INTEROFFICE COMMUNICATION
COUNTY OF MILWAUKEE

DATE: October 9, 2014

TO: Marina Dimitrijevic, Chairwoman, County Board of Supervisors

FROM: Paul Bargren, Corporation Counsel

SUBJECT: Contract for von Briesen & Roper S.C. related to Downtown Transit
Center development

Consistent with prior representations that I made to County Board members, I am submitting this memo as an informational report to be referred to appropriate committees.

Recently, the Finance Committee rejected a passive review contract amendment with the Reinhart, Boerner, Van Deuren s.c. firm for work on a development agreement and related documents for the Downtown Transit Center site. Consequently, Economic Development Director Whaley-Smith and I contacted Attorney Alan Marcuvitz to potentially perform this work. Attorney Marcuvitz has been and is under contract to provide services related to the Zoo Interchange project. Mr. Marcuvitz and some of his associates recently changed firms and are now associated with the firm of von Briesen & Roper, s.c. Mr. Marcuvitz agreed to undertake the Downtown Transit Center work. Consequently, a professional services contract for up to $50,000 was executed with von Briesen & Roper. The funds are coming from the Litigation Reserve account. Due to the amount of the contract, committee and board approval are not required, and due to the timing of the project, Mr. Marcuvitz' team has already begun work on the tasks. Nonetheless, I had agreed to present the matter to supervisors for their review and to offer an opportunity for any questions. Thus I am submitting this memo as an informational item. I am also attaching a copy of the contract.

Coincidentally, a new contract for Mr. Marcuvitz' Zoo Interchange work was executed with his new firm as well. That new contract is being amended in dollar amount and submitted for passive review this cycle by MCDOT.

I will provide additional information as requested by the committee(s) to which this report is referred.

cc: Kelly Bablitch
        Raisa Koltun