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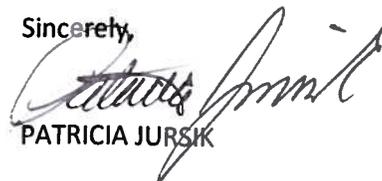
Dear County Exec. Abele:

To begin, I want to thank you for the positive comments about county government taken in your State of the County address this morning at UWM. It did concern me that two initiatives were not part of your comments. The budget amendment to put our facilities plan on the table for funding and implementation was put into the 2012 budget by the board. While I was disappointed that this had not been in your original budget, I was encouraged that you did not veto the money. Since the passage of the budget, I have contacted your office and DAS to track implementation. It is now nearly March, and I believe we still have not completed the contract to get this work started. As recently as last week, I talked with the head of DAS, and I was told it was still being finalized and was directed to Vince Masterson. (I should not have to talk to any staffers on policy directives). The results of the facilities study are to be used for budget planning, hopefully in our 2013 budget. Optimistically, the study would take about six months to implement based on my conversation with the successful bidder.

When you were elected last year, you did not walk into an organization that had only a blank slate to be developed by the county executive. You took office to execute the policy of county government. Given that an overwhelming majority of the board has supported the facilities plan, I believe we are about to "drop the ball" on getting this done in time for budget planning. I beg you to take ownership of this project and get DAS and the Corporation Counsel's office to get this contract finalized so that we can move forward with the planning.

In addition to the facilities plan, the strategic planning also developed a comprehensive plan for muni-cast forecasting and human resources review. I would ask that you also move forward on this initiative. The policy makers of county government have outlined for the executive the two initiatives you should be most concerned about. If we are serious about getting the structural deficit under control, these two initiatives should be at the top of your list.

Sincerely,



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