

The story on Friday about County Executive Scott Walker's budget left a few things out.

As for law enforcement, funding was increased for Parks Patrols. Per recommendations in the GMC report, the budget phases out areas covered by the Milwaukee Police Department and other agencies. Overall, the Sheriff's Department was one of the few that got an actual increase.

The District Attorney and courts were given the same tax levy as in 2006 - even while other departments took a cut. The county provides funding - per state mandate - for support staff and any changes would not alter the number of prosecutors or judges.

Originally, transit proposed ending 14 routes and raising fares. The budget maintains routes, does not raise the cash fare, but does increase the cost of the discounted passes. Fuel and other costs go up, so why shouldn't those using the system help pay for it?

Per the parks, the budget replaces 15 county positions with \$1 million to contract for services.

On the social service side, nearly all of the reductions - like the 211 line and some prevention programs - come because of cuts in aid from the state and the federal government.

There is more to the story.