

1 From the Director of the Office of Strategy, Budget and Performance, at the request of
2 the Milwaukee County Courts and the Milwaukee Community Justice Council,
3 requesting reallocation of \$2,313,170.45 in State ARPA funding dedicated to the Courts
4 system for backlog management pertaining to a revised MOU, and a reallocation of tax
5 levy in an equal amount.

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7 **A RESOLUTION**
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9 WHEREAS, Governor Evers, as announced on March 14, 2022, provided an
10 allocation of nearly \$16 million of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds from the
11 State of Wisconsin to Milwaukee County for expanded court operations; and

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13 WHEREAS, within File 22-476, the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors
14 authorized funding allocations related to the State of Wisconsin ARPA allocation for
15 court operations; and

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17 WHEREAS, funds were earmarked for expanding court operations, pretrial
18 improvements, as well as employment and vocational preparedness programs at the
19 Milwaukee County Community Reintegration Center; and

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21 WHEREAS, the State of Wisconsin and Milwaukee County executed a
22 Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) directing use of these funds to dedicated
23 purposes on November 30, 2022; and

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25 WHEREAS, it is currently estimated that \$2,313,170.45 of funding within the
26 MOU allocation has not been spent; and

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28 WHEREAS, the State of Wisconsin and Milwaukee County jointly agreed to
29 revise and update the ARPA MOU to reallocate unspent ARPA funds and ensure timely
30 expenditure of allocated ARPA funds; and

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32 WHEREAS, the revised MOU creates a \$2,313,170.45 budget line which
33 reallocates unspent funding to “Milwaukee County Sheriff Office personnel and other
34 related expenditures or Milwaukee County Courts operations,” which allows Milwaukee
35 County to use ARPA funds to cover court backlog and operational needs, including
36 relevant expenditures that were initially supported with tax levy funds in the 2024
37 County budget; and

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39 WHEREAS, criminal legal system partners have collectively identified high-
40 priority public safety needs to be addressed by the aforementioned budget line,

41 including courtroom clerk and law enforcement staffing, interpreters, prosecutorial
42 support staff, evidence room needs, as well as other critical resources and supplies to
43 streamline case processing; and

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45 WHEREAS, courts backlog management activities are expected to be continued
46 in 2025, including the needs which have been identified in the proposed reallocation;
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49 BE IT RESOLVED, the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors hereby
50 authorizes Office of Strategy, Budget and Performance, working in conjunction with the
51 Office of the Comptroller, to process appropriation transfers to reallocate \$2,313,170.45
52 of unspent State ARPA funds for courts operations to support the cost of Milwaukee
53 County Sheriff's Office personnel and other related expenditures or Milwaukee County
54 Courts operations backlog; and

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56 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors
57 hereby authorizes the Office of Strategy, Budget and Performance and the Office of the
58 Comptroller to process appropriation transfers to reallocate \$2,313,170.45 of tax levy
59 from Milwaukee County Sheriff's Office personnel or the Milwaukee County courts
60 operations budget to the following purposes; and

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Capital Project WC027801 (Evidence Room Project)	\$900,000.00
AXON Justice Premier Digital Discovery Platform (DA's Office)	\$375,000.00
Sheriff Overtime Budget for Courthouse Staffing	\$353,602.00
Court Interpreter Staffing (Courts)	\$250,000.00
Expansion Court Clerk & Sheriff Staffing	\$230,000.00
District Attorney Investigator & Victim Witness Support Staffing	\$176,801.00
Courts Related Equipment & Supplies	\$27,767.45

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63 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors
64 hereby authorizes the Office of Strategy, Budget and Performance and the Office of the
65 Comptroller to process appropriation transfers across departments in the 4th quarter of
66 fiscal year 2024 as appropriate, related to the above stated items in this resolution; and

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68 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, to maintain expanded courts operations in 2025,
69 the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors hereby authorizes the Office of Strategy,
70 Budget and Performance and the Office of the Comptroller to carry over any unspent

71 tax levy funds from 2024 to 2025, related to the above mentioned \$2,313,170.45
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