee on Finance for the 2025-2027 State Budget Public Hearing.

Dear Neighbors,

I want to wish you a safe, healthy, and joyful holiday season. With the end of 2025 drawing near, I wanted to highlight a few important items I've been working on as your representative on the Milwaukee County Board.

First – public safety. As Chair of the Committee that oversees the Milwaukee County Sheriff's Office and the County Jail, it is my job to see that our tax dollars are being used wisely and that safety is maintained on our highways, in our parks, and within the Jail and Community Reintegration Center. To that end, I held a community forum this spring to address the Milwaukee County Jail Audit. It was truly moving to see so many residents come together and share ideas on how to improve conditions in the jail and ensure a successful transition back into the community for justice-involved individuals.

Also in spring, I testified at the State Budget Public Hearing in West Allis to demand fair funding for Milwaukee County's traffic safety efforts. As the only county that is required to patrol its own freeways, Milwaukee has had to make harmful cuts to other programs to pay for this state mandate. This year, thanks to advocacy from myself and other County officials, we were able to secure \$39 million for highway patrol over the next two years, freeing up tax levy for other important priorities like our new criminal courthouse (also known as the "Safety Building.")

Second – we (finally) committed to saving the Domes! In partnership with Friends of the Domes, funding for the Domes Reimagined Plan was secured, keeping this important regional attraction solvent for decades to come. Not only will the existing spaces be preserved and modernized, new educational and recreational spaces will be added to Mitchell Park, where the Domes are located.

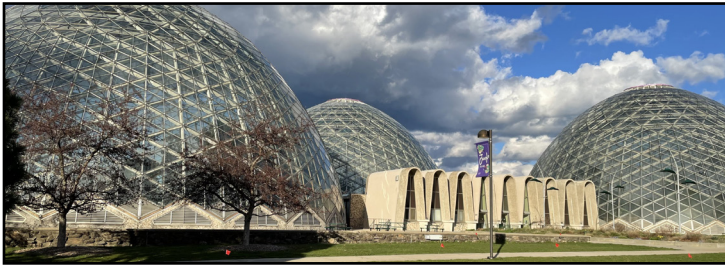
By continuing to preserve both public spaces and public services, we can help Milwaukee County residents thrive. Perhaps the most important part of my job as an elected official is to be a good steward of your property tax dollars. As a member of the Finance Committee, I review every spending proposal thoroughly and ask tough questions of County leadership. Because of staffing shortages, dwindling state support, and at times mismanagement from leadership, the Milwaukee County Sheriff's Office and Transit System (MCTS) have run into multimillion-dollar budget shortfalls. This is not acceptable.

Thankfully, those responsible for failing to report and adequately address MCTS' budget deficit have been replaced by new leadership that seems to be taking things in a positive direction. I will remain diligent in pressuring the Sheriff's Department to stay within its budget by reaching full staff capacity, preventing the current vicious cycle of excessive overtime and high staff turnover that has plagued the department for years.

Despite a very challenging financial environment caused by inadequate state funding, I remain committed to preserving our parks, maintaining high quality public services, and stretching your tax dollars as far as they can go. As always, feel free to contact my office with any questions or concerns. I look forward to hearing from you!

Sincerely,

Justin Bielinski
Milwaukee County Supervisor - District 16
(he/him/his)



Winter Fun in the Parks & Supporting the Future of the Domes

Even as temperatures drop, our county parks stay active and family friendly. Groomed cross-country ski trails are available at Brown Deer Park and Whitnall Park, and snowshoeing is a great activity to take advantage of at the Wehr Nature Center. A dozen parks offer sledding hills – Brown Deer Park and Whitnall Park have day sledding, while Currie Park and Humboldt Park have hills lit for nighttime sledding. Ice skating is also open at Red Arrow Park’s Slice of Ice (bring your skates or rent them there). These outdoor winter activities are great ways to get exercise and enjoy the season.

This holiday season the Mitchell Park Domes will again host the “Domes Holiday Parade” – a spectacular indoor floral show. Running November 23 through January 5, this multicultural display celebrates Advent, Winter Solstice, Christmas, Hanukkah, and Kwanzaa, with each “float” surrounded by festive poinsettias. The Domes feature extra late-night hours (until 8 p.m.) on Nov. 29, Dec. 10, 17, and 27 with choreographed light shows, plus fun events like Storyteller Santa, Gnorman the Dome Gnome visits, and a “Let There Be Light” folk concert by David Drake – all included with admission. *(Pro tip: drop by on a Wednesday during the show for a free souvenir sticker while supplies last.)* Regular Domes hours are Monday–Friday 9–5 and Saturday–Sunday 9–4, with closures on Thanksgiving and Christmas Day and limited hours on holiday eves.

