1 By Supervisors Taylor, Shea, Martin, and Haas   File No. 21-492
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4   **A RESOLUTION**
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6 requesting the Office of Corporation Counsel, the Procurement Division, Department of
7 Administrative Services, and the Office of the Comptroller review the recommendations
8 made by the Audit Services Division to update Section 56.30 of the Milwaukee County
9 Code of General Ordinances relating to professional services and requesting the
10 submission of proposed recommended changes that can be made to align with current
11   statutory guidelines for contracts
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14   WHEREAS, in May 2015, the Audit Services Division of the Milwaukee County
15 Office of the Comptroller opened an investigation concerning former Milwaukee County
16 Register of Deeds John La Fave based upon receipt of a tip to the Audit Services
17 Division's Fraud Hotline; and
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19   WHEREAS, due to the potential criminal behavior, the Audit Services Division
20 referred the initial investigation materials to law enforcement in 2016; and
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22   WHEREAS, in June of 2020, the Audit Services Division was notified that the
23 U.S. Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of Wisconsin filed a charge against former
24 Milwaukee County Register of Deeds John La Fave; and
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26   WHEREAS, the Audit Services Division initiated an audit of the Register of
27 Deeds in response to a request by the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors (File
28 No. 19-486); and
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30   WHEREAS, the Audit Services Division concluded an audit and issued its audit
31 report in February 2021 titled "Former ROD's Willful Disregard for County Policies and
32 Procedures and Cooperative Vendors Facilitated Development of a "Pot of Gold" for
33 Improper Use of County Funds" (File No. 21-297); and
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35   WHEREAS, in April 2021, Milwaukee County concurred with and adopted the
36 recommendations provided within the report, including a recommendation for the Office
37 of the Comptroller, Office of Corporation Counsel, and Department of Administrative
38 Services to update Section 56.30 of the Milwaukee County Code of General Ordinances
39 (MCGO) to reflect current statutory guidelines for contract approvals and developing
40 additional language that will include revenue contracts in those statutory guidelines; and
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42   WHEREAS, in a response to the audit report, the Office of the Comptroller
43 indicated that they were working with the Office of Corporation Counsel and Department
44 of Administrative Services to develop an Administrative Manual of Operating

45 Procedures (AMOP) for contracts, which will reflect statutory guidelines, and will provide
46 clarity on how to best update the MCGO to reflect Wisconsin State Statutes and the
47 County's AMOP; and
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49   WHEREAS, providing clear and consistent operating procedures for County
50 departments is necessary to ensure appropriate procurement of professional services;
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53   WHEREAS, updating the MCGO to adhere to Wisconsin State Statutes is in the
54 best interest of Milwaukee County to avoid any future wrongdoings or financial
55 misdeeds, especially those that involve tax dollars; and
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57   WHEREAS, the Committee on Audit, at its meeting of June 16, 2021,
58 recommended adoption of File No. 21-492 (vote 4-0); now, therefore,
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60   BE IT RESOLVED, the Office of the Comptroller, Office of Corporation Counsel,
61 and Procurement Division, Department of Administrative Services are hereby requested
62 to review the recommendations made by the Audit Services Division in File No. 21-297
63 to update Section 56.30 of the Milwaukee County Code of General Ordinances related
64 to professional services; and
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66   BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the identified entities are hereby requested to
67 develop and submit for approval by the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors a
68 proposed revision to Section 56.30 of the Milwaukee County Code of General
69 Ordinances to align with Wisconsin State Statutes related to contracts and the proposed
70 language shall incorporate revenue contracts; and
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72   BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, a report shall be submitted to the Milwaukee
73 County Board of Supervisors for the September 2021 committee cycle with the
74 proposed revisions or a status update on progress towards developing the revisions.
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