



Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors *Supervisor Deanna Alexander, 18th District*

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Supervisor Alexander's Statement on the 2019 Milwaukee County Budget

MILWAUKEE – Milwaukee County Supervisor Deanna Alexander voted to adopt the 2019 Milwaukee County budget but voted no on several budget amendments brought forward by supervisors.

"I commend my colleagues on the Finance and Audit Committee for the tremendous effort they put into shaping and finalizing the 2019 Milwaukee County budget, and for working together with County Executive Abele and his team. I'm pleased that the 2019 budget process saw less conflict and greater collaboration than in recent years, both among the diverse Milwaukee County Board and between the Board and the County Executive. While I opposed some amendments in this budget, including those that unnecessarily add to tax burden for county residents, I support the final product and join the call for long-term solutions to the county's fiscal challenges," said Alexander.

Supervisor Alexander voted against an amendment that would have increased property taxes to stock county operated public restrooms with free feminine hygiene products, and also voted "no" on an amendment that burdens the Department of Health and Human Services with additional responsibilities not currently mandated by the State of Wisconsin. The amendment also detracts from the important work DHHS is already tasked with and sets up a situation that will require added funding in future years.

While county spending will increase in 2019 by \$1,567,130 or .54% percent, this is less than the allowable increase as determined by new construction in the county, and is expected reduce the Milwaukee County portion of resident's property tax bill.

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