

1 Supervisor David Cullen, Chairperson,
2 From the Committee on Finance, Personnel, and Audit reporting on:

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4 File No. 14-449

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6 (ITEM) From the Director, Milwaukee County Zoo, requesting authorization to use
7 award funds to implement the Remediation Plan to cure the effects of the Wisconsin
8 Department of Transportation Zoo Interchange Freeway Project on the Milwaukee County
9 Zoo, by recommending adoption of the following:

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11 **A RESOLUTION**

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13 WHEREAS, Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) has been
14 legislatively authorized to reconstruct the Zoo Freeway Interchange by the State of
15 Wisconsin and by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) under various state and
16 federal statutes and codes; and

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18 WHEREAS, WisDOT plans for the renovation of the Zoo Freeway Interchange are
19 impacting Zoo grounds, facilities, and operations; and

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21 WHEREAS, the plans also include WisDOT's acquisition of the Zoo's easternmost
22 parking lot with a capacity of 700 cars, driveways, and parking associated with the Zoofari
23 Conference Center, as well as the Zoo's entrance/exit drive, which will have to be
24 reconfigured; and

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26 WHEREAS, the Zoo engaged several professional consultants to develop plans for
27 the parking lot replacement and a description of additional facilities needed to create an
28 auxiliary entrance; and

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30 WHEREAS, the Zoo recommends proceeding to implement the aforesaid plans; and

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32 WHEREAS, negotiations are ongoing with WisDOT and the latest offer by WisDOT
33 will provide sufficient funds to implement most of the aforesaid plans; and

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35 WHEREAS, if negotiations are unsuccessful, WisDOT will acquire the Zoo property
36 needed by Award, and pay the amount of the Award to the County, with the County then
37 having a right to appeal the amount; and

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39 WHEREAS, the Committee on Parks, Energy, and Environment at its meeting of
40 May 13, 2014, recommended adoption of the Zoo's request (vote 6-0); and

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42 WHEREAS, the Committee on Finance, Personnel, and Audit at its meeting of
43 May 15, 2014, also recommended adoption of the Zoo's request (vote 8-0); now, therefore,

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BE IT RESOLVED,

- (1) If an Award is made, the Zoo may use the Award funds paid to the County to implement the Remediation Plan, to the extent of such funds paid.
- (2) If an additional Award is recovered on appeal, the Zoo may use such funds to complete the Remediation Plan, to the extent of such funds paid.

; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Department of Administrative Services is authorized to process a 2014 Administrative Fund Transfer and establish expenditure authority for the respective Zoo remediation projects.

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