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**WALKER ANNOUNCES \$7 MILLION SURPLUS
Management of Investment Earnings and Health Care Costs Play a Big Role**

MILWAUKEE – County Executive Scott Walker announced a \$7.0 million surplus for 2007. The surplus is revealed in a preliminary fiscal report given by the Walker administration to the members of the County Board’s Finance and Audit Committee.

“This is good news as our investment earnings and health care savings are going extremely well and we are controlling costs,” said Walker. “This will help our next budget, too.”

Walker, however, cautioned that county officials must watch the actions of the Governor and State Legislature as they take on the state budget deficit. The non-partisan Legislative Fiscal Bureau projected a \$652.3 million deficit for the state budget. Governor Doyle is calling a special session to deal with the state budget deficit less than six months after the biennial budget passed.

“We need to make certain that the state does not push more of the burden of mandated services on to local taxpayers,” said Walker. “And we need to protect the state Transportation Fund for future support of transit and local road aids.”

In December, the Walker administration reported a projected \$5.0 million surplus for 2007. Updated financial data shows a \$7.0 million surplus for 2007.

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