



# Milwaukee County

County Courthouse  
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Milwaukee, WI 53233

## Meeting Minutes Judiciary, Safety and General Services Committee

*Chairperson: Supervisor Anthony Staskunas*  
*Vice Chairperson: Supervisor Sylvia Ortiz-Velez*  
*Supervisor Patti Logsdon*  
*Supervisor Steven Shea*  
*Supervisor Ryan Clancy*

*Committee Coordinator: Allyson R. Smith, 414-278-4225*  
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Thursday, July 9, 2020

1:30 PM

County Legislative Information Center

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### VIRTUAL MEETING

This meeting was live-streamed on the County Legislative Information Center:  
<https://milwaukeecounty.legistar.com/Calendar.aspx>

### Call To Order

### Roll Call at 1:33 p.m.

**Present** 5 - Ortiz-Velez, Logsdon, Shea, Clancy and Staskunas

### PUBLIC COMMENTS - 1

- 1      [20-34](#)      Public written comments submitted by email to all members of the Committee on Judiciary, Safety, and General Services via [JSGS@milwaukeecountywi.gov](mailto:JSGS@milwaukeecountywi.gov) (**INFORMATIONAL ONLY UNLESS OTHERWISE DIRECTED BY THE COMMITTEE**)

\*The Office of the County Clerk collects written comments submitted via [JSGS@milwaukeecountywi.gov](mailto:JSGS@milwaukeecountywi.gov), and appends these official public records to Reference File No. 20-34.

#### APPEARANCE:

Allyson R. Smith, Committee Coordinator, Legislative Services Division, Office of the County Clerk

There were no public written comments submitted for this meeting.

This Reference File was DISCUSSED WITH NO ACTION TAKEN.

## REGISTER OF DEEDS - 1

- 2      [20-504](#)      Informational Report - Status and Use of Free Birth Certificate Program.  
**(INFORMATIONAL ONLY UNLESS OTHERWISE DIRECTED BY  
THE COMMITTEE)**

**Attachments:**      [20-504 REPORT](#)

**APPEARANCE:**

Israel Ramon, Milwaukee County Register of Deeds, Office of the Register of  
Deeds

A motion was made by Supervisor Ortiz-Velez that this Informational Report be  
**RECONSIDERED** later during the meeting. The motion **PREVAILED** by the  
following vote:

**Aye:** 5 - Ortiz-Velez, Logsdon, Shea, Clancy and Staskunas

This Informational Report was **DISCUSSED WITH NO ACTION TAKEN.**

## WISCONSIN POLICY FORUM - 1

- 3      [20-444](#)      From the Wisconsin Policy Forum, submitting a report titled, "Who's in  
Charge? Assessing the Options for Corrections Administration in Milwaukee  
County." **(Referred to the Committees on Judiciary, Safety, and  
General Services, and Finance) (INFORMATIONAL ONLY UNLESS  
OTHERWISE DIRECTED BY THE COMMITTEE)**

**Attachments:**      [20-444 REPORT](#)  
[20-444 PowerPoint \(07/09/20\)](#)

**APPEARANCES:**

Anne Kearney, Deputy Corporation Counsel, Office of Corporation Counsel  
Supervisor John F. Weishan, Jr., District 16  
Mary Jo Meyers, Chief of Staff, Office of the County Executive

Rob Henken, President, Wisconsin Policy Forum, appeared and spoke for  
information only regarding this item. Mr. Henken provided an electronic  
presentation, which is attached to this file as "20-444 PowerPoint 07/09/20."

A motion was made by Supervisor Ortiz-Velez that this Informational Report be  
**RECOMMENDED TO BE RECEIVED AND PLACED ON FILE.** The motion  
**PREVAILED** by the following vote:

**Aye:** 5 - Ortiz-Velez, Logsdon, Shea, Clancy and Staskunas

**OFFICE OF THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE - 1**

- 4      [20-455](#)      Item 20-455 From the County Executive requesting that the House of Correction remains under the County Executive's Administration and creating a task force to make recommendations for enhancing evidence-based programming to reduce recidivism. **(Referred to the Committees on Judiciary, Safety, and General Services, and Finance)**

**Attachments:**      [20-455 REPORT](#)  
                                  [20-455 FISCAL NOTE](#)  
                                  [20-455 RESOLUTION](#)  
                                  [20-455 JSGS AMENDMENT I \(Adopted; 5-0\)](#)

This item was temporarily laid over until later in the meeting by unanimous consent of the Committee.

Supervisor Shea introduced Judiciary, Safety, and General Services (JSGS) Amendment I, which is attached to this file.

