

1 By Supervisor Schmitt

Journal,
2 File No. 11-

3 **A RESOLUTION**

4 Authorizing and directing the Director of Intergovernmental Relations to
5 convey Milwaukee County's official opposition to the rule currently under
6 consideration by the Wisconsin Supreme Court that will allow Circuit Court
7 judges to appoint publicly-funded legal counsel to indigent persons in civil
8 cases.

9 WHEREAS, Legal Action of Wisconsin has petitioned the Wisconsin State
10 Supreme Court to create a new rule to ensure that indigent persons have legal
11 counsel in certain civil matters; and

12 WHEREAS, the proposed rule, known as Supreme Court Rule Petition 10-
13 08, states in part:

14 Where a civil litigant is indigent (defined as below 200% of federal
15 poverty guidelines), the court shall provide counsel at public expense
16 where the assistance of counsel is needed to protect the litigant's right to
17 basic human needs, including sustenance, shelter, clothing, heat,
18 medical care, safety and child custody and placement (emphasis
19 added);

20 and;

21 WHEREAS, both the federal and state courts have stated repeatedly
22 that the constitutionally guaranteed right to counsel applies only to
23 circumstances where an individual's liberty is in jeopardy, namely criminal
24 cases and certain involuntary commitments, however, both federal and state
25 courts have declined to recognize that the right to counsel extends to civil
26 cases; and

27 WHEREAS, Legal Action of Wisconsin -- the petitioner advancing the
28 proposed rule -- has estimated that expanding the right to counsel to indigent
29 civil litigants will cost \$56 million statewide on an annual basis; and

30 WHEREAS, Milwaukee County Circuit Court Administrative staff
31 estimates that the Milwaukee County share of the annual statewide costs could
32 be 20 percent, or \$11.2 million; and

33 WHEREAS, because Milwaukee County taxpayers already fund the bulk
34 of circuit court costs, the track record of the state providing funding to cover
35 courts-related mandates is, at best, underwhelming, and a new, unfunded
36 mandate of this magnitude would likely force Milwaukee County policymakers
37 to discontinue other vital County services; and

35 WHEREAS, while it is a laudable goal to provide full access to civil courts
36 for indigent persons, there are alternate resources (e.g., Legal Aid Society and
37 Legal Action of Wisconsin) that currently serve that population and transferring the
38 obligation to fund that service to be borne by the taxpayers of Milwaukee County
39 represents an additional unfunded state mandate; now, therefore,

40 BE IT RESOLVED, that the Director of the Division of Intergovernmental
41 Relations is hereby authorized and directed to convey Milwaukee County's official
42 opposition to Supreme Court Rule Petition 10-8 currently under consideration by
43 the Wisconsin Supreme Court that will allow Circuit Court judges to appoint
44 publicly-funded legal counsel to indigent persons in civil cases unless the State
45 pays all related costs.

MILWAUKEE COUNTY FISCAL NOTE FORM

DATE: September 20, 2011

Original Fiscal Note

Substitute Fiscal Note

SUBJECT: A resolution authorizing and directing the Director of Intergovernmental Relations to convey Milwaukee County's official opposition to the rule currently under consideration by the Wisconsin Supreme Court that will allow Circuit Court judges to appoint publicly-funded legal counsel to indigent persons in civil cases.

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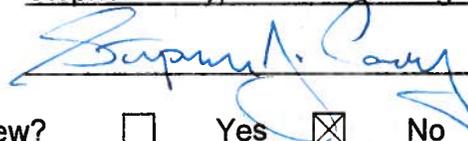
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Approval of this resolution will require an expenditure of staff time to communicate Milwaukee County's official position in opposition to an unfunded mandate that it provide indigent counsel to eligible individuals in certain civil cases.

No further appropriations are required.

Department/Prepared By Stephen Cady, Fiscal and Budget Analyst, County Board

Authorized Signature



Did DAS-Fiscal Staff Review? Yes No

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2 By Supervisors Biddle, Johnson, Dimitrijevic, Harris, Weishan

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4 **A RESOLUTION**

5 To seek modifications in Milwaukee County and the State of Wisconsin job
6 application procedures to increase the number of job opportunities available for persons
7 with prior convictions.

