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Releasing the funds for membership dues to the Wisconsin Counties Association (WCA) out of an allocated contingency account within the Office of Government Affairs

A RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, during budget proceedings for the 2021 Adopted Budget, Milwaukee County expressed concerns relating to the Wisconsin Counties Association (WCA) insufficiently addressing racial equity concerns and other WCA practices; and

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WHEREAS, Milwaukee County held \$35,835 of the \$42,231 budgeted membership dues to the WCA in an allocated contingency account within the Office of Government Affairs; and

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WHEREAS, a County Supervisor and the County Clerk wrote to the WCA on December 18, 2020 expressing Milwaukee County's concerns and the Chairman of the WCA Board of Directors promptly replied that same day, suggesting an openness to Milwaukee County's concerns (letters heretofore attached to this file); and

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WHEREAS, the WCA overtures to Milwaukee County and its concerns are a sign of progress and mutual partnership; and

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WHEREAS, the Committee on Intergovernmental Relations, at its meeting of January 21, 2021, recommended adoption of File No. 21-170 (vote 3-2); now, therefore,

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BE IT RESOLVED, the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors hereby authorizes the Office of Government Affairs to release the \$35,835 in routine dues for membership of the Wisconsin Counties Association (WCA) as soon as practicable, with the understanding that the WCA will continue to work with Milwaukee County in addressing its concerns with regular engagement, requesting at least quarterly reports to Milwaukee County; and

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Office of the Comptroller and Department of Administrative Services, Office of Performance of Performance, Strategy and Budget are authorized to transfer 2021 Adopted Budget appropriations in an amount of \$35,835 from Allocated Contingency (Object 8902) in Org. Unit 1020 (Government Affairs) to Membership Dues (Object 6040) in Org. 1020.

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