It’s also worth celebrating the County Board’s commitment to the Domes. In July 2025, supervisors voted 15–2 to dedicate \$30 million over six years toward the historic “Domes Reimagined” project. This project (developed by the Milwaukee Domes Alliance and Parks) will renovate the historic conservatory: restoring each dome, expanding the gift shop and cafe, adding a children’s play dome, and eventually building a \$26 million Nature Learning Center. This county funding (about \$5 million per year, contingent on matching private funds) shows our dedication to preserving this Milwaukee icon.

Even as winter approaches, Milwaukee County Parks are open and accessible for families and outdoor enthusiasts. Parks like Brown Deer and Currie remain open for sledding, snowshoeing, and cross-country skiing, perfect for a brisk Milwaukee day.



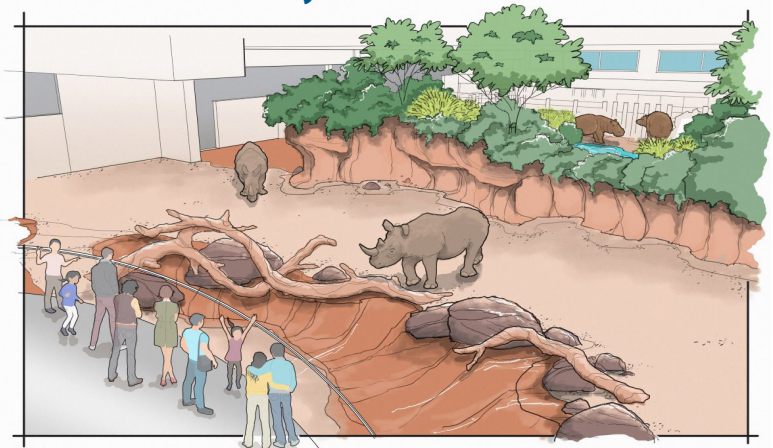
County Executive David Crowley and Chairwoman Marcelia Nicholson signing legislation committing to restoring the Mitchell Park Domes. Also pictured left to right: Supervisors Vincent, Martinez, Rolland, Logsdon, and Gómez-Tom.

McCarty Pool Re-Opening

This year, thanks to advocacy from myself and most importantly our West Allis neighbors, the McCarty Pool was open for the first time in three years. Having our neighborhood pool open was a great boost to our West Allis summer. As a dad of two small children, having affordable places to play is always welcome. I will continue advocating for McCarty Pool and our Parks System in general. Our County Parks are one of the things that make our community such an attractive place to live.



Milwaukee County Zoo News



Rendering for the Adventure Africa exhibit that creates connection between the original zoo areas for rhinos and elephants and an upgraded, modern habitat.

There’s wildlife news to cheer about at our Milwaukee County Zoo. In late July 2025, the Zoo announced the birth of a male bonobo, named Remi, on May 30. Bonobos are endangered great apes from the Congo, and Remi is the first bonobo born at the Zoo since 2016. (Milwaukee’s Zoo now cares for 19 bonobos – one of the largest herds in North America). Mom Elema and baby Remi are doing great, and you can visit them in the Zoo’s “Apes of Africa” habitat when you stop by.

Great progress is also happening on the Zoo’s newest exhibit. The final phase of Adventure Africa will soon bring rhinos back to Milwaukee. Construction is underway to connect the old rhino and elephant areas into a modern habitat: it will include an indoor–outdoor space for rhinos plus a special indoor “recreation room” just for hippos. Guests will have much closer, unobstructed views of the animals. The Zoo expects this multi-year project (Phases I & II rebuilt the elephant and other areas) to wrap up in 2025. When it opens, it will be the home for critically endangered black rhinos and allow our hippos to stay active indoors, even on winter days.

These zoo updates show Milwaukee County’s commitment to conservation and great experiences. The bonobo birth came through the Zoo’s species survival partnerships, and the new rhino/hippo habitat is in line with the latest animal-care standards. It’s exciting to watch these changes take shape – the Zoo’s improvements are a big win for families in our community.

