



## *Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors*

### *Inter-Office Memorandum*

DATE: May 1, 2018

TO: James "Luigi" Schmitt, Chair, Finance and Audit Committee

CC: Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors

FROM: Theodore Lipscomb, Sr., Chairman, County Board of Supervisors 

RE: **County Board compliance with the 2018 Adopted Budget and File No. 18-140 to achieve departmental savings and lift the travel moratorium**

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The Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors listened to residents last year when 72% of voters rejected doubling the County wheel tax to \$60. Rather than increase the wheel tax, the 2018 Adopted Budget found ways to save and asked departments to find a modest 0.75% in expenditure reductions without impacting critical services.

The County Board has complied with the required \$8,789 department budget reduction in a manner that prevents a disruption to the services provided to constituents. Beginning January 2018, the Board implemented a self-imposed ban on travel and mileage outside of Milwaukee County through the remainder of the 2016-2018 term. The County Board additionally reduced 2018 Individual Office Accounts (IOAs) by \$500 for each of the 18 Supervisor districts, achieving \$9000 in total savings.

These office expenditure reductions were achieved without reducing personnel support to district offices, thereby maintaining the ability of Supervisors to provide responsive constituent services at the same level as last year.

Having met the required 0.75% expenditure reduction for the department, it is requested that the travel moratorium outlined in File No. 18-140 be lifted for the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors at the start of the 2018-2020 term.