

COUNTY OF MILWAUKEE
Inter-Office Communication

Date: May 18, 2018 *(Revised 5-30-18)*

To: Supervisor James "Luigi" Schmitt, Chair, Committee on Finance & Audit
Supervisor John F. Weishan, Jr., Chair, Committee on Transportation, Public Works & Transit

From: Jennifer L. Folliard, Interim Director of Audits

Subject: Status Report – Courthouse Fire Audit (File No. 14-952)

At their meetings in January 2015, the Committees on Finance, Personnel & Audit and Transportation, Public Works & Transit reviewed our audit report, "Aftermath of Courthouse Fire Illustrates Need for Improved Insurance Claims Management and Business Continuity," and adopted a resolution indicating concurrence with the report recommendations.

A series of six status reports were previously submitted to your committees. The current status report is attached for your review. Department of Administrative Services and Office of Emergency Management updates as of May 2018 are highlighted in yellow.

As noted in the June 2018 update for item number one, cause and origin reports related to the Courthouse fire have been made available through court proceedings. The Audit Services Division received copies of three reports from the Department of Administrative Services and can assist in making these reports available for Supervisors who wish to review them. The reports are technical in nature and were prepared by investigators hired by the Local Government Insurance Fund in order to determine insurance coverage responsibility. This item remains open, pending confirmation that all available cause and origin report documents have been made available to the appropriate County officials interested in seeing them.

This status report is informational and due to the remaining efforts required to fully implement the recommendations, we plan to provide a status report for the December 2018 committee cycle.



Jennifer L. Folliard

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Attachment

cc: Scott B. Manske, CPA, Milwaukee County Comptroller
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