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4 (ITEM) From the Director of Economic Development, Department of Administrative
5 Services, requesting authorization to reallocate \$2.5 million dollars from the Milwaukee
6 County budget, allocated for demolition of 1220 W. Vliet Street (the “Coggs Building”), to
7 redirect those funds to support Gorman & Company’s creation of affordable housing and
8 commercial space in the Coggs Building, by recommending the following:
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10 **A RESOLUTION**

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12 WHEREAS, the Coggs Building at 1220 W. Vliet Street, currently used by
13 Milwaukee County Department of Health and Human Services, will no longer be needed
14 by DHHS once construction of the new DHHS building is completed in mid-2025; and
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16 WHEREAS, Milwaukee County will no longer have use for the current Coggs
17 Building after that time; and
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19 WHEREAS, County originally planned for the demolition of the Coggs Building
20 and subsequent creation of a surface parking lot on the building’s parcel, and allocated
21 \$2.5 million in funds toward the demolition of the building as part of the new building
22 construction budget; and
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24 WHEREAS, Gorman & Company has submitted to the DAS-Economic
25 Development Division a proposal to purchase the Coggs Building and instead renovate
26 the historic building to create affordable housing, commercial space, and an
27 underground parking garage; and
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29 WHEREAS, Gorman’s purchase and adaptive reuse plans would negate the
30 County’s budgeted cost for demolition of the Coggs Building; and
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32 WHEREAS, the DAS-Economic Development Division has entered into an
33 Option Agreement with Gorman for the sale and implementation of their adaptive reuse
34 plans for the Coggs Building; now, therefore,
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36 BE IT RESOLVED, the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors hereby authorizes
37 the Office of Strategy, Budget, and Performance and the Office of the Comptroller to
38 process administrative appropriation transfer(s) to convert \$2,500,000 of unobligated
39 Federal American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds in capital project WY045606 - DHHS
40 Admin Coggs Building to tax levy for a net \$0 tax levy impact; and

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42 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors hereby
43 authorizes the Office of Strategy, Budget, and Performance and the Office of the
44 Comptroller to process administrative appropriation transfer(s) to reallocate \$2,500,000
45 of unobligated ARPA funds in capital project WY045606 - DHHS Admin Coggs Building
46 to Public Health and Safety Operational costs, or other operational expenses that are
47 eligible under the ARPA rules; and
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49 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors hereby
50 authorizes the Office of Strategy, Budget, and Performance and the Office of the
51 Comptroller to process administrative appropriation transfer(s) to reallocate an
52 \$2,500,000 of tax levy revenue from Public Health and Safety operating budgets to capital
53 project WY045606 - DHHS Admin Coggs Building; and
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55 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors
56 hereby authorizes the DAS-Economic Development Division to enter into an agreement
57 with Gorman & Company to provide up to \$2,500,000 of funds from capital project
58 WY045606 contingent on Gorman & Company securing other anticipated revenue
59 sources and completing their affordable housing project as defined in the Option
60 Agreement with Milwaukee County, subject to the approval of Risk Management and
61 Corporation Counsel.