

Thanks

Congrats to Chair Coggs on her first term (staff came down despite cuts)

Concerns

Board did not restore services, just restored government jobs

- Added back some 200 positions (did not cover \$2.85 m in health care costs)
 - Fleet
 - BHD: housekeeping, nutrition, etc.
 - Parks (26,000 hours; 78% of the workforce at zoo is seasonal)
 - Call Center (more jobs and better service; advocates; no layoffs)

Sustainability of county government in question without structural changes

- Public Policy Forum
- Just raising the tax levy is not viable option
- Structural Deficit for 2010 is \$57.85 million
- Contracting out would have saved \$9.X m in 2009 and \$XX m in 2010
- Long-term funding for transit: airport (option gone in a year)

Honest

- Kept land sales and POB savings
- If you disagree, you have an obligation to fix
- Revenues (some \$700,000): a) Pots b) ROD c) Doyle Hospital d) 6th & State
- Underestimate costs of health care benefits (\$2.85 m)
- Does not account for investment earnings drop of \$2 m

Affordable

- Raises taxes at a time when we need to stimulate the economy
- \$7.9 million more in tax levy; \$10.9 million in new spending
- Cost of living (i.e. gas, heating fuel, groceries, mortgage, etc.)
- On top of MPS, City of Milwaukee, MMSD, MATC
- If people want property tax relief, do it now.