COUNTY OF MILWAUKEE INTEROFFICE COMMUNICATION

Date:

January 9, 2014

To:

Supervisor Michael Mayo, Chairman

Transportation, Public Works & Transit Committee

From:

Don Tyler, Director, Department of Administrative Services

Subject:

Status Update Regarding the Courthouse Fire Update

For Information Only

BACKGROUND

As a follow up to the October 23, 2013 Transportation, Public Works & Transit Committee informational update on the Courthouse Fire, the Committee requested information regarding the role of the restoration company, information regarding the adhoc group that meets regularly on the fire recovery and a report on a department by department, floor by floor breakdown of the costs to refurbish the various office space.

UPDATE

Role of the Restoration Company

The restoration company works closely with the Fund, the insurance adjustor and the County in carrying out the activities that need to be completed for full restoration. We will be prepared to answer any specific questions the Committee had at the meeting.

Adhoc Group Directing Activity

Individuals from the Department of Administrative Services, the Fund, the insurance adjustor, the restoration company and certain sub-contractors meet regularly to update one another on ongoing and upcoming activities. We will be prepared to answer any specific questions the Committee has at the meeting.

Detailed Breakdown of Costs

The Committee wanted to gain a better understanding of the specific costs of restoration by Department and by Floor. While we are pleased to provide you with the detailed invoices submitted to the Comptroller's office for payment, we are unable to provide a specific breakdown on a department by department and floor by floor basis, as invoices are related to specific activities and things rather than location. It is our understanding that this request is based on the fact that there was a breakdown of certain carpeting costs related to the Board. The reason those costs were separate line items is because there was a delay in carpeting installation after all of the other areas and floors were completed due to a Board request to consider different products than used throughout the remainder of the Courthouse.

cc: County Executive Chris Abele

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