

(ITEM 17- ) From the Sheriff requesting a fund transfer from the Milwaukee County Contingency Fund to partially fund the overtime structural deficit in the 2017 budget.

A RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, effective September 1, 2017 Inspector Richard R. Schmidt became the Milwaukee County Acting Sheriff upon the resignation of David A. Clarke, Jr.; and

WHEREAS, Sheriff Schmidt assumed control of the Office of the Sheriff that was projecting a deficit of (\$6,737,192) based on July and August operations; and

WHEREAS, as a fiscal conservative one of Sheriff Schmidt's primary directives to his officers and staff was to immediately reduce overtime and spending and operate within the budget by year end and breakeven; and

WHEREAS, Sheriff Schmidt has eliminated all unnecessary security services and initiatives, realigned department staffing to reduce overtime and frozen all spending except for critical services and commodities; and

WHEREAS, the 2017 adopted budget did not sufficiently fund the required number of personnel to perform daily operations in most areas resulting in a heavy reliance on overtime to maintain the critical and mandated services of the MCSO creating a substantial unfavorable variance from the budgeted amount of \$2,013,312; and

WHEREAS, the Sheriff's overtime directive has had an immediate impact and reversed the increasing variance of overtime dollars from budget as overtime as of August 31 was projected at \$10,385,405 and after two months has been reduced by \$546,762 to \$9,838,643 as of October 31; and

WHEREAS, the Sheriff has frozen all spending and purchasing allowing only for critical services and supplies necessary to sustain daily operations. Projected expenditures in these categories have been reduced from \$7,450,573 as of July 31 to \$5,144,318 at the end of October remaining favorable to budget by \$2,137,698; and

WHEREAS, the efforts of Sheriff Schmidt to "right the ship" fiscally by reducing overtime, minimizing contract services and commodity spending and breakeven by year end has already reduced the projected deficit by \$3,102,680 from (\$6,737,192) in July to (\$3,634,512) in October; and

WHEREAS, as the Sheriff continues to reduce overtime and minimize spending the projected deficit will continue to lessen, however, it is apparent that despite these concerted efforts the Sheriff, alone, will not attain the goal of breakeven in four months following eight months of increasing deficits; and

WHEREAS, a fund transfer from the Milwaukee County Contingency Fund will assist the Sheriff in partial funding of a portion of the overtime required in 2017 to maintain critical mandated duties and operations; and

WHEREAS, a fund transfer from the Milwaukee County Contingency Fund to the budget of the MCSO will not impact the outcome of Milwaukee County financial results in 2017 but will assist the Sheriff in reaching the goal of breakeven in a most difficult year.

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BE IT RESOLVED, the Sheriff is hereby authorized to receive a fund transfer up to \$3,600,000 to fund a portion of the overtime structural deficit in the 2017 budget.

**FISCAL NOTE**

A fund transfer from the Milwaukee County Contingency Fund to the MCSO will not impact the fiscal operations and results of Milwaukee County for 2017. This is solely a transfer of funds on the books of the County.