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(ITEM ) From the Clerk of Circuit Court, requesting authorization to enter into a Debt Collection Agreement with the Wisconsin Department of Revenue for collection of debts under the State Debt Collection Program, by recommending adoption of the following:

**AN AMENDED RESOLUTION**

WHEREAS, the Wisconsin Department of Revenue (DOR) allows local governments to partner with DOR for the collection of past due receivables under the State Debt Collection (SDC) program; and

WHEREAS, the DOR indicates that they have collection tools available to them such as wage attachments and bank account levies that are not available to a typical debt collection agency; and

WHEREAS, the DOR indicates that, because of these additional tools available to them, local governments would achieve better collection results as compared to other debt collection agencies; and

WHEREAS, current Wisconsin Statutes allow collection agency fees to be deducted from amounts remitted to both the State of Wisconsin and the Milwaukee County Treasurer; and

WHEREAS, the SDC program does not deduct the collection agency fees from the amounts remitted to the State of Wisconsin or Milwaukee County Treasurer, thus potentially providing more revenue to both government units; and

WHEREAS, there will be additional operating expenditures required to be paid by Milwaukee County when utilizing the SDC program, which will offset or potentially exceed the additional revenue to Milwaukee County from the SDC program; and

WHEREAS, the Clerk of Circuit Court is interested in the collection of restitution to get funds to victims of crime, and the DOR in prior draft legislation has specifically excluded restitution from the SDC program; and

WHEREAS, with the adoption of the Fiscal Year 2015-2017 biennium budget by the State of Wisconsin in July 2015, county governments are allowed to enter into debt collection agreements with the DOR for the SDC program with County Board approval; and

WHEREAS, the Clerk of Circuit Court's office intends to further evaluate the SDC program to determine whether it is cost effective to enter into an agreement with the DOR for debt collection through the SDC program; and

47           WHEREAS, the Committee on Finance, Personnel, and Audit, at its meeting of  
48 July 23, 2015, recommended adoption of the Clerk of Circuit Court's request, as  
49 amended, (vote 8-0); now, therefore,  
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51           BE IT RESOLVED, the Clerk of Circuit Court is hereby authorized to negotiate an  
52 agreement with the Wisconsin Department of Revenue, subject to Milwaukee County  
53 Board of Supervisors approval, for debt collection at terms that are agreeable to both  
54 parties.  
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