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**A RESOLUTION**

WHEREAS, Milwaukee County’s Court system has experienced an historic backlog in criminal court cases as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, the State of Wisconsin allocated American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding in order to give Courts the resources needed to mitigate that backlog; and

WHEREAS, while the State’s ARPA funding is appreciated and will significantly help courts reduce the backlog, there are still areas that need additional funding in order to fully realize the benefits of the State’s allocation and expedite processing of the backlog as efficiently as possible while meeting the needs of those involved in the criminal justice system and ensuring public safety; now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors, in service of expediting the backlog of Milwaukee County’s criminal courts, ensuring public safety, and meeting the needs of those involved in our criminal justice system, recognizes that additional American Rescue Plan Act funding is needed to ensure prompt processing and disposition of pending cases; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors authorizes the use of \$1,250,000 of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds for (1) Org 2900 – Courts – Pretrial Services for Global Positioning System (GPS) monitoring equipment and staffing, in the amount of \$950,000 (2) Org 2900 – Courts – Pretrial Services for pretrial supervision staffing and monitoring in the amount of \$220,000, and (3) Org Unit 2000 – Combined Court Related Operations, in the amount of \$80,000, to facilitate the hiring of a grants and program manager to oversee implementation of these funds, as well as the State ARPA allocation and any other related grants Combined Courts may receive; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Office of Strategy, Budget, and Performance and the Office of the Comptroller are authorized and directed to provide an administrative appropriation transfer to recognize \$1,250,000 of American Rescue Plan State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds, and to allocate funds to the appropriate departments accounts to provide for the programs described herein.