

1 Supervisor Anthony Staskunas, Chairperson,
2 From the Committee on Judiciary, Safety, and General Services, reporting on:

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4 File No. 15-622

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6 (ITEM) A resolution by Supervisor Lipscomb, Sr., to authorize the amendment of a
7 Professional Services Contract and to authorize the initiation of an action related to
8 Chapter 59, Chapter 63, Chapter 66, and other sections of the Wisconsin State Statutes,
9 as affected by 2013 Wisconsin Act 14 and 2015 Wisconsin Act 55, by recommending
10 adoption of the following:

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12 **A RESOLUTION**

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14 WHEREAS, the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors (County Board)
15 retained Cullen Weston Pines & Bach, LLP to provide independent legal advice to the
16 County Board and to formulate a legal strategy relating to changes in the respective
17 powers of the County Board and the Milwaukee County Executive (County Executive)
18 under Chapter 59, Chapter 63, Chapter 66, and other sections of the Wisconsin State
19 Statutes, as affected by 2013 Wisconsin Act 14 and 2015 Wisconsin Act 55, with
20 respect to certain matters; and

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22 WHEREAS, the County Board foresees that the legal strategy formulated by
23 Cullen Weston Pines & Bach, LLP to resolve certain legal issues related to the
24 respective powers of the County Board and the County Executive under Chapter 59,
25 Chapter 63, Chapter 66 and other sections of the Wisconsin State Statutes, as affected
26 by 2013 Wisconsin Act 14 and 2015 Wisconsin Act 55, with the exception of all topics
27 related to the April 1, 2014 referendum setting the salaries and benefits of Milwaukee
28 County Board of Supervisors, may include a court action; and

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30 WHEREAS, the County Board foresees that the legal services provided by
31 Cullen Weston Pines & Bach, LLP may require expenditures exceeding \$99,000; and

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33 WHEREAS, the Committee on Judiciary, Safety, and General Services, at its
34 meeting of September 10, 2015, recommended adoption of the resolution (vote 5-1);
35 now, therefore,

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37 BE IT RESOLVED, the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors hereby
38 authorizes the amendment of the Professional Services Contract with Cullen Weston
39 Pines & Bach, LLP to allow expenditures under the contract of up to \$150,000 on
40 authorized legal services, which may include a court action, and to authorize payment
41 for legal services rendered by Cullen Weston Pines & Bach, LLC under the Professional
42 Services Contract retroactive to August 7, 2015; and

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44 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, pursuant to Section 1.11(c)(3) of the Milwaukee
45 County Code of General Ordinances, , the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors
46 (County Board) authorizes the initiation of an action to declare the rights and powers of

47 the County Board and the Milwaukee County Executive related to Chapter 59, Chapter
48 63, Chapter 66 and other sections of the Wisconsin State Statutes, as affected by 2013
49 Wisconsin Act 14 and 2015 Wisconsin Act 55, at such time as the Chairperson of the
50 County Board deems appropriate, with the advice of counsel.

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