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2 and Johnson, Jr.

File No. 23-864

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5 **A RESOLUTION**
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7 Authorizing an allocation of \$151,000 from Agency 194-1945 – Appropriation for
8 Contingencies to new Capital Improvement Project WC028101 - Criminal Justice
9 Facility In-Person Visitation Feasibility Study, to assess operational and fiscal estimates
10 of a restored visitation center in the Milwaukee County Jail/Criminal Justice Facility
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13 WHEREAS, in 2022, the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors requested the
14 then House of Correction and Office of the Sheriff complete a study restoring visitation
15 at the House of Correction (HOC) and Milwaukee County Jail/Criminal Justice Facility
16 (CJF) (File No. 22-432); and
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18 WHEREAS, the Milwaukee County Jail/Criminal Justice Facility (CJF) currently
19 does not provide in-person visitation; and
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21 WHEREAS, prior to 2002 the Milwaukee County Jail was equipped with
22 resources for in-person visits, and eventually transitioned to video and teleconferencing
23 visits in 2004 to accommodate individuals that were not able to physically visit to the
24 facility; and
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26 WHEREAS, in August of 2022, the Office of the Sheriff provided an update to the
27 Board of Supervisors which stated the scope of repairs needed includes, but is not
28 limited to, painting, flooring, drop ceiling replacement, communication upgrades,
29 security enhancements, and structural upgrades (File No. 22-981); and
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31 WHEREAS, the August 2022 update from the Office of the Sheriff also indicated
32 that Milwaukee County received two responses to the Request for Information (RFI-
33 2022-002) for non-contact in-person visitation; and
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35 WHEREAS, TLC Engineering Solutions Inc. estimated a cost of \$15,000 to
36 \$25,000 for electrical engineering and technology consulting to assist in conducting a
37 feasibility analysis related to non-contact, in-person visitation at the CJF and further
38 estimated the total cost for the implementation of in-person visitation to be \$3 million -
39 \$7 million; and
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41 WHEREAS, Venture Architects, a leader in facility planning and design services
42 for Midwestern government agencies, has quoted the feasibility study at \$151,000; and
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44 WHEREAS, the goal of the feasibility study is to better understand plans for
45 design and restoration work necessary to facilitate in-person visitation; and
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47 WHEREAS, Milwaukee County has a responsibility to the residents in our care
48 and visitation centers can provide balance and human connection for the residents at
49 the CJF; and
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51 WHEREAS, as COVID-19 activity has decreased, many jurisdictions across the
52 state of Wisconsin have resumed their in-person visitation at youth and correctional
53 facilities; and
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55 WHEREAS, the Committee on Finance, at its meeting of September 14, 2023,
56 recommended adoption of File No. 23-864 (vote 6-0); now, therefore,
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58 BE IT RESOLVED, the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors hereby
59 authorizes the transfer of \$151,000 from Agency 194-1945 – Appropriation for
60 Contingencies to a new Capital Improvement Project WC028101 - Criminal Justice
61 Facility In-Person Visitation Feasibility Study, to assess operational and fiscal estimates
62 of a restored visitation center in the Milwaukee County Jail/Criminal Justice Facility; and
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64 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Office of the Sheriff, working in conjunction
65 with appropriate County staff, is authorized to enter into an agreement with Venture
66 Architects to perform a feasibility study of a restored visitation center the Milwaukee
67 County Jail/Criminal Justice Facility using the funds appropriated in Capital
68 Improvement Project WC028101 - Criminal Justice Facility In-Person Visitation
69 Feasibility Study.
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