

**COUNTY OF MILWAUKEE**  
Inter-Office Communication

Date: November 8, 2024

To: Marcelia Nicholson, Chairwoman, Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors  
Supervisor Jack Eckblad, Chair, Committee on Audit

From: Jennifer Folliard, Director of Audits, Audit Services Division

Subject: From the Director of Audits, an informational report on the status of recommendations from the Register of Deeds Audit

File Type: Informational Report

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**REQUEST**

This report is for informational purposes. There is no request at this time.

**POLICY**

The Audit Service Division (ASD) conducts performance audits which provide elected officials and County management with an objective, third-party analysis of their operations to help them improve performance, reduce costs, and make informed data-driven decisions. ASD's performance audit duties are defined in s. 59.255(2)(i), Wis. Stats. and Section 34.09 of the Milwaukee County Code of General Ordinances.

Wisconsin State Statutes:	59.255(2)(i)
Milwaukee County Code of General Ordinances:	34.09

**BACKGROUND**

At its meeting for the March 2021 cycle, the Committee on Audit reviewed our audit report, "Former ROD's Willful Disregard for County Policies and Procedures and Cooperative Vendors Facilitate Development of a "Pot of Gold" for Improper Use of County Funds," issued in February 2021. The resolution noting County Board concurrence with the report recommendations was adopted.

Attached is a copy of the Executive Summary page that provides general information about our audit. The full audit report is available on the Comptroller's website via the following link:

[ROD Audit Report](#)

We are facilitating the submission of the attached status report, which contains management's comments describing its progress toward implementation of the ten recommendations from our audit report. Based on the comments provided by the Office of the Comptroller and the Department of Administrative Services, only recommendation 8 remains open.

This status report is informational. Due to the remaining efforts required to fully implement the remaining open recommendation, we will facilitate submission of management's next

status report for the June 2025 committee meeting cycle.

Related File No's:	21-297
Associated File No's (Including Transfer Packets):	None
Previous Action Date(s):	File No. 21-297 was adopted March 25, 2021 and signed by the County Executive on April 7, 2021.

**ALIGNMENT TO STRATEGIC PLAN**

Describe how the item aligns to the objectives in the [strategic plan](#):

3B: Enhance the County's fiscal health and sustainability

The report recommendations seek to enhance the County's fiscal health and sustainability.

**FISCAL EFFECT**

None

**VIRTUAL MEETING INVITES**

Jennifer Folliard, Director of Audits  
Molly Pahl, Deputy Director of Audits  
Liz Sumner, Milwaukee County Comptroller  
Aaron Hertzberg, Director, Department of Administrative Services

**PREPARED BY:**

Paul Grant, Audit Compliance Manager

**APPROVED BY:**

Jennifer Folliard, Director of Audits

**ATTACHMENTS:**

Executive Summary  
Status Report

cc: Liz Sumner, Milwaukee County Comptroller  
Audit Committee Members  
David Crowley, Milwaukee County Executive  
Aaron Hertzberg, Director, Department of Administrative Services  
Scott Brown, Milwaukee County Corporation Counsel  
Kelly Bablitch, Chief of Staff, Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors  
Steve Cady, Research & Policy Director, Office of the Comptroller  
Jane Geyer, Research Analyst, Office of the Comptroller  
Janelle Jensen, Legislative Services Division Manager, Office of the Milw. County Clerk  
Ethan Masarik, Committee Coordinator, Office of the Milwaukee County Clerk