



David A. Clarke Jr.  
Sheriff

*County of Milwaukee*  
**Office of the Sheriff**

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**DATE:** June 2, 2016

**TO:** Supervisor Theodore Lipscomb, Sr., Chairman, Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors

**FROM:** Richard R. Schmidt, Inspector, Office of the Sheriff, Milwaukee County

**SUBJECT:** Request for passive consideration of the professional services contract executed March 26, 2014 with Attorney Michael A.I. Whitcomb and increase funding by \$50,000 from \$99,999 to \$149,999.

### REQUEST

The Sheriff of Milwaukee County requests passive consideration of the professional services contract executed March 26, 2014 with Attorney Michael A.I. Whitcomb and increase funding by \$50,000 from \$99,999 to \$149,999 to serve as legal counsel to Sheriff David A. Clarke, Jr. in the matter of declaration of the authority for establishing a budget for the Office of the Sheriff of Milwaukee County for the Sheriff to adequately staff his agency in order to maintain and perform all constitutional and statutory duties and responsibilities required as the elected Sheriff of Milwaukee County. Pursuant to Milwaukee County Ordinance Chapter 56, the Sheriff is requesting referral to the proper board committee for the passive consideration to increase the amount of the specified professional services contract.

### BACKGROUND

On March 26, 2014 the Office of the Sheriff entered into a professional services contract with Attorney Michael A.I. Whitcomb to service as legal counsel for Sheriff David A. Clarke, Jr. in the matter of a declaration of the authority for establishing a budget for the Office of the Sheriff of Milwaukee County for the Sheriff to adequately staff his agency in order to maintain and perform all constitutional and statutory duties and responsibilities required as the elected Sheriff of Milwaukee County.

It is requested that the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors conduct a passive review of the increase in the amount of the professional services contract with Attorney Michael A.I. Whitcomb in order to continue to serve as legal counsel for Sheriff David A. Clarke, Jr. Attorney Michael A.I. Whitcomb shall continue to provide the County with monthly invoices including the name of the individual attorney or paralegal who performed the

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services, the actual hours worked, the task(s) performed and other expenses incurred to complete its services. These include, but may not be limited to charges of third parties, such as filing and service of process fees; long distance telephone charges; postage and delivery charges; deposition transcript, title report and other document fees; and extraordinary travel costs.

All provisions, services and conditions set forth in the original contract for the stated scope of services shall remain in full force except where noted.



Richard R. Schmidt, Inspector  
Milwaukee County Office of the Sheriff

cc: Chris Abele, County Executive  
Supervisor Willie Johnson, Jr., Chair, Judiciary, Safety & General Services Committee  
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