



2009 Budget Decisions  
Reaching a balanced budget  
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The County Board leadership and I met this morning to go over the status of the 2009 budget. It was a productive meeting.

So far, the numbers are not getting better and the impact of the economy on things like the collection of the sales tax isn't helping our efforts to reach a balanced budget.

Instead of layoffs, it is clear that the county will have to consider other options - including more furlough days. The first of the recently approved furlough days starts this Friday. More may be on the way.

Once I agreed to set aside layoffs, more furlough days are one of the few real alternatives possible to reach a balanced budget. I will continue to work with the members of the County Board to get the job done.

Scott Walker  
Milwaukee County Executive