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## **MILWAUKEE COUNTY BOARD TAKES THE LEAD IN SALARY REDUCTIONS**

**Milwaukee, WI** – As early as February 2002, the Milwaukee County Board took the lead in cost savings initiatives. "Although, the County Executive has asked County Board members to accept the same salary reductions as County managers, clearly he must be unaware that we have already done so," said Milwaukee County Board Chairman Lee Holloway.

In one of many moves to address the County's fiscal situation, the County Board led the charge by introducing legislation that froze the County Board's salary and the County Executive's salary for the remainder of their existing terms in office. This move, in effect, placed the County Board's salary and the County Executive's salary in line with what they all received in 2001. These moves were made with a host of other fiscally prudent measures, months prior to the new County Executive taking office.

"By freezing our salaries at the level they were at 2001, we have basically placed ourselves at the same level as County managers," says Holloway. The County Executive's recommended budget eliminates pay increases for managers and reduces manager's pay by 3%, which returns their salaries to 2001 levels. "These initiatives exemplify the Board's commitment to providing quality programs and services while minimizing the property tax levy," says Holloway.

In all, the actions affecting the Milwaukee County Board's own budget alone will save Milwaukee County taxpayers more than \$297,000.

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