

1  
2  
3  
4  
5  
6  
7  
8  
9  
10  
11  
12  
13  
14  
15  
16  
17  
18  
19  
20  
21  
22  
23  
24  
25  
26  
27  
28  
29  
30  
31  
32  
33  
34  
35  
36  
37  
38  
39  
40  
41  
42  
43

(ITEM ) From Corporation Counsel, recommending back wages payment in the amount of \$43,336.31 to Dena Hunt, Ms. Hunt’s advancement to Step 5 of pay grade 33M, and a payment of \$45,000 by the Wisconsin County Mutual Insurance Corporation to the Gunta Law Offices for attorneys’ fees to settle all claims arising out of Ms. Hunt’s and Jean Wolfgang’s lawsuit, Eastern District Case No. 13-CV-586, in return for a full release and a dismissal of said lawsuit, by recommending adoption of the following:

**A RESOLUTION**

WHEREAS, Dena Hunt worked as a Housing and Development Program Coordinator in pay grade 28M at Step 4 from July 25, 2011, to April 27, 2013; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Hunt’s position completed a compensation study that resulted in her position being reclassified to Housing Program Manager in pay grade 33M at Step 1 in April 2013; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Hunt alleges that she suffered discrimination based on her gender in that she performed the same job as male program coordinators in her division in a lower pay grade than the other male program coordinators; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Hunt’s claims are similar and related to the claims of Jean Wolfgang and Jean Orlow and the Board approved settlements of the Wolfgang and Orlow claims on May 22, 2014 (File Nos. 14-384 and 14-385); and

WHEREAS, a settlement has been negotiated calling for payment by Milwaukee County to Ms. Hunt for back wages for 2011 through 2014 in the amount of \$43,336.31 minus appropriate payroll deductions, a payment of attorneys’ fees in the amount of \$45,000 by the Wisconsin County Mutual Insurance Corporation for both the Wolfgang and Hunt claims, and for the Department of Health and Human Services advancing Ms. Hunt from Step 3 to Step 5 of her current pay grade 33M; and

WHEREAS, extensive discovery was exchanged between the parties; and

WHEREAS, negotiations between Milwaukee County by the Office of Corporation Counsel and Dena Hunt and Jean Wolfgang and their attorneys, Gunta Law Offices, resulted in a settlement agreement at a mediation before United States District Court Judge Nancy Joseph; and

WHEREAS, the tentative settlement agreement provides for a release of all Ms. Hunt’s claims against Milwaukee County in return for the payments set forth above; and

44           WHEREAS, the Office of Corporation Counsel recommends this settlement; now,  
45 therefore,

46

47           BE IT RESOLVED, that the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors approves the  
48 payment from the Department of Health and Human Services' 2014 Salary Budget in the  
49 amount of \$43,336.31 to Dena Hunt, Ms. Hunt's advancement to Step 5 of pay grade  
50 33M, and a payment of \$45,000 by the Wisconsin County Mutual Insurance Corporation  
51 to the Gunta Law Offices for attorneys' fees to settle all claims arising out of Ms. Hunt's and  
52 Jean Wolfgang's lawsuit in return for a full release and a dismissal of said lawsuit.

53

54

55

56

57

ag  
07/07/2014  
H:\Shared\COMCLERK\Committees\2014\Jul\JSGS\Resolutions\14-578.docx