

COUNTY OF MILWAUKEE
INTEROFFICE COMMUNICATION

DATE: April 21, 2017
TO: Supervisor Theo Lipscomb, Chair, County Board of Supervisors
FROM: James Tarantino, Economic Development Director, Department of Administrative Services
SUBJECT: A Resolution naming the service drive to Vel Phillips Juvenile Justice Center as "B Thomas Wanta Way"

REQUEST

Naming the service road connecting Innovation Drive in Wauwatosa to the Vel Phillips Juvenile Justice Center "B Thomas Wanta Way" as a memorial recognition of the former County Administrator for Children's Delinquency and Court Services Division, B Thomas Wanta.

BACKGROUND

The 2015 reconstruction of Watertown Plank Road eliminated some access for cars to enter the Vel Phillips Juvenile Justice Center in Wauwatosa. To alleviate traffic concerns, the DOT and Milwaukee County created a new east-west access road connecting the Justice Center to Innovation Drive within the Milwaukee County Research Park.

B. Thomas Wanta, a Milwaukee County employee from 1976 to 2016 served Milwaukee's youth for 40 years as a member of the Vel Phillips Juvenile Justice Center finishing his career as the Chief Administrator of the Children's Delinquency and Court Services Division. Throughout his career, Mr. Wanta was recognized for his dedication to the community and excellence in his profession by being awarded the Norman G. Gill Award for individual excellence by the Public Policy Forum, and the Wisconsin Cares about Kids award, a group recognition given by the State Public Defenders Office.

Shortly after retirement in 2016, Mr. Wanta passed away. In an effort to honor the life and contributions of Mr. Wanta to Milwaukee County's citizens, the Department of Administrative Services respectfully requests that the Milwaukee County Board dedicate the service road leading to the Juvenile Justice Center as "B Thomas Wanta Way"

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the County Board approve naming the service road to the Vel Phillips Juvenile Justice Center as "B Thomas Wanta Way"



James Tarantino
Economic Development Director, Department of Administrative Services

Attachments (3): Resolution
Fiscal Note
Map

cc: Chris Abele, County Executive
Economic and Community Development Committee Members
Teig Whaley-Smith, Director, Department of Administrative Services
Raisa Koltun, Chief of Staff, Office of the County Executive
Kelly Bablitch, Chief of Staff, County Board of Supervisors
Eric Peterson, Government Affairs, Office of the County Executive
Steve Cady, Research & Policy Director
Shanin Brown, Committee Coordinator
Hector Colon, Director, Department of Health and Human Services

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4 (ITEM) Request authorization to naming the service road connecting
5 Innovation Drive in Wauwatosa to the Vel Phillips Juvenile Justice Center after former
6 County Administrator for Children’s Delinquency and Court Services Division, B
7 Thomas Wanta.
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9 **RESOLUTION**

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11 WHEREAS, Mr. B Thomas Wanta began his career at Milwaukee County in
12 1976, served as the Superintendent of the Milwaukee County Juvenile Justice Center,
13 and later became the Chief Administrator; and
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15 WHEREAS, Mr. B Thomas Wanta has been recognized by County government
16 and the Milwaukee County community for his unwavering commitment to helping
17 delinquent youth turn their lives around; and
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19 WHEREAS, Mr. B Thomas Wanta was awarded the 2015 Norman G. Gill
20 Award for Individual Excellence by the Public Policy Forum; and
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22 WHEREAS, Mr. B Thomas Wanta and his staff was awarded the 2011
23 Wisconsin Cares About Kids Award issued by the State Public Defenders Office; and
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25 WHEREAS, After 40 years of service, finishing as the top official at the
26 County’s Delinquency and Court Services Division and Chief Juvenile Probation
27 Officer, Mr. B Thomas Wanta retired from the County; and
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29 WHEREAS, Mr Wanta retired from the County in 2016 after 40 years of service
30 to the County, only to pass away tragically shortly afterwards; now, therefore,
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32 BE IT RESOLVED, that the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors hereby
33 honors the life and contributions of Mr. B Thomas Wanta by naming the service road
34 connecting Innovation Drive in Wauwatosa to the Vel Phillips Juvenile Justice Center
35 after former County Administrator for Children’s Delinquency and Court Services
36 Division, “B Thomas Wanta Way”.

