



# County Board Finance & Audit Committee

Supervisor Elizabeth M. Coggs, Chair

Supervisor Johnny L. Thomas, Vice-Chair  
Supervisor James “Luigi” Schmitt  
Supervisor Peggy A. West

Supervisor Michael Mayo, Sr.  
Supervisor Willie Johnson, Jr.  
Supervisor Patricia Jursik

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## FINANCE & AUDIT COMMITTEE REACTION TO 2011 BUDGET PROPOSAL

*Committee’s formal review of 2011 County Budget continues through October*

Milwaukee, WI – The County Board’s Finance & Audit Committee held the first in a series of meetings today on the County Executive’s 2011. Each day, the Committee votes on a number of specific departments and items in the budget. Friday’s meeting included the presentation of a Budget Overview prepared by County Board staff.



### Finance & Audit Committee pictured with Chairman Lee Holloway

*Back row from left: Supervisors Johnny L. Thomas, Willie Johnson, Jr., Michael Mayo, Sr., Chairman Holloway  
Front row from left: Supervisors Patricia Jursik, Elizabeth M. Coggs, Peggy West, Jim “Luigi” Schmitt*

Committee members expressed a variety of concerns relating to the 2011 Budget at today’s meeting. The Committee Chairwoman, Supervisor Elizabeth Coggs, is handling this difficult budget process with a positive attitude. “We are approaching this budget with the same spirit of cooperation that we have used in previous budgets,” she said. “We will maintain decorum and get input from as many individuals as possible to improve this budget.”

“One of my biggest concerns is that revenues in this budget are grossly overstated,” Supervisor Johnny L. Thomas. “I will be seeking credible documentation, and not newspaper articles, to support the revenue estimates included in this budget proposal.”

“After getting this budget overview analysis today, I want to throw this budget in the trash. I don’t believe in it at all,” said Supervisor Michael Mayo, Sr. “The County Executive had months to put this together, and we only have four weeks to amend and adopt a budget that was largely dictated to us.”

“True compromise is necessary as we go throughout this process,” Supervisor Patricia Jursik said. “Compromise means that no side will be happy, and I’m looking to moving forward with a more balanced approach that addresses employee layoffs and concessions as well as possible fee and revenue enhancements.”

“Going forward, we are going to have to make extremely difficult choices,” Supervisor Jim “Luigi” Schmitt remarked. “I have full confidence that this Committee will get the jobs done, just as we do every year.”

“I am concerned about how we are going to make this budget work,” Supervisor Peggy West added. “We need to meet in the middle, but that should be achieved through teamwork, not by dragging people to one side or the other.”

The Finance and Audit Committee will continue its meetings throughout the month of October in Room 203-R of the Milwaukee County Courthouse.

**[Click here to access the 2011 budget meeting schedule](#)**

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<http://media.county.milwaukee.gov/room203r>

The County Board of Supervisors, under the leadership of Chairman Lee Holloway, will adopt the County’s 2011 Budget on Monday, November 8 at 8:30 a.m. in Room 200 of the Milwaukee County Courthouse.

The County Board’s annual Public Hearing on the 2011 Budget is scheduled for 7 p.m. Monday, November 1 at the Washington Park Senior Center.

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