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**MILWAUKEE COUNTY SUPERVISORS DAVID BOWEN AND PATRICIA JURSIK
APPLAUD COURT DECISION SHIFTING CONTROL OF HOUSE OF CORRECTION**
**They Say Decision Clarifies Control of House of Correction,
Urge Speedy Confirmation of Superintendent Nominee Michael Hafemann**

(MILWAUKEE) – Milwaukee County Supervisors David Bowen and Supervisor Patricia Jursik said today that they were pleased with a decision by Circuit Court Judge Paul Van Grunsven that shifts control of the House of Correction from Sheriff David A. Clarke, Jr. to a superintendent appointed by County Executive Chris Abele.

“This judgment provides clarity as to who will run the House of Correction,” Bowen said. “I urge Sheriff Clarke not to appeal the court’s decision. This needless power struggle has been going on long enough.”

Jursik said the decision means that the County Board should act quickly to confirm Abele’s appointment of Hafemann in order to provide clear leadership for the House of Correction.

“The time for playing political football with control of the House of Correction is over,” Jursik said. “We need to provide clear direction to the House of Correction. It’s time to move forward with the approval of Michael Hafemann as superintendent.”

Jursik said it was “ridiculous” that Clarke refused to allow Hafemann into the House of Correction even after he had been appointed by Abele. Hafemann has been working out of Abele’s office rather than the House of Correction while the Court decided the matter.

“The House of Correction has been without leadership long enough,” Jursik said.

Bowen said that if Clarke appeals the decision it will only add to uncertainty at the House of Correction.

“The Sheriff has been playing a game with public safety, and it’s time he accepts this decision and move on,” Bowen said. “We can’t afford to be without a superintendent, and this court decision clears the way for the approval of Hafemann. Let’s not waste any more tax dollars on litigation.”

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