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5 **A RESOLUTION**

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7 authorizing the Office of Strategy, Budget and Performance and the Office of the  
8 Comptroller to process an appropriation transfer of \$150,000 from Org. Unit 1940-1945  
9 – Appropriation for Contingencies to a new Capital Improvement Project County Board  
10 Meeting Room Health Safety and Public Access  
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13 WHEREAS, the COVID-19 (Coronavirus) pandemic has been a global public  
14 health concern since the end of 2019 when it was first discovered abroad and has been  
15 a severe crisis in the United States since February 2020; and  
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17 WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, the County Executive declared a local public  
18 health emergency due to COVID-19; and  
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20 WHEREAS, from the time the County Executive issued the Emergency  
21 Proclamation through the end of 2021, the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors (the  
22 board) has met 33 times virtually due to health safety concerns to conduct County  
23 business; and  
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25 WHEREAS, File No. 20-570, adopted July 23, 2020, created Section 1.01(d) of  
26 the Milwaukee County General Ordinances, supported by legal opinions on Open  
27 Meetings, which provides:  
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29 “The county board may convene and meet to conduct business remotely via  
30 telephone conference, video conference or other electronic communication  
31 provided that the meeting is live-streamed, televised live or otherwise broadcast  
32 live to the public.”  
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36 WHEREAS, Milwaukee County has implemented numerous mitigation measures  
37 intended to slow the spread of COVID-19 and protect employees, service users, and the  
38 public; and  
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40 WHEREAS, Milwaukee County’s current mitigation efforts include requiring all  
41 visitors and employees to wear facial coverings in county facilities, social distance  
42 markings, regular cleaning of highly trafficked areas, encouraging employees to work  
43 remotely when possible, and more; and

44 WHEREAS, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) reports that  
45 positive COVID-19 cases and hospitalizations are down 53.1 percent nationally since  
46 COVID-19 peaked January 15, 2022; and  
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48 WHEREAS, the declining positive COVID-19 cases provides renewed hope that  
49 in-person or hybrid meetings can be held safely and efficiently in conformance with  
50 public health guidelines and county policy; and  
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52 WHEREAS, the CDC guidance surrounding in-person gatherings includes  
53 modifying layouts and installation of barriers for social distancing, improving ventilation,  
54 increased cleaning, mask wearing, and more; and  
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56 WHEREAS, to hold in-person or hybrid meetings safely and efficiently, County  
57 Board meeting rooms need to be reconfigured to comply with CDC recommendations,  
58 County policies, and technology upgrades to effectively allow participants remote  
59 access to the meetings; and  
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61 WHEREAS, the Committee on Finance, at its meeting of March 17, 2022,  
62 recommended adoption of File No. 22-436 (vote 6-0); now, therefore,  
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64 BE IT RESOLVED, the Office of Strategy, Budget and Performance and the  
65 Office of the Comptroller is authorized to process an appropriation transfer of \$150,000  
66 from Org. Unit 1940-1945 – Appropriation for Contingencies to create a new Capital  
67 Improvement project County Board Meeting Room Health Safety and Public Access to  
68 provide funding and project management services for in-person or hybrid meetings per  
69 Milwaukee County General Ordinance Section 1.01(d) and to comply with CDC and  
70 County policy recommendations and to facilitate accessibility during and after the  
71 Coronavirus pandemic; and  
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73 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Office of Strategy, Budget and Performance is  
74 requested to explore the availability and eligibility of COVID-19 Mitigation funds, or  
75 another non-tax levy source of funding, to reduce the amount outlined in the previous  
76 clause or to supplement project funding if it is determined later that additional funds are  
77 required for improvements for physical meeting access and the safety of the public,  
78 County staff, and elected representatives.  
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