

COUNTY OF MILWAUKEE
Inter-Office Communication

Date: May 16, 2024

To: Marcelia Nicholson, Chairwoman, Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors
Supervisor Jack Eckblad, Chair, Committee on Audit

From: Jennifer Folliard, Director of Audits, Audit Services Division

Subject: From the Director of Audits, an informational report on the status of recommendations from the 2021 Register of Deeds Audit.

File Type: Informational Report

REQUEST

This report is for informational purposes. There is no request at this time.

POLICY

The Audit Service Division (ASD) conducts performance audits which provide elected officials and County management with an objective, third-party analysis of their operations to help them improve performance, reduce costs, and make informed data-driven decisions. ASD's performance audit duties are defined in s. 59.255(2)(i), Wis. Stats. and Section 34.09 of the Milwaukee County Code of General Ordinances.

Wisconsin State Statutes:	59.255(2)(i)
Milwaukee County Code of General Ordinances:	34.09

BACKGROUND

At its meeting for the March 2021 cycle, the Committee on Audit reviewed our audit report, "Former ROD's Willful Disregard for County Policies and Procedures and Cooperative Vendors Facilitate Development of a "Pot of Gold" for Improper Use of County Funds," issued in February 2021. The resolution noting County Board concurrence with the report recommendations was adopted.

Attached is a copy of the Executive Summary page that provides general information about our audit. The full audit report is available on the Comptroller's website via the following link:

[RODCombinedFileReport2021.pdf \(milwaukee.gov\)](#)

We are facilitating the submission of the attached status report, which contains management's comments describing its progress toward implementation of the recommendations from our audit report. Based on the comments provided by the Office of the Comptroller and the Department of Administrative Services, four of the ten recommendations remain open.

We noted that two pending AMOPs are associated with the completion of three of the open recommendations (nos. 2, 8 & 9). Once the AMOPs are approved and issued, we will review them to determine whether the three recommendations can be closed.

We anticipate that recommendation 1 will be closed upon issuance of the policy/procedure which is currently under review by the Office of Corporation Counsel.

This status report is informational. Due to the remaining efforts required to fully implement our recommendations, we will facilitate submission of management's next status report for the December 2024 committee meeting cycle.

Related File No's:	19-486, 21-297, 21-492, 21-757, 21-800, 21-812, 22-401, 22-940, 22-944, 23-357, 23-931
Associated File No's (Including Transfer Packets):	None
Previous Action Date(s):	File No. 21-297 was adopted March 25, 2021 and signed by the County Executive on April 7, 2021.

ALIGNMENT TO STRATEGIC PLAN

Describe how the item aligns to the objectives in the [strategic plan](#):

3B: Enhance the County's fiscal health and sustainability

The report recommendations seek to enhance the County's fiscal health and sustainability.

FISCAL EFFECT

None

VIRTUAL MEETING INVITES

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ATTACHMENTS:

Executive Summary
Status Report

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