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## News Release

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### **Wayne County Commission approves multi-year budget cycle ordinance**

The Wayne County Commission today approved a multi-year budget cycle ordinance.

It permits the county executive to submit a multi-year budget, but doesn't require it.

"We are pleased and want to recognize Chairman Gary Woronchak and Vice-Chair Pro Tem Laura Cox for their leadership," said Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano. "This is another example of how we are adopting fiscally-smart best practices in Wayne County that result in savings for the taxpayer."

It's a policy the Ficano Administration has been advocating for over two years.

Budget experts and fiscal analysts agree that multi-year budget cycles, rather than annual ones, save money in staff time and create efficiencies when departments are allowed to project-out over longer periods of time.

Ficano also said he hopes other branches of government, like the Third Circuit Court, will follow suit.

"A multi-year budget would help the court better manage its finances," he said. "The court's overspending is driving the county over the cliff. This would be one step in leading them toward a balanced budget."

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