



2010 Recommended Budget  
Outsourcing housekeeping and security  
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Yesterday, the County Board finance committee rejected my recommendation of privatizing housekeeping and security services at the county courthouse. The full board still needs to vote next month. The county faces a nearly \$80 million shortfall for 2010, and outsourcing these services would save \$1.7 million for property taxpayers.

What major company in Milwaukee County does not contract out for housekeeping? Are any of them complaining about being “ransacked” by their cleaning people? No. Yet some board members make this argument.

As for security, both the federal courthouse and the Reuss federal building contract out for security.

In total, the recommended outsourcing initiatives at county facilities would save close to \$6 million.

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