

Progress

- New contract with largest union
- Cap on lump sum backdrop payment for pension for all new employees
- Filed lawsuit against actuarial firm that gave incorrect advise about pensions
- State support for Pension Obligation Bond (POB) legislation (in Gov's budget)
- Going to self-insured health care plan saves \$18.7 million over next 5 years
- DC 48 labor agreement saves \$250,000 per month
- Introduced 5 straight budgets with no increase in property tax levy
- Even with action of County Board, held tax levy increases to 2% per year over past 5 budgets (previous 5 years were twice as much)
- FamilyCare served 7,181 in 2006 (up from 6,887 in 2005)
- FamilyCare created a surplus – even while serving more clients
- EMS system funded in 2006 and 2 year contract with municipalities
- GAMP is national model
- CSE calls in Racine County
- E-government
- 20% fewer employees than 5 years ago
- Mitchell International broke record with 7.3 million passengers
- Improvements concourses, mall, security, parking, etc.
- Assistance for Midwest Airlines in 2004 and now
- MCRP: new hq, hotel
- Parks: Lincoln Park aquatic center, pool pass, Adopt-A-Beach, Oak Leaf Trail, 400,000 rounds of golf, 42 friends groups
- Zoo: Big Cat Country and Giraffe Experience
- Operation Freedom at Zoo

Goals

- Approve Pension Obligation Bond (POB) plan in 2007
- Work with leaders in Milwaukee 7 to form regional approach to health care costs
- Will introduce 6th straight budget with no increase in property tax levy
- Will oppose an increase in the sales tax
- New housing plan at 9 county sites to cover seniors, people with disabilities and those suffering from mental illness
- Proposing to move mental health complex to former St. Michael's Hospital site
- Proposing to sell land where complex currently sits on county grounds to finance move and create fund for care of patients with mental illness
- GAMP changes needed to stay ahead of challenges
- Expand CSE calls to other counties
- Name CSE offices after John P. Hayes
- Nominate Lisa Jo Marks to director
- Push for a regional workforce development agency
- Long-term plan to add runway and extend others at airport
- Find home for UWM near the regional medical complex
- Use \$91.5 million in federal funds to start Bus Rapid Transit program
- Push state to approve plan to use current sales tax on auto sales for transit
- Celebration of 100th anniversary of parks system in 2007
- Start construction on US Bank Gathering Place and flamingo house at zoo
- Bids on waterpark and hotel on zoo property
- Declare 2007 to be Armed Forces and Veterans Year