File No. 24-755

From the Director Office of Strategy, Budget, and Performance, requesting authorization to process administrative appropriation transfers which are intended to offset a projected budget deficit in 2024, by recommending adoption of the following:

AN ENGROSSED RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, at the July 25, 2024, meeting of the Committee on Finance, the Office of the Comptroller shared an updated fiscal projection, which included a potential deficit in the range of $17 to $19 million; and

WHEREAS, the projected deficit is caused by a reduction in sales tax revenues, increased health care expenditures and overtime spending deficits in the Office of the Sheriff (the Sheriff) and the Community Reintegration Center, as well as other departmental projections; and

WHEREAS, the Office of Strategy, Budget, and Performance (OSBP) has worked with departments to identify options to offset the projected deficit; and

WHEREAS, Milwaukee County (the County) received an allocation of $183.7 million in American Rescue Plan Act – State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (ARPA SLFRF), and a portion of these funds are being proposed for reallocation; and

WHEREAS, the County received a supplemental ARPA Local Assistance and Tribal Consistency Fund allocation of $100,000, and these funds have not yet been allocated; and

WHEREAS, the County Transit System received $83 million in dedicated ARPA funding to support the Transit system (separate from the County's ARPA SLFRF allocation), of which $23 million is projected to remain available at the end of 2024; and

WHEREAS, the Sheriff's deficit is projected to be approximately $8 million, and an external consultant study is recommended to identify operational improvements and gather baseline data regarding the Sheriff's staffing needs; and

WHEREAS, Market Match fills an important, multifaceted niche by facilitating SNAP benefits to be spent at participating farmers markets, providing fresh, nutritious food to those that need it and income to local farmers; and

WHEREAS, at its meeting on September 12, 2024, the Committee on Finance received testimony from a representative of Market Match requesting a portion of the remaining funds appropriated for the program remain and unused monies carried over to 2025 to help bridge the gap until outside funding could be secured to continue the program in 2026; and

WHEREAS, the Committee on Finance, at its meeting of September 12, 2024, recommended adoption of File No. 24-755 as amended (vote 5-1); now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors (County Board) hereby authorizes the Office of the Office of Strategy, Budget, and Performance (OSBP) and the Office of the Comptroller (the Comptroller) to process administrative appropriation transfers to reduce the following tax levy allocations in the amount of up to $9,054,469 (with corresponding reductions in expenditure authority):

Capital Project Number	**Description**	**Amount**
WP075301	Lyons Playground Replacement	($170,000)
WO030301	Public Safety Data Interoperability	($37,381)
WO055101	Criminal Justice Information System Remediation	($24,628)
WO072601	911 System Compliance	($93,177)
WZ013501	Milwaukee County Zoo Aquatic and Reptile Center Structural Repairs - Design	($31,522)
WT015701	Greenfield Park – Eliminate High Voltage – Design	($15,000)
WO072201	Inmate Processing Area / Holding Cell Completion – Design	($25,863)
WI020401	Asset Protection – Remediation Services – Phase 2	($126,195)
WJ011601	Community Reintegration Center Powerhouse Windows – Design	($175,000)
WS014901	Kitchen Upgrades – Clinton Rose Senior Center – Design	($125,000)
WP080801	Parks Lighting Improvements – 2024	($300,000)
WP078801	Parks Bridges – Repairs and Replacements Phase 3	($77,000)
WC016501	Courthouse Monument and Waypoint Signage	($171,503)
Operating	Milwaukee County Transit System Tax Levy Adjustment	($2,200,000)
Operating	Compensation Study Funding Adjustment	($2,300,000)
Multiple Project Numbers	Digital Transformation	($1,271,200)
WY045601	Clinton Rose Façade Upgrades	($800,000)
Operating (former ARPA)	ARPA Evaluation (OSBP)	($611,000)
Operating (former ARPA)	Trauma Response Program [Department of Health and Human Services] (DHHS)	$500,000
Total:		($9,054,469)

; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the County Board hereby authorizes OSBP and the Comptroller to process an administrative appropriation transfer to move the above referenced tax levy reductions to increase operating departmental allocations by up to $9,054,469, as appropriate to offset projected deficits in 2024; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the County Board hereby authorizes OSBP and the Comptroller to process an administrative appropriation transfer to increase Federal ARPA funds (and expenditure authority) dedicated to the MCTS operating budget by $2,200,000; and, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the County Board hereby authorizes the OSBP and the Comptroller to process an administrative appropriation transfer to increase the debt service reserve contribution within Agency 996, Org. Unit 9960 to pay for debt expenses by up to $5,226,866, and reallocate an equal amount of funds (freed up by the increase in the debt service reserve contribution) to departmental or non-departmental organization units as needed to offset projected deficits in 2024; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the County Board hereby authorizes the OSBP and the Comptroller to process an administrative appropriation transfer to receive and recognize $100,000 of ARPA Local Assistance and Tribal Consistency Fund revenue, and to allocate $100,000 of expenditures to fund increased Public Safety operational expenditures that are contributing to the current 2024 deficit projection; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the County Board hereby authorizes the OSBP and the Comptroller to process an administrative appropriation transfer to reduce the following ARPA State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund (SLFRF) allocations by up to **~~$3,362,655~~** **$3,162,655** (with corresponding reductions in expenditure authority):

Detail	**Description**	**ARPA-SLFRF Project Reductions**
ARPA SLFRF	New DHHS Administration Coggs Building	($900,000)
ARPA SLFRF	Fuel Inventory Management System	($12,522)
ARPA SLFRF	Center for Forensic Science and Protective Medicine	($500,000)
ARPA SLFRF	On-Site Health Clinic Creation	($100,000)
ARPA SLFRF	DHHS ARPA Administration	($100,000)
ARPA SLFRF	Affordable Housing	($1,000,000)
ARPA SLFRF	Market Match Program	**~~($300,000)~~** **($100,000)**
ARPA SLFRF	Upstart Kitchen	($412,500)
ARPA SLFRF	Milwaukee County Department of Transportation Management Building Solar Photovoltaic System	($37,643)
Total		**~~($3,362,665)~~** **($3,162,655)**

; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the County Board hereby authorizes OSBP and the Comptroller to process an administrative appropriation transfer to reallocate up to ~~**$3,362,655**~~ **$3,162,655** of ARPA SLFRF (and expenditure authority) to support public health and safety operational expenditures, or other operational expenditures which are eligible for ARPA SLFRF reimbursement; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the County Board hereby authorizes OSBP and the Comptroller to process an administrative appropriation transfer to reallocate $300,000 of tax levy and to increase operating budget authority in **an allocated contingency account in Agency 194-1945 Appropriation for Contengicies to allow for the Department of Human Resources, working in conjunction with** the Office of the Sheriff (Sheriff) **, to develop a plan and budget for future approval by the County Board** for a**n independent** study of Sheriff operations, to be performed by an external contractor with expertise in operational consulting for municipal law enforcement agencies, to evaluate organizational needs and maximize performance**; and**

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the independent study shall assess operations, technology, policies and procedures, and staffing models, with the intent of identifying operational improvements, technological enhancements, opportunities for continuous improvement, and providing baseline data regarding staffing needs throughout the department; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the independent study outlined above is separate from the independent Jail audit authorized by the County Board in File No. 24-525, which focuses on operations, policies, and procedures to ensure that procedural best practices are followed in accordance with state and federal laws, with the goal of receiving recommendations to help reduce in-custody deaths; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the County Board hereby reaffirms the $500,000 appropriation provided to the Community Reintegration Center (CRC) in the 2024 Adopted Budget for enhanced dental and mental health services for persons in our care at the Jail and CRC which should be used to provided needed services and not offset budget shortfalls; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the County Board, in response to current fiscal shortfalls and future budget challenges, hereby requests the Office of Government Affairs to submit recommendations to the Board for its review a state legislative package which outlines the State funding priorities of the County, and does so prior to the commencement of the 2025-26 state legislative session; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the County Board hereby requests that the aforementioned legislative package identifies and supports policy goals including previously adopted requests for additional State funding that prioritizes Transit,

Expressway Patrol, Birth to 3 programming, a replacement Safety Building, and adequate funding for other State mandated services.

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