



2010 Budget Adopted
November 19, 2009

Thank you!

Your contact with members of the County Board made a big difference. On November 9, your voices helped us avoid a wheel tax. Yesterday, your voices helped us reduce the tax levy increase proposed by a majority of the County Board. While my vetoes would have resulted in a no tax levy increase budget, the final outcome after all of the votes on my vetoes was a tax levy increase of 2.18%.

That is less than the 2.8% tax levy increase passed by the County Board in Waukesha County and much less than the 7.9% tax levy increase in Dane County. It is also less than the 4.1% tax levy increase currently in front of the City of Milwaukee Common Council after the Mayor's veto.

Your involvement in this process made a difference and I want to thank you.

I also want to thank the members of the County Board who voted to uphold the vetoes. They did their homework and responded to their constituents.

And I want to thank the Chair of the Finance and Audit Committee - Sup. Beth Coggs - for running a good process for the review of the budget. While we do not always agree on every issue, I appreciate her leadership on this important committee.

Overall, this is a \$1.4 billion budget. The final version of the budget is less than one percent from what I presented in September. Our administration is filled with professionals and we will make the budget work well in 2010. We look forward to working with our employees, the members of the County Board and with members of the public to make 2010 a better year.

Scott Walker
Milwaukee County Executive