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**TO:** Theodore Lipscomb, Sr., Chairman  
Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors

**FROM:** Anne B. Kearney, Deputy Corporation Counsel *AKK*

**DATE:** October 14, 2019

**SUBJECT:** Request for authorization to execute a contract amendment with Buelow Vetter for legal representation in labor relations matters.

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It is requested that this matter be referred to the Committee on Finance and Audit for approval of a resolution to amend a legal services agreement.

The County Board approved an agreement with Buelow Vetter Buikema Olson & Vliet, LLC on September 30, 2010 (File No. 10-294) for the legal representation of Milwaukee County in labor relations matters. The primary attorneys working on the subject matters represented by the agreement are Mark Olson and Dan Vliet.

Buelow Vetter has acquired significant understanding and knowledge of the County unions and the terms of the collective bargaining agreements with the public safety unions and with the County benefit structure.

For the years 2010-2018, the authorized funds total \$652,796. This amendment will increase the total authorized funds to \$739,796. Therefore, approval of the attached resolution is requested to amend the agreement amount by an additional \$87,000 in order to pay for outstanding invoices and continued legal services through 2019.

Sufficient funds exist in the 2019 Litigation Reserve Account, Org. Unit 1961, for this request.

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