

MILWAUKEE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

DATE: April 24, 2014

AMENDMENT NO. 1

Resolution File No. 14-292

Ordinance File No.

COMMITTEE: Finance, Personnel and Audit

OFFERED BY SUPERVISOR(S): Mayo and Jursik

ADD AND/OR DELETE AS FOLLOWS:

Amend Appropriation Transfer B1 – Unallocated Contingency as follows:

(Note: New language is double underlined.)

WHEREAS, department requests for transfers within their own accounts have been received by the Department of Administrative Services, Fiscal Affairs, and the Director finds that the best interests of Milwaukee County will be served by allowance of such transfers;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Director, Department of Administrative Services, is hereby authorized to make the following transfers in the 2014 appropriations of the respective listed departments:

	From _____	To
5605 – Transit		
6148 – Prof Svcs – Recurring Operations		
\$150,000		
<u>1131 – Corporation Counsel</u>		
<u>6106 – Legal Service</u>		<u>\$ 50,000</u>
<u>1945 – Appropriation for Contingency</u>		
<u>8901 – Appropriation for Contingency</u>		\$150,000

Request

The Director of the Department of Transportation (MCDOT) is encouraged to use existing departmental funds, not to exceed \$99,999, requesting a fund transfer in the amount of \$150,000 to reallocate expenditure authority from the Appropriation for Contingencies to the Department of Transportation – Transit System. This transfer would provide funding to MCDOT for the purpose of hiring a consultant to examine and advise/recommend on various Transit management options, including:

- Third party management (the current model)
- Direct County management
- Alternate or hybrid models that may satisfy all requirements

The 2014 Adopted Budget includes a provision (Amendment 1A040) that would bring management and operation of the Transit System in-house if a contract for outside management is not approved by April 1, 2014. There are many issues that would need to be addressed in order to accomplish this, as detailed in the report from the Comptroller's Office dated February 25, 2014.

MCDOT has selected Huron Consulting Group as a sole source contractor based on the limited number of firms that can provide the specialized expertise required and the timing by which all activities must be completed to minimize any impact on Transit service. In addition to advising on the transit management options above, Huron will also assist to ensure compliance with regulatory policies for any eventual rebid of the Transit management contract.

~~The total contract value is estimated at \$250,000. Up to \$100,000 is available from the existing 2014 budgeted appropriation for Transit (Org. Unit 5600). , with this transfer request addressing the remaining funding need of \$150,000. To assist with exploration and possible adoption of alternate or hybrid models, the Office of the Corporation Counsel has requested funds for outside counsel to a) assist in exploring legal framework for these models and, if such a model is pursued, b) to provide a legal opinion from expert Wisconsin counsel addressing the legality of the option(s) chosen, as requested by the Federal Transportation Administration. This transfer request provides funding for that effort.~~

This fund transfer has no tax levy impact.