A motion was made by Supervisor Shea that this Action Report be AMENDED with JSGS Amendment I. The motion PREVAILED by the following vote:

**Aye:** 5 - Ortiz-Velez, Logsdon, Shea, Clancy and Staskunas

A motion was made by Supervisor Shea that this Action Report be RECOMMENDED FOR ADOPTION AS AMENDED. The motion PREVAILED by the following vote:

**Aye:** 5 - Ortiz-Velez, Logsdon, Shea, Clancy and Staskunas

## OFFICE OF CORPORATION COUNSEL - 3

### CLOSED SESSION: ITEMS 5 THROUGH 7

The Committee may adjourn into closed session under the provisions of Section 19.85(1)(g), Wisconsin State Statutes, for the purpose of the Committee receiving oral or written advice from legal counsel concerning strategy to be adopted with respect to pending or possible litigation with regard to the following matter(s).

At the conclusion of the closed session, the Committee may reconvene in open session to take whatever actions it may deem necessary.

Anne Kearney, Deputy Corporation Counsel, Office of Corporation Counsel, opined that it was appropriate to discuss Items 6 and 7 in closed session.

A motion was made by Supervisor Ortiz-Velez to ADJOURN INTO CLOSED SESSION under the provisions of Section 19.85(1)(g), Wisconsin State Statutes, for the purpose of the Committee receiving oral or written advice from legal counsel concerning strategy to be adopted with respect to Items 6 and 7.

**Aye:** 5 - Ortiz-Velez, Logsdon, Shea, Clancy and Staskunas

### Items 5, 6, and 7 were considered together.

- 5      [20-480](#)      From the Office of Corporation Counsel requesting authorization to serve an Offer of Judgment in *Lloyd Johnson v. Milwaukee County*, Case No. 2018-CV-1322, related to a 2012 injury sustained by Mr. Johnson at Milwaukee County's Behavioral Health Division, by recommending adoption of the following:

**Attachments:**      [20-480 REPORT](#)  
                                  [20-480 RESOLUTION](#)  
                                  [20-480 FISCAL NOTE](#)

**APPEARANCE:**

Anne Kearney, Deputy Corporation Counsel, Office of Corporation Counsel

Items 5, 6, and 7 were considered together.

The Committee did not adjourn into closed session to discuss Item 5.

A motion was made by Supervisor Ortiz-Velez that this Action Report be RECOMMENDED FOR ADOPTION. The motion PREVAILED by the following vote:

**Aye:** 5 - Ortiz-Velez, Logsdon, Shea, Clancy and Staskunas

- 6      [20-12](#)      From Corporation Counsel, Office of Corporation Counsel, providing an informational report regarding the status of pending litigation. **(Considered by the Committees on Judiciary, Safety, and General Services, and Finance) (INFORMATIONAL ONLY UNLESS OTHERWISE DIRECTED BY THE COMMITTEE)**

Attachments:      [20-12 JULY REPORT \(appended on 07/01/20\)](#)

**APPEARANCE:**

Anne Kearney, Deputy Corporation Counsel, Office of Corporation Counsel

Items 5, 6, and 7 were considered together.

Items 6 and 7 were discussed in both open and closed session.

The July Report for this Reference File was **DISCUSSED WITH NO ACTION TAKEN.**

- 7      [20-13](#)      From Corporation Counsel, Office of Corporation Counsel, providing an informational report regarding settlement payments. **(Considered by the Committees on Judiciary, Safety, and General Services, and Finance) (INFORMATIONAL ONLY UNLESS OTHERWISE DIRECTED BY THE COMMITTEE)**

Attachments:      [20-13 JULY REPORT \(appended on 07/01/20\)](#)

**APPEARANCE:**

Anne Kearney, Deputy Corporation Counsel, Office of Corporation Counsel

Items 5, 6, and 7 were considered together.

Items 6 and 7 were discussed in both open and closed session.

The July Report for this Reference File was **DISCUSSED WITH NO ACTION TAKEN.**

**The Committee was in closed session from 3:50 p.m. to 4:44 p.m., and adjourned directly from closed session.**

**The foregoing items were not considered in agenda order.**

**Length of Meeting: 1:33 p.m. to 4:44 p.m.**

**Adjourned,**

**Allyson R. Smith  
Committee Coordinator  
Legislative Services Division, Office of the County Clerk  
Committee on Judiciary, Safety, and General Services**

Deadline for the Next Meeting:

The next regular meeting for the Committee on Judiciary, Safety, and General Services, is Thursday, September 10, 2020.

Approval Tracking System review must be completed in Legistar on or before, Friday, August 21, 2020, at 5:00 p.m., for the September meeting cycle.