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AN AMENDED RESOLUTION

Requesting a report from the Office of Corporation Counsel regarding current policies, practices, and strategies for contract drafting and enforcement including performance standards and related accountability provisions

WHEREAS, Milwaukee County departments enter into contracts with private vendors to provide supplies, materials, equipment and services essential to County operations; and

WHEREAS, these contracts involve the expenditure of public funds and create legal and financial obligations for Milwaukee County; and

WHEREAS, the County Board of Supervisors has a responsibility to provide oversight to ensure that County contracts protect the interests of taxpayers and Milwaukee County; and

WHEREAS, well drafted contracts that include clear performance standards, reporting requirements, and enforcement provisions are critical to holding vendors accountable and ensuring consistent service delivery; and

WHEREAS, contract provisions such as performance metrics, remedies, and liquidated damages help mitigate financial, operational, and reputational risk to Milwaukee County and provide a framework for addressing noncompliance; and

WHEREAS, the Office of Corporation Counsel is responsible for providing legal oversight and guidance on Milwaukee County's contracts and contract drafting practices; and

WHEREAS, the Committee on Judiciary, Law Enforcement, and General Services, at its meeting of March 10, 2026, recommended adoption of File No. 26-288 as amended (vote 5-0); now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, the Office of Corporation Counsel is requested to prepare a written report describing current Milwaukee County policies, practices, and internal controls related to contract drafting, review, and enforcement of performance standards; and

44 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this report shall evaluate whether
45 Milwaukee County's contract drafting practices include provisions designed and
46 applied to promote vendor accountability through the following:
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- 48 • Clear and measurable performance standards and reporting requirements
49 that set appropriate expectations for vendor performance;
- 50 • Remedies, incentives, or enforcement mechanisms to promote vendor
51 compliance and address failure to meet performance standards;
- 52 • Provisions that mitigate financial, operational, and reputational risk to
53 Milwaukee County;
- 54 • Compliance with applicable law and alignment with public sector
55 contracting best practices

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58 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this report shall be submitted to the
59 Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors for consideration in the ~~May~~ **September** 2026
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