

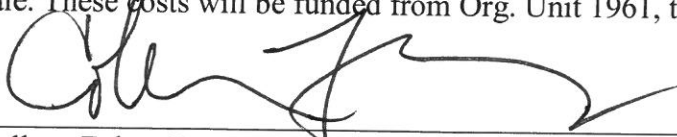
**INTEROFFICE COMMUNICATION
COUNTY OF MILWAUKEE**

DATE: March 16, 2017
TO: Theodore Lipscomb, Sr., Chairman, County Board of Supervisors
FROM: Colleen Foley, Deputy Corporation Counsel
SUBJECT: Contract for von Briesen & Roper, S.C. related to Transit Center

This file is submitted for consideration during the April cycle.

The file seeks to add \$150,000 to the \$250,000 litigation contract with the law firm of von Briesen and Roper, S.C. In particular, Attorney Alan Marcuvitz of that firm has been engaged in ongoing, complex work regarding the Couture development plan at the Transit Center property. That work has included completion of a development agreement and formulation of strategies to establish the County's title and rights to the subject property and ability to proceed with the Option to Purchase and Development Agreement in files 14-827 and 14-914, which resulted in a declaratory judgment by the Circuit Court in *Milwaukee County v. Preserve our Parks, LLC*, Case No. 2015-CV-1536.

The contract extension will provide the means to pay current invoices and for von Briesen to complete the final phase of this project (now that the sale is closed) involving preparation and/or approval of relevant documents to establish the County's continuing rights post-sale. These costs will be funded from Org. Unit 1961, the Litigation Reserve.



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