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Requesting emergency allocation of American Rescue Plan Act funding to fully fund Courts backlog initiatives and provide grant management capability, by recommending adoption of the following:

AN AMENDED RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Milwaukee County’s Court System (the Courts) has experienced a historic backlog in criminal court cases, as a result of the Coronavirus Disease pandemic; and

WHEREAS, the State of Wisconsin (the State) allocated American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding in order to give Courts the resources needed to mitigate that backlog; and

WHEREAS, ~~while~~ the State’s ARPA funding is appreciated and will significantly help courts reduce the backlog, there are still areas that need additional funding in order to fully realize the benefits of the State’s allocation, and expedite processing of the backlog as efficiently as possible, while meeting the needs of those involved in the criminal justice system, and ensuring public safety; and

WHEREAS, the Committee on Finance, at its special, virtual meeting of March 22, 2022, recommended adoption of File No. 22-480 as amended (vote 5-1); now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors (County Board), in service of expediting the backlog of Milwaukee County’s (the County) criminal courts, ensuring public safety, and meeting the needs of those involved in our criminal justice system, recognizes that additional American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding is needed to ensure prompt processing and disposition of pending cases; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the County Board authorizes the use of \$1,250,000 of ARPA State of Wisconsin (the State) and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds for:

- (1) Org. Unit 2900 – Courts – Pretrial Services, for Global Positioning System (GPS) monitoring equipment and staffing, in the amount of \$950,000;
- (2) Org. Unit 2900 – Courts – Pretrial Services, for pretrial supervision staffing and monitoring in the amount of \$220,000;
- (3) Org. Unit 2000 – Combined Court Related Operations (Combined Courts), in the amount of \$80,000, to facilitate the hiring of a Grants and Program Manager to oversee implementation of these funds, as well as the State ARPA allocation and any other related grants Combined Courts may receive

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the County Board hereby authorizes agents of the County to execute an amendment to the existing pretrial contract with JusticePoint, Inc., which was awarded through a competitive Request for Proposal (RFP) process, to reflect the additional ARPA funds earmarked for GPS pretrial electronic monitoring and pretrial supervision programming; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Office of Strategy, Budget, and Performance, and the Office of the Comptroller, are authorized and directed to provide an administrative appropriation transfer to recognize \$1,250,000 of ARPA State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds, and to allocate funds to the appropriate departments accounts to provide for the programs described herein.

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