



OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK

JOSEPH J. CZARNEZKI • COUNTY CLERK

MEMO

DATE: June 25, 2014
TO: The Honorable County Board of Supervisors
FROM: Joseph J. Czarnezki, County Clerk
SUBJECT: Files Returned Unsigned

The County Executive has returned to my office, without his signature of approval, the following files:

File No. 14-244 – From Corporation Counsel and the Pension Board of the Employees' Retirement System, County of Milwaukee, requesting authorization to amend various sections of Chapter 201.24 of the Milwaukee County Code of General Ordinances to comply with Internal Revenue Service code requirements.

This resolution was adopted by a vote of 17 ayes – 0 noes at your meeting of May 22, 2014 and remains in full force and effect.

File No. 14-350 – A resolution requesting that Facilities Management and Procurement staff of the Department of Administrative Services, the Department of Transportation, and the Department of Health and Human Services issue a Request for Proposals for the provision of housekeeping and janitorial services in County facilities.

This resolution was adopted by a vote of 13 ayes – 4 noes at your meeting of May 22, 2014 and remains in full force and effect.

Attached are copies of his messages wherein he states his reasons for returning these items unsigned.

Joseph J. Czarnezki, County Clerk



OFFICE OF THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE

Chris Abele

MILWAUKEE COUNTY EXECUTIVE

DATE: June 25, 2014

TO: The Honorable Milwaukee Board of Supervisors

FROM: Chris Abele, Milwaukee County Executive

RE: Statement on County Board File No. 14-244 amending sections of the pension ordinances to comply with IRS codes.

I agree that we need to be in compliance with IRS codes. However, a fiscal analysis for this ordinance amendment was not done and it is therefore impossible to fully understand the impact on the County.

As policymakers it is our duty to the people we serve to make fully informed decisions, especially when the decisions we make have a fiscal impact. ERS has not been able to fully estimate what this change means and how it will impact taxpayers and employees who pay into the pension system. I'm uncomfortable sending a message to the people we serve that we are not watching every dime of tax dollars.

Given the lack of information for this change, I am leaving this file unsigned.



OFFICE OF THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE

Chris Abele

MILWAUKEE COUNTY EXECUTIVE

DATE: June 25, 2014

TO: The Honorable Milwaukee Board of Supervisors

FROM: Chris Abele, Milwaukee County Executive

RE: Statement on County Board File No. 14-350 requesting the administration to issue a new RFP for housekeeping and janitorial services.

During the October 2013 Board cycle, the County Board did not approve an Agreement with CleanPower to provide housekeeping and janitorial services in Milwaukee County. No clear reason for the rejection was given at the time. It is also important to note that no vendor appealed the previous RFP process or argued that there was fault with it.

The County Board then adopted a resolution on May 22, 2014 requesting the administration to issue a new RFP for housekeeping and janitorial services. The only proposed changes were: weigh contract cost more than 20 percent of the total evaluation score and structure the proposal so that Disadvantaged Business Enterprise firms could effectively compete as main contractors or as sub-contractors. The original RFP included both of these elements. In fact, Clean Power, the chosen vendor, had plans to achieve much greater DBE participation than was required in the RFP.

A resulting contract of the new RFP process will likely cost tax payers an additional \$2 million for the same level of service.

While I am not vetoing this file, I cannot sign on to this increased burden on taxpayers.