8 WHEREAS, in an average year in Wisconsin there are 8,600 ex-offenders who,
9 having served their sentence, are released from some level of corrections; 3,600 of those
10 released return as residents of Milwaukee County; and

11 WHEREAS, although corrections experts recognize that the single most important
12 step to foster re-entry to society is stable, family-sustaining employment, all ex-offenders
13 must struggle to overcome the stigma of a prior conviction when seeking the employment
14 necessary to restore their lives; and

15 WHEREAS, although the Wisconsin Fair Employment Law bars employers from
16 denying employment to job applicants with prior convictions (unless the nature of the
17 prior offense is “substantially related” to the job being sought), many employers adopt
18 uniform policies against hiring ex-offenders; and

19 WHEREAS, without access to the employment necessary for successful re-entry to
20 society, many ex-offenders find themselves resorting to behaviors that harm themselves
21 and the community, perpetuating a cycle of re-offense and incarceration; and

22 WHEREAS, most employers in Wisconsin include questions of prior convictions
23 on the initial job application and, sometimes unlawfully, use that information to deny
24 further consideration for an applicant; and

25 WHEREAS, local and national organizations, such as the New Hope Project, the
26 National HIRE Network, and the Legal Action Center have advocated for “ban the box”
27 legislation that moves disclosure of conviction and pending charge history from the initial
28 job application to the interview step; and

29 WHEREAS, “ban the box” legislation enables job seekers with criminal pasts to
30 clear the first barrier to employment and demonstrate their skills, abilities and evidence of
31 rehabilitation to prospective employers; and

32 WHEREAS, the National HIRE Network’s *National Blueprint for Reentry* makes a
33 number of recommendations to remove barriers to employment and specifically calls for
34 expanding “ban the box”-type legislation to reconstitute the nature of prior conviction
35 questions, allowing for an ex-offender to demonstrate qualifications and evidence of
36 rehabilitation prior to being subjected to background investigations; and

37 WHEREAS, several urban areas across the nation, including Boston, Chicago,
38 Minneapolis, St. Paul, Oakland, San Francisco, Detroit, Memphis, Seattle and
39 Philadelphia, as well as the States of California, Massachusetts, Connecticut, New
40 Mexico, Minnesota and Hawaii have adopted “ban the box” policies in the hiring process
41 for state or municipal jobs, noting that it is in the community’s best interest to facilitate re-
42 entry for its citizens who are ex-offenders; and

43 WHEREAS, moving the prior conviction information from the initial application
44 would have no bearing on the Milwaukee County’s ability to deny employment to any
45 job applicant for:

- 46 - Any law enforcement-related position or any position with qualifications
47 established by the Law Enforcement Standards Board, or
- 48 - Any positions subject to the conditions of the Wisconsin Caregiver law, or
- 49 - Offenses that are substantially related to the circumstances of the position, as
50 defined by Wisconsin Fair Employment Law, or
- 51 - Failure on the part of the applicant to disclose prior convictions or pending
52 charges related to the circumstances of the position applied for;

53 now therefore,

54 BE IT RESOLVED, that the Director, Division of Human Resources, is authorized
55 and directed to take the steps necessary to remove questions related to prior conviction and
56 pending criminal charges from the initial job application for Milwaukee County
57 employment; and

58 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Director, Division of Human Resources shall
59 work with the Office of Corporation Counsel and, as necessary, other County personnel, to
60 develop a Countywide policy and procedure that provides a uniform and mandatory
61 process for conducting pre-appointment background checks on all candidates who have
62 been selected for appointment to a County position and shall report said policy to the
63 Committee on Personnel prior to the removal of questions related to prior conviction and
64 pending criminal charges from the initial job application, but not later than December
65 2011; and

66 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Director, Division of Intergovernmental
67 Relations, is authorized and directed to convey to the Governor and the Wisconsin State
68 Legislature that the State of Wisconsin should follow the lead of Milwaukee County and
69 extend “ban the box” legislation for all public and private employers in Wisconsin.

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MILWAUKEE COUNTY FISCAL NOTE FORM

DATE: September 8, 2011

Original Fiscal Note

Substitute Fiscal Note

SUBJECT: A resolution seeking modifications in Milwaukee County and the State of Wisconsin job application procedures to increase the number of job opportunities available for persons with prior convictions.

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Adoption of this resolution is not expected to result in an increase in tax levy, but may require an expenditure of staff time.

