Report from the Director, Division on Aging, requesting authorization to enter into a 2021 purchase of service contract with American United Transportation, Inc. (AUT) from January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021 at a cost of \$250,000, by recommending adoption of the following:

A RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Department on Aging (Aging) administers elderly transportation services in order to address lack of access to necessary services for mobility challenged residents over 60 in Milwaukee County (the County); and

 WHEREAS, Aging worked with Able Access Transportation, Inc. (Able Access), a non-emergency transportation service with expertise working with vulnerable individuals, which took on the additional role of bringing meals from the senior congregate dining program to older residents of the County who are unable to pick up meals, and

WHEREAS, thousands of meals were delivered monthly in 2020 from the Senior Dining Programs to diners, and Aging has worked to ensure that older adult diners who are unable to travel to senior dining sites during the Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) pandemic receive a meal; and

 WHEREAS, Able Access has discontinued working with the County as of November 2020, and in order to continue serving older adult diners during the COVID-19 pandemic, Aging has identified American United Transportation, Inc., as the most suitable vendor which can take on the meal delivery service without interruption to seniors relying on this program; and

WHEREAS, a total of \$250,000 is available for this purpose through County Community Development Block Grant funding; and

WHEREAS, the Committee on Finance, at its meeting of January 28, 2021, recommended adoption of File No. 21-114 (vote 6-0); now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, the Director, Department of Health and Human Services, is hereby authorized to contract with American United Transportation, Inc., to deliver meals to elder diners reliant on the senior congregant meal program using \$250,000 available through Community Development Block Grant funding for the period beginning January 1, 2021, through December 31, 2021.

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