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From Deputy Corporation Counsel, Office of Corporation Counsel, requesting authorization to increase an existing Professional Services Agreement with Buelow Vetter Buikema Olson & Vliet, LLC, by \$50,000, from \$502,796 to an amount not-to-exceed \$552,796, for legal representation in labor relations matters, by recommending adoption of the following:

**A RESOLUTION**

WHEREAS, Milwaukee County (the County) has required and will continue to require the assistance of private counsel with specialized knowledge and experience in the area of municipal labor relations law to advise and represent the County in selected labor relations matters involving the County; and

WHEREAS, the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors (County Board) initially approved a contract with Buelow Vetter Buikema Olson & Vliet, LLC, on September 30, 2010 (Adopted File No. 10-294) for that purpose; and

WHEREAS, the County Board previously approved amendments to the initial contract amount, with the last amendment being approved in September 2015, to authorize an additional \$75,000; and

WHEREAS, the Office of Corporation Counsel (OCC) continues to request assistance from Buelow Vetter Buikema Olson & Vliet, LLC, with respect to various litigation matters, particularly involving the public safety worker unions; and

WHEREAS, the OCC requests an additional \$50,000 to continue obtaining these services; and

WHEREAS, there are sufficient funds in the 2017 Litigation Reserve Account, Org. Unit 1961, for the additional amount described in this resolution; and

WHEREAS, the Committee on Finance and Audit, at its meeting of April 13, 2017, recommended adoption of File No. 17-283 (vote 4-1); now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors hereby authorizes an increase to the existing Professional Services Agreement with Buelow Vetter Buikema Olson & Vliet, LLC, in the amount of \$50,000, from \$502,796 to a total amount not-to-exceed \$552,796, for payment of continuing legal services, utilizing funds in the 2017 Litigation Reserve Account, Org Unit 1961.