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1 By Supervisor Biddle

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3 **A RESOLUTION**

4 supporting a change in State law to increase the age in which a person is eligible to
5 have his or her record of conviction expunged and ensuring expunged criminal records
6 are not released to the general public

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8 WHEREAS, Wisconsin law permits courts to expunge records in which
9 adjudication of guilt is made for youths under the age of 25 when the misdemeanor or
10 first-time non-violent Class H or I felonies offense was committed; and

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12 WHEREAS, a criminal record can severely hinder a person's ability to gain
13 employment throughout their life and can lead to chronic unemployment and
14 underemployment; and

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16 WHEREAS, without access to the employment necessary for successful re-entry
17 to society, many ex-offenders find themselves resorting to behaviors that harm
18 themselves and the community, perpetuating a cycle of re-offense and incarceration;
19 and

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21 WHEREAS, the Wisconsin Department of Justice (DOJ), Crime Information
22 Bureau manages and disseminates information on arrest and conviction information on
23 over 1.3 million individuals; every record in the database is supported by a positive
24 fingerprint identification and is open to the general public for inspection per Wisconsin
25 Statute 19.35(30); and

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27 WHEREAS, a criminal conviction, when legally expunged, is removed from the
28 Consolidated Court Automation Programs (CCAP) database, although it is still
29 maintained on the DOJ Crime Information Bureau database; and

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31 WHEREAS, while many members of the public use the CCAP database to view
32 an individual's criminal history, most potential employers obtain their information from
33 the DOJ Crime Information Bureau, which may contain expunged records; and

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35 WHEREAS, the opportunity to expunge a criminal conviction provides an
36 incentive to young individuals to learn from their mistakes and, hopefully, make
37 meaningful strides to be employed and be a productive citizen our the community; now,
38 therefore,

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40 BE IT RESOLVED, that the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors embraces
41 efforts by young individuals with prior criminal convictions to seek the expungement of
42 minor criminal convictions, as provided in State law, to help obtain meaningful
43 employment to support themselves and their families and to improve our community;
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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors hereby authorizes and directs the Director of Intergovernmental Relations to seek changes in State law to accomplish the following:

- Raise the age to which an eligible criminal infraction may be expunged to under age 30, as opposed to under age 25
- Require the Department of Justice, Crime Information Bureau, to redact any expunged criminal conviction from any record that is released to members of the general public while preserving the full record for legitimate law enforcement use

MILWAUKEE COUNTY FISCAL NOTE FORM

DATE: 9/13/11

Original Fiscal Note

Substitute Fiscal Note

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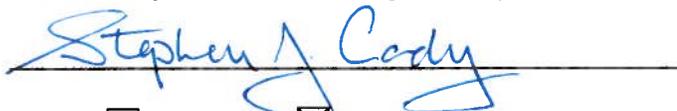
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Approval of this resolution will indicate Milwaukee County's support for a change in State law to permit individuals under the age of 30 to seek court approval for the expungement of certain criminal offenses. Currently, the petitioner must have been under age 25 when the offense occurred. In addition, this resolution calls for a change in State law to prohibit the Department of Justice Crime Information Bureau from releasing expunged records to members of the general public.

Approval of this resolution will require Intergovernmental Relations staff time to pursue, but will not require an expenditure of funds.

Department/Prepared By Steve Cady, Fiscal and Budget Analyst, County Board

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1 By Supervisor Weishan

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3 **A RESOLUTION**

4 Providing for an advisory referendum on the plan by the Milwaukee Metropolitan
5 Sewerage District to pay approximately \$41.1 million to the City of Franklin for the costs
6 related to building the Ryan Creek Interceptor project
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8 WHEREAS, according to a draft report from the Southeastern Wisconsin
9 Regional Planning Commission (“SEWRPC”), the City of Franklin (“City”) requested that
10 SEWRPC revise the City’s sanitary sewer service area to add lands in the south central
11 and southwestern areas of the City to the planned service area; and
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13 WHEREAS, the expansion of the planned sanitary sewer service area would
14 enable the City to move forward with the proposed Ryan Creek interceptor sewer, which
15 would serve most of the south-central and southwestern areas of the City; and
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17 WHEREAS, the Ryan Creek interceptor would ultimately provide sewer service
18 to approximately 24 percent of the land area in the City of Franklin that is not included
19 to the Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewerage District (MMSD) interceptor sewers and the
20 MMSD South Shore wastewater treatment plant; and
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22 WHEREAS, the resident population of the proposed sewer expansion area is
23 440 people, or approximately 1.25 percent of the City’s total population of 35,451
24 residents; and
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26 WHEREAS, on January 25, 2010, MMSD approved an addendum to the 2020
27 Facilities Plan regarding the Franklin/Muskego Metropolitan Interceptor Sewer project
28 “in order to comply with facilities planning requirements and preserve funding eligibility
29 for this project;” and
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31 WHEREAS, on September 27, 2010, MMSD approved an amendment to the
32 2010 Capital Budget authorizing the Executive Director of MMSD “to enter into an
33 Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement with the City of Franklin for design and
34 construction of the Ryan Creek Interceptor project consistent with the
35 recommendations; and
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37 WHEREAS, the Intergovernmental Agreement would repay the City of Franklin a
38 “purchase amount (which) shall be the principal amount of Franklin’s Clean Water Loan
39 Fund Loan, plus interest calculated using the actual interest rate, with the total amount
40 estimated at this time to be \$41.1 million, with payments by the District commencing in
41 2015;” and
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43 WHEREAS, many communities and homeowners already within the MMSD
44 service area have experienced flooding that could be mitigated by capital improvements
45 by MMSD that have not been authorized due to lack of funds; and

