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# Poloncarz criticizes Collins for lack of budget report

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Erie County Comptroller Mark C. Poloncarz on Thursday criticized the Collins administration for failing to submit monthly budget-monitoring reports since August.

Poloncarz, who is running against Chris Collins for county executive, said he had no way to verify a \$16.7 million projected year-end surplus included in Collins' four-year plan without the monthly budget reports.

The last budget-monitoring report, which was submitted by the Office of Budget in August, reflected the county's revenue and expenses for June.

The County Charter was amended after the 2005 budget crisis to require the county executive to file the monthly budget reports.

"If the county executive believes the county will have a \$16.7 million surplus at the end of the year, as stated in his four-year plan, then why doesn't he disclose information supporting his claim?" Poloncarz asked in a written statement.

Grant Loomis, a Collins spokesman, said Budget Director Greg Gach is preparing the latest budget-monitoring report and recently received information related to September's numbers.