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3 File No.  
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5 **A RESOLUTION**

6 to utilize the balance of funds available in the allocated contingency fund within Capital  
7 Improvement Project WE033 Behavioral Health Facility to construct a new behavioral  
8 health hospital on the Milwaukee County grounds  
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10 WHEREAS, the 2006 Adopted Budget directed the Department of Health and  
11 Human Services (DHHS) and the Economic and Community Development Division (ECD)  
12 to explore potential alternative locations for the Behavioral Health Division (BHD) to  
13 conduct its inpatient and nursing home operations; and  
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15 WHEREAS, in May 2006, subsequent to an announcement by Wheaton Franciscan  
16 Healthcare (WFH) of plans to discontinue hospital inpatient operations at St. Michael's  
17 Hospital, DHHS and ECD initiated discussions with WFH regarding the possible utilization  
18 of that site; and  
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20 WHEREAS, over the course of 2007, 2008, and 2009 the County Board of  
21 Supervisors debated whether to enter into a lease with Weas Development Co. for the  
22 long-term lease of the St. Michael Hospital Facility for the Behavioral Health inpatient and  
23 nursing home operations, but ultimately decided not to pursue that option; and  
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25 WHEREAS, the 2010 Adopted Capital Budget included Capital Improvement Project  
26 WE033—Behavioral Health Facility, which included a \$12,596,494 appropriation, placed  
27 in the allocated contingency fund, for the planning, design, and construction of a new  
28 behavioral health facility and/or the renovation of the current facility; and  
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30 WHEREAS, on Thursday, June 3, 2010, BHD received a Statement of Deficiency  
31 (SOD) from the State of Wisconsin as a result of a recent State/Centers for Medicaid and  
32 Medicare Services survey; and  
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34 WHEREAS, on July 29, 2010, the Board approved (File no. 10-284) the release of  
35 \$1,825,890 from the 2010 BHD allocated contingency fund within capital funds (WE033)  
36 to address issues related to the SOD, leaving a balance of \$10,770,604; now, therefore  
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38 BE IT RESOLVED, that it is the intent of the Milwaukee County Board to utilize the  
39 balance of the funds available in the allocated contingency fund within Capital  
40 Improvement Project WE033 – Behavioral Health Facility to construct a new behavioral  
41 health hospital on the Milwaukee County Grounds; and  
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43 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a Special Committee, comprised of five members  
44 of the Board of Supervisors, whose membership and chair are appointed by the Chairman

45 of the Board in a manner allowing the first meeting to be scheduled no later than  
46 December 1, 2010, is hereby created to work on the following directives:

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- 48 1. Examine current and potential operating revenues and evaluate the merits of  
49 locating some functions of BHD, such as the nursing home and outpatient  
50 services, at sites other than the County Grounds in a manner that is more  
51 integrated with the community and perhaps more cost effective
- 52 2. Utilize, reassess, and update previously gathered information regarding BHD  
53 space needs to provide a preliminary cost analysis of the cost to build a new  
54 facility on the County Grounds
- 55 3. Provide possible locations on the County Grounds for a new facility
- 56 4. Recommend other funding sources and a timeline for this project
- 57 5. Obtain and analyze other information as requested by members of the Special  
58 Committee

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62 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Special Committee shall issue its final report  
63 no later than June 1, 2011; and

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65 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that funds from Capital Improvement Project WE033 –  
66 Behavioral Health Facility, held in an allocated contingency account, could be made  
67 available, subject to an appropriation transfer, to obtain supplemental consulting and  
68 professional services necessary to carry out the assigned planning tasks.

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