

1 Supervisor Schmitt, Chairperson,  
2 By the Committee on Finance and Audit reporting on:

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4 File No. 20-240  
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6 A resolution by the Committee on Finance and Audit relating to a report from the  
7 Director, Department of Administrative Services, relating to an informational report on  
8 the transition plan for the future County Executive to hire three employees at the  
9 choosing of the County Executive-Elect for County Executive-Elect (Pay Grade 5505),  
10 Chief of Staff (Pay Grade 902E), and Director of Administrative Services (Pay Grade  
11 904E) through a temporary agency with an estimated overall cost of \$39,000.

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13 **A RESOLUTION**  
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15 WHEREAS, the Director, Department of Administrative Services, submitted an  
16 informational report dated February 21, 2020, to the County Board of Supervisors  
17 outlining a plan to organize and fund a transition team for the new County Executive  
18 who will be elected on April 7, 2020; and  
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20 WHEREAS, the proposed plan is to permit the County Executive-Elect to hire  
21 three employees, including the County Executive-Elect (Pay Grade 5505), Chief of Staff  
22 (Pay Grade 902E), and Director of Administrative Services (Pay Grade 904E), through a  
23 temporary agency with an estimated overall cost of \$39,000; and  
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25 WHEREAS, the plan and cost include office space in the Courthouse and  
26 computer and phone access to encourage and help key members of the incoming  
27 Administration receive informational briefings on many topics before the current  
28 Administration's term ends on May 4, 2020; and  
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30 WHEREAS, Wisconsin State Statutes provide specificity on the terms of office  
31 but neither State law nor the Milwaukee County Code of General Ordinances provide  
32 guidance on transition procedures; and  
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34 WHEREAS, a well-organized transition provides incoming elected officials and  
35 key staff valuable information that will assist them in doing their jobs more effectively;  
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38 WHEREAS, at its meeting on March 18, 2020, members of the Committee on  
39 Finance and Audit expressed concern about using County funds to pay an elected  
40 official prior to the commencement of an official term; and  
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42 WHEREAS, with five new County Supervisors expected for the new upcoming  
43 term, support was also expressed for transition planning to be provided for the  
44 Legislative and Executive Branches of County Government so all newly elected officials  
45 can benefit from a well-organized orientation to assist them to do their job more  
46 effectively; now, therefore,

47           BE IT RESOLVED, the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors hereby supports  
48 the well-organized transition planned for the new County Executive-Elect's  
49 Administration, but opposes the plan to compensate the County Executive-Elect with  
50 County funds prior to the official start of the term; and

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52           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Office of Corporation Counsel, working in  
53 conjunction with the Department of Administrative Services and the Office of the  
54 Comptroller, is requested to develop procedures that can be codified into the Milwaukee  
55 County Code of General Ordinances on how future transitions for the Executive and  
56 Legislative Branches should be properly administered and funded; and

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58           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the recommendations of the Office of Corporation  
59 Counsel shall be reported to the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors no later than  
60 September 2020 for review and approval.