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Report from the Director, Department of Health and Human Services, requesting authorization to enter into a 2023 fee-for-service contract with First Transit, Inc. from January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023 at a cost of \$1,510,940, by recommending adoption of the following:

**A RESOLUTION**

WHEREAS, the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors (County Board) adopted File No. 21-1026 on December 16, 2021, which authorized the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) to execute a Purchase of Service Contract (the Contract) with First Transit, Inc. (First Transit), to provide specialized transportation services; and

WHEREAS, First Transit was awarded the Contract for specialized transportation of older adult residents in Milwaukee County (the County), after a Request for Proposals process in 2021, and subsequent review and approval from the Commission on Aging and the County Board; and

WHEREAS, from January through September of 2022, First Transit provided 13,198 non-medical rides, and 15,263 medical rides, which helped older adult residents of the County to reach services that would have been inaccessible without this service; and

WHEREAS, DHHS leadership recommended that this Contract be restructured as a fee-for-service contract in 2023, and the Aging and Disabilities Services (ADS) transportation coordinator worked with First Transit staff to restructure the reimbursement plan, and develop estimates for ongoing ride demand in 2023; and

WHEREAS, higher costs associated with service delivery including labor, gasoline, and vehicle replacements, have made transportation costs more volatile than most services, even in current economic times, and an increase from the 2022 baseline contract amount of \$1,500,000 is being recommended for the 2023 contract, in order to accommodate these increased costs; and

WHEREAS, consistent with Section 59.52(31)(c), Wisconsin State Statutes, ADS, DHHS, must, on behalf of the Commission on Aging, bring contracts with a value or aggregate value of \$300,000 or more to the County Board for authorization; and

WHEREAS, the Committee on Finance, at its meeting of December 8, 2022, recommended adoption of File No. 22-1114 (vote 6-0); now, therefore,

44 BE IT RESOLVED, the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors hereby  
45 authorizes the Director, Department of Health and Human Services, or her designee, to  
46 execute a 2023 fee-for-service contract with First Transit, Inc., from January 1, 2023,  
47 through December 31, 2023, at a cost of \$1,510,940, for providing specialized  
48 transportation services to older adult residents of Milwaukee County.

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