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A RESOLUTION

broadening the scope of a previously approved audit of the Office of the Sheriff to assess the impact of alternative to incarceration programs on jail bed occupancy and the use of Federal Forfeiture revenues to enhance law enforcement services in Milwaukee County

WHEREAS, the 2012 Adopted Budget authorized an audit of the Office of the Sheriff that will be conducted this year by the Department of Audit; and

 WHEREAS, the current scope of the audit is: "The County Board Department of Audit will perform an analysis of mandated services provided by the Sheriff, focusing on efficiency and service levels. The audit will also focus on which non-core or discretionary services could be reduced or provided more efficiently, either by the Sheriff or by municipalities;" and

WHEREAS, since the adoption of the proposed audit scope, questions have arisen about the effectiveness of alternative to incarceration programs to divert individuals to less costly arrangements and save jail beds and whether Federal Forfeiture revenues are being put to the highest and best use; and

WHEREAS, Federal Forfeiture funds are generated primarily through the seizure of assets by the Sheriff's Drug Unit, kept in a segregated account and used at the discretion of the Sheriff; and

WHEREAS, these items would be most efficiently addressed in the audit of the Office of the Sheriff that was already approved in the 2012 Adopted Budget; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors hereby appends to the audit scope of the Office of the Sheriff by the Department of Audit in the 2012 Adopted Budget to include a review of the effectiveness of alternative to incarceration programs to divert individuals to less costly arrangements and save jail beds and whether Federal Forfeiture revenues are being put to the highest and best use.