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47 WHEREAS, by agreeing to install sewer service to an area of the City of Franklin
48 that is sparsely inhabited in order to encourage speculative development, it is argued
49 MMSD may be placing a higher priority on spending its limited capital improvement
50 dollars on expansion than other much needed flood mitigation and pollution control
51 projects; and

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53 WHEREAS, an advisory, non-binding referendum would allow Milwaukee County
54 residents to express their opinion on the Ryan Creek Interceptor project and provide
55 MMSD feedback on its capital improvement plans; and

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57 WHEREAS, a County-wide advisory referendum can only be authorized by the
58 Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors; now, therefore,

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60 BE IT RESOLVED by the County Board of Supervisors of Milwaukee County,
61 Wisconsin, as follows:

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63 Section 1. Referendum Election. The County Clerk is hereby directed to call an
64 advisory referendum election to be held in the County at the regularly scheduled
65 election to be held on April 3, 2012, for the purpose of submitting to the qualified
66 electors of the County the proposition of whether the plan by the Milwaukee
67 Metropolitan Sewerage District to pay approximately \$41.1 million to the City of Franklin
68 for the costs related to building the Ryan Creek Interceptor project should proceed.
69 The referendum shall be held, noticed and conducted following the procedures set forth
70 in Section 59.52(25) of the Wisconsin Statutes.

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72 Section 2. Official Referendum Ballot Form. The ballot to be used at the
73 referendum election shall be prepared in accordance with the provisions of Sections
74 5.64(2) and 7.08(1)(a) of the Wisconsin Statutes. The ballot shall be substantially in
75 the form attached hereto as Exhibit A.

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EXHIBIT A

OFFICIAL REFERENDUM BALLOT

April 3, 2012

NOTICE TO ELECTORS: THIS BALLOT MAY BE INVALID UNLESS INITIALED BY TWO (2) ELECTION INSPECTORS. IF CAST AS AN ABSENTEE BALLOT, THE BALLOT MUST BEAR THE INITIALS OF THE MUNICIPAL CLERK OR DEPUTY CLERK.

If you desire to vote on the question, make a cross (X) in the square beneath the question after "YES" if in favor of the question or make a cross (X) in the square after "NO" if opposed to the question.

ADVISORY REFERENDUM

Shall the Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewage District (MMSD) proceed with a plan to expand the district to include all of the City of Franklin and the City of Muskego and pay approximately \$41.1 million for the construction of the Ryan Creek Interceptor sewer from MMSD tax levies?

YES

NO

MILWAUKEE COUNTY FISCAL NOTE FORM

DATE: 9/6/11

Original Fiscal Note

Substitute Fiscal Note

SUBJECT: A resolution providing for an advisory referendum on the plan by the Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewerage District to pay approximately \$41.1 million to the City of Franklin for the costs related to building the Ryan Creek Interceptor project

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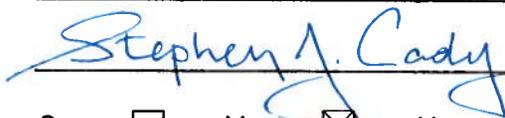
Approval of this resolution will authorize an advisory referendum to be held on the 2012 Spring General Election Day, April 3, 2012.

According to the manager of the County Election Commission, the pro-rata costs of holding an advisory referendum in 2008 were approximately \$17,200. This included ballots (\$4,800), counting machine programming (\$3,500) and advertising (\$8,900). According to the Department of Labor, the consumer price index has increased approximately five percent since 2008. For the purpose of this fiscal note, it is assumed that the cost related to holding an advisory referendum in 2012 will be \$18,000. This reflects an average of 17 contests on each ballot. The referendum will cost less or more on a pro rata basis depending on how many contests are on the Spring 2012 ballot.

Additional appropriations may need to be provided in the 2012 Budget in order to cover the cost of the advisory referendum, although that will not be determined until after all election costs are calculated.

Department/Prepared By Steve Cady, Fiscal and Budget Analyst, County Board

Authorized Signature



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