MILWAUKEE COUNTY FISCAL NOTE FORM

DATE: April 21, 2017

Original Fiscal Note

Substitute Fiscal Note

SUBJECT: A resolution to name the service drive at Vel Philips Juvenile Justice Center as B Thomas Wanta Way

FISCAL EFFECT:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> No Direct County Fiscal Impact | <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Capital Expenditures |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Existing Staff Time Required | <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Capital Expenditures |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Increase Operating Expenditures
(If checked, check one of two boxes below) | <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Capital Revenues |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Absorbed Within Agency's Budget | <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Capital Revenues |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Not Absorbed Within Agency's Budget | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Operating Expenditures | <input type="checkbox"/> Use of contingent funds |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Operating Revenues | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Operating Revenues | |

Indicate below the dollar change from budget for any submission that is projected to result in increased/decreased expenditures or revenues in the current year.

	Expenditure or Revenue Category	Current Year	Subsequent Year
Operating Budget	Expenditure	750	0
	Revenue	0	0
	Net Cost	750	0
Capital Improvement Budget	Expenditure	0	0
	Revenue	0	0
	Net Cost	0	0

DESCRIPTION OF FISCAL EFFECT

In the space below, you must provide the following information. Attach additional pages if necessary.

- A. Briefly describe the nature of the action that is being requested or proposed, and the new or changed conditions that would occur if the request or proposal were adopted.
- B. State the direct costs, savings or anticipated revenues associated with the requested or proposed action in the current budget year and how those were calculated. ¹ If annualized or subsequent year fiscal impacts are substantially different from current year impacts, then those shall be stated as well. In addition, cite any one-time costs associated with the action, the source of any new or additional revenues (e.g. State, Federal, user fee or private donation), the use of contingent funds, and/or the use of budgeted appropriations due to surpluses or change in purpose required to fund the requested action.
- C. Discuss the budgetary impacts associated with the proposed action in the current year. A statement that sufficient funds are budgeted should be justified with information regarding the amount of budgeted appropriations in the relevant account and whether that amount is sufficient to offset the cost of the requested action. If relevant, discussion of budgetary impacts in subsequent years also shall be discussed. Subsequent year fiscal impacts shall be noted for the entire period in which the requested or proposed action would be implemented when it is reasonable to do so (i.e. a five-year lease agreement shall specify the costs/savings for each of the five years in question). Otherwise, impacts associated with the existing and subsequent budget years should be cited.
- D. Describe any assumptions or interpretations that were utilized to provide the information on this form.

- A. The 2015 reconstruction of Watertown Plank Road eliminated some access for cars to enter the Justice facility. To remediate, the DOT and Milwaukee County created a new access drive off of Innovation Drive within the Milwaukee County Research Park. The named drive will assist people in accessing the Justice Center, as well as serve as a memorial for a former employee dedicated to the County, Tom Wanta.
- B. An initial cost to purchase and install the signage would occur in 2017. After which, the County would not anticipate any additional or recurring costs. Some details need to be finalized before a final cost is realized, but DAS-ED proposes a cap of \$750 to be spent on the project.
- C. None, the proposed cost would be absorbed in DAS-ED's operating budget.
- D. Estimated cost of performing the signage construction.

Department/Prepared By James Tarantino, Economic Development Director

Authorized Signature 

Did DAS-Fiscal Staff Review? Yes No

Did CBDP Review?² Yes No Not Required

¹ If it is assumed that there is no fiscal impact associated with the requested action, then an explanatory statement that justifies that conclusion shall be provided. If precise impacts cannot be calculated, then an estimate or range should be provided.

² Community Business Development Partners' review is required on all professional service and public work construction contracts.