Milwaukee County Commits \$9 Million to Fight Opioid Crisis

Milwaukee County is taking a decisive step in addressing the ongoing opioid crisis. On August 13, County Executive David Crowley and County Board Chairwoman Marcelia Nicholson signed legislation approving more than \$9 million in opioid settlement funds to support seven targeted projects aimed at opioid use disorder (OUD) abatement, prevention, and recovery.

This investment, made possible through national opioid settlement agreements, will fund programs designed to fill critical gaps in care, expand prevention and outreach efforts, and enhance access to life-saving recovery resources.

Chairwoman Nicholson emphasized the importance of using the funds strategically to save lives and improve public health outcomes across Milwaukee County.

The projects funded will include:

- Expanding treatment and recovery services.
- Increasing public health outreach and education.
- Supporting community organizations dedicated to prevention.
- Enhancing crisis response capacity.

U.S. Representative Gwen Moore joined County leaders and local partners at the announcement, underscoring the importance of collaborative action in addressing addiction and recovery needs.



County Exec. David Crowley and Chairwoman Marcelia Nicholson signing legislation committing funding toward opioid crisis resources. Also pictured left to right: Supervisors Rolland and Wasserman, Congresswoman Gwen Moore, Supervisor Martin, and DHHS Deputy Director David Muhammad.

As your County Supervisor, I fully support these efforts. Opioid addiction has touched every corner of our community, and this legislation ensures we're not only responding to the crisis but actively working to prevent future harm. By focusing on comprehensive solutions, we can move toward a healthier, safer Milwaukee County.

Milwaukee County Responds to Recent Storms and Flooding

Milwaukee County is actively responding to the extreme storms and flooding that impacted our region this week. The Office of Emergency Management is providing residents with critical updates and resources to ensure safety and support recovery efforts.

To help residents access timely information, Milwaukee County launched a dedicated flood resources webpage to provide guidance on cleanup, safety precautions, assistance programs, and ways to report flood-related concerns:

county.milwaukee.gov/2025FloodResources

County staff continue to monitor affected areas and coordinate response efforts to protect homes, businesses, and infrastructure. Residents are encouraged to check the website regularly for updates and to reach out to County officials if additional support or information is needed.

As your County Supervisor, I want to emphasize that our government is committed to keeping our community safe during these challenging

times. Whether it's sharing information, providing resources, or coordinating recovery efforts, Milwaukee County is working around the clock to support residents impacted by the storms.

For questions or to provide updates on local flooding, residents may contact the Office of Emergency Management or email the County team directly. Together, we will navigate this challenge and continue to strengthen our community's resilience.

Report Damages & Seek Assistance

Call 211 to report any damages and fill out a report form.

Resources and Updates

county.milwaukee.gov/2025FloodResources

How to Help

Donate Money: unitedwaygmmc.org/Flood-Recovery-Fund

Donate Supplies: sewicoad.org/our-members

Volunteer: www.wivoad.org/current-members

Enjoying All That Milwaukee County Has to Offer



From left: 1. The Bielinski family hiking at Greenfield Park. 2. Visiting the new South Shore Playground. 3. Enjoying McCarty Pool this summer.



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Clockwise from top left: 1. Milwaukee County Jail Audit Community Forum event. 2. Picking up trash along the Hank Aaron Trail. 3. Celebrating the Milwaukee Treatment Court Graduates: Milwaukee County Staff and its service providers hosted a combined celebration to honor the Adult Drug Treatment Court, Family Drug Treatment Court, Healthy Infant Court, Mental Health Treatment Court, and Veterans Treatment Court graduates and positive impact these programs have on the community.

Service Guide for 16th District Milwaukee County Residents

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District 16(414) 278-4247

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 16 Parks

Cannon Park.....(414) 476-4510

Greenfield Park (414) 327-8906

LaFollette Park (414) 327-8906

McCarty Park (414) 672-5052

Rainbow Park.....(414) 327-8906

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

Milwaukee County Zoo (414) 771-3040

Milwaukee Public Museum (414) 278-2728

Municipalities

Milwaukee City Hall/Common Council (414) 286-2221

Milwaukee Night Number (414) 286-CITY (2489)

West Allis (414) 302-2489

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

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