

DATE: July 20, 2015

TO: Marina Dimitrijevic, Chairwoman, Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors

FROM: John Barrett, Clerk of Circuit Court/Register of Probate

RE: Collection Agreement with the Department of Revenue

The Milwaukee Bucks are requesting a new arena be built in Milwaukee with both private and public funding. One of the proposals (SB-209) had a requirement that all of Milwaukee County debt be transferred to Department of Revenue (DOR) for collection. The requirement was removed as unnecessary since Milwaukee County already has the ability to certify debt to the DOR. The recently signed state budget permits Clerks of Circuit Court to enter into an agreement with the DOR for the collection of its debt with the approval of the County Board. This resolution requests permission to enter into the agreement with the DOR.

Currently, the Clerk of Circuit Court has an agreement with a collection agency – Credit Management Control (CMC). The collection agency sends all notices and provides an individual in traffic court to collect payments in court. CMC also provides an online payment option and a phone payment option. An agreement with DOR may affect these services.

The Clerk of Circuit Court wants to address some of its concerns with regard to the State proposal in its agreement the DOR. In addition to the notice and immediate collection issues, restitution was not included in the state proposal.

It is hoped that an agreement with DOR will improve collections for Milwaukee and the State.

Cc: County Executive Chris Abele  
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