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Finance Committee Advances 2027 County Budget; Taylor Highlights Amendments, Levy Reduction, Capital Planning

MILWAUKEE — The Milwaukee County Board Committee on Finance unanimously approved the County Executive's 2027 Recommended Budget, as amended, advancing the spending plan to the full County Board for consideration. The County Executive's original recommendation proposed \$1.508 billion in expenditures and a \$316.9 million property tax levy. Amendments approved during the budget process reduced the proposed levy by 0.23 percent, while maintaining public safety as a priority and preserving funding for community organizations and essential County services.

The budget process included departmental briefings, reviews of spending and revenue assumptions, and opportunities for public input. Finance Chair Steve F. Taylor thanked his fellow committee members for their work in reviewing the budget and considering changes.

"Throughout this process, our responsibility was to ask questions, understand the numbers, and make decisions based on the information before us. I appreciate the work of my fellow Finance Committee members, Supervisors Anne O'Connor, Felesia A. Martin, Juan Miguel Martinez, Justin Bielinski, Willie Johnson, Jr., and, of course, my vice-chair Shawn Rolland. Their thoughtful review and consideration helped us evaluate the County's needs and identify opportunities to strengthen the budget while remaining responsible stewards of taxpayer dollars. I'm proud of the work we did." said Taylor.

The Committee on Finance also approved [three amendments](#) authored by Taylor, two of which focus on long-term planning for McKinley Marina and improving the County's capital project management process.

The first amendment calls for a study of Milwaukee County's future ownership of McKinley Marina, a lakefront facility that may require approximately \$50 million in capital improvements over the next five years. The study would evaluate the costs and benefits of continued County ownership.

The second amendment directs a review of the County's capital project process, from initial design through construction, to identify opportunities to improve scheduling, management, and project delivery.

Taylor also worked with Board Chairwoman Marcelia Nicholson-Bovell on a [comprehensive budget amendment](#) that closed the budget gap, reduced the proposed property tax levy by nearly \$700,000, maintained public safety as a priority, and preserved funding for community organizations and programs, including the MATC FAST Fund, IMPACT 211, Milwaukee Market Match, and Eviction Free MKE. The amendment also allocated County tax levy funding to maintain programs within the Department of Health and Human Services and the Parks Department.

"These amendments are about planning for the future and making sure we're managing taxpayer resources responsibly," said Taylor. *"While no budget is perfect, the County Board Committee on Finance worked to make it better. We need to look beyond the immediate budget year and find ways to plan, prioritize, and deliver major projects more efficiently."*

The County Board is expected to take up the 2027 Recommended Budget on [November 5, 2026](#).

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