

**COUNTY OF MILWAUKEE  
INTEROFFICE COMMUNICATION**

**DATE:** July 26, 2012

**TO:** Chris Abele, County Executive  
Marina Dimitrijevic, County Board Chairwoman  
Patrick Farley, Director, Department of Administrative Services (DAS)

**FROM:** Charles Wikenhauser, Director, Zoological Department

**SUBJECT:** Emergency Purchase/Repair

This memo is submitted in compliance with Section 1.04 of the Milwaukee County Administrative Manual and Chapter 32 of the Ordinances of Milwaukee County.

The Zoo's deep well pump and piping has failed and is in need of immediate repair/replacement.

The Milwaukee County Zoo has two water systems. One water system supplies all the buildings and exhibits with City of Milwaukee drinking water, the other water system supplies well water to pools, ponds, moats and the lake. A failure occurred with the pump that lifts the well water from deep underground. When the well is out of service it costs the Zoo approximately \$15,000 more per month to purchase City water.

We are proceeding with an emergency repair of the deep well pump and piping and have received a cost estimate from Layne Christensen Company, Water Resources, in the amount of \$72,230. This company was chosen for the following reasons: 1) the company specializes in municipal pump systems and can handle a well of our size and 2) the County's T&M Well Repair contractor, Grunau, was contacted and they could not along with their subcontractor perform the necessary repair/replacement. Altogether, three contractors were contacted.

The Zoo will attempt to find funds in the 2012 operating or capital budget.



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