

**COUNTY OF MILWAUKEE
INTEROFFICE COMMUNICATION**

DATE : October 16, 2017
TO : Milwaukee County Board Chairman Theodore Lipscomb Sr.
FROM : Charles Wikenhauser, Director, Zoological Department
SUBJECT : Agreement with Billings Productions Inc. for the Exhibition of Robotic Dinosaurs

Policy

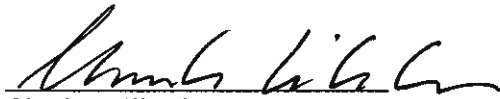
The Milwaukee County Zoo requests authorization to enter into a Professional Service Contract with Billings Productions Inc. for the exhibition of robotic dinosaurs. The exhibit will be on display from May 20 to September 9, 2018.

Background

The Milwaukee County Zoo wishes to continue offering unique and educational exhibits that introduce young people to the importance of wildlife, conservation and natural history. In order to obtain these exhibits, the Zoo must often enter exhibition contracts far in advance of the actual on-site exhibition. The 2018 exhibit will combine interactive activities, audio and visual displays, graphics and natural history exhibits to educate guests about dinosaurs.

This agreement requires a deposit of \$59,970 in 2017 with the remaining \$239,880 to be paid in 2018. The exhibit will have an entrance fee of \$3. The 2017 Budget includes funding of \$59,970 for the special exhibit deposit. The 2018 Budget provides exhibit expenditures and revenues for this exhibit.

Recommendation



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