



*Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors*

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**LABOR/MANAGEMENT RELATIONS  
IMPROVING COUNTY GOVERNMENT INTRODUCED**

**Milwaukee, WI** – Milwaukee County Board Chairman Lee Holloway, in an effort to improve the relationship between Milwaukee County management and the labor unions while achieving greater cost efficiencies and improved organizational effectiveness has introduced legislation that authorizes the creation of a 20 person Labor Management Council.

The Labor Management Council will be charged with: 1) Improving communication/cooperation between representatives of labor and management and identifying best practices in labor-management relations across County government, 2) Implementing innovative strategies to save County property tax dollars and improve service to the public and 3) Developing ideas and solutions to address the budget deficit in 2004 and beyond.

"This is sure to be a win-win situation for Milwaukee County" said Chairman Holloway. "This provides an opportunity for Milwaukee County management and labor to work towards a common goal". "It also provides a vehicle for labor unions to get a front end view of the 2004 budget debate and allowing them to have a real say in the future of Milwaukee County Government".

Adoption of this measure instructs the Labor-Management Council to submit a report to the County Executive and the County Board of Supervisors that discusses ideas and solutions that should be pursued to address the County's projected 2004 budget shortfall. This report will be required 90 days after adoption.

The Labor-Management Council will be jointly chaired by the Executive Director of AFSCME District Council 48 and the Director of Administrative Services and shall consist of 20 additional members including: 1) Two additional representatives from AFSCME District Council 48; 2) One representative from each of the labor unions representing Milwaukee County employees (i.e., Sheriff's Deputies, Nurses, Building Trades, Attorneys, TEAMCO, Firefighters

and Mechanists); 3) The Directors of Human Resources and Labor Relations, 4) Four additional Department/Division Heads to be appointed by the County Executive; and 5) Three members of the Board of Supervisors to be appointed by the County Board Chairman.

This resolution will be discussed at the Finance and Audit Committee meeting of the County Board to be held on Thursday, May 15, 2002 at 9:00 a.m. at the Milwaukee County Courthouse, 901 N. 9<sup>th</sup> Street, Room 201.

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