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TRANSFERRING AIRPORT SECURITY IS A LOSE-LOSE FOR TAXPAYERS

Milwaukee, WI – Milwaukee County Board Chairwoman Marina Dimitrijevic and Supervisor Michael Mayo, Sr., are responding to the publicly reported proposal to transfer airport security functions from the Milwaukee County Sheriff's Department to the City of Milwaukee Police Department. Transferring law enforcement duties at General Mitchell International Airport could cost County taxpayers close to \$2 million, according to initial estimates from the Sheriff's Department.

“The Legislative Branch and the Executive Branch need to work together on ways to improve efficiencies in County government. We are open to discussion on changes at the airport that improve service delivery and make sense for taxpayers,” Chairwoman Dimitrijevic said. “I am asking the newly-elected County Comptroller to identify the fiscal impact to Milwaukee County of this proposed change.”

“It's disappointing to see this idea floated in the media before going through the legislative process. We must do our due diligence to protect taxpayers before making this type of change. They expect us to work together,” said Supervisor Mayo. “Although this idea may be a great deal for the City of Milwaukee, it's a lose-lose for the taxpayers of Milwaukee County.”

Supervisor Mayo plans to include an agenda item for policymakers to consider at the September meeting of the Transportation, Public Works & Transit Committee.

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