

MILWAUKEE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

DATE: May 21, 2026

AMENDMENT NO. 1 to Item #25

Resolution File No. 26-437

Ordinance File No.

COMMITTEE: Finance

OFFERED BY SUPERVISOR(S): Rolland, Taylor, Gómez-Tom, Martin, and Shea

ADD AND/OR DELETE AS FOLLOWS:

Amend the fiscal table for Appropriation Transfer D-5 as follows:

| # | Dept Account Series: | Transfer From: | Transfer To: | Reasoning: (SEE Narrative Below) |
|-----|---|----------------|------------------------|----------------------------------|
| D-5 | WZ0119011 African Plains Exhibit – Design | \$100,698 | \$202,388 | |
| | WZ0119012 Africa Plains Exhibit – Construction | \$3,940,110 | \$3,838,420 | |
| | WZ0219012 Elephant Water Filtration System – Construction | \$1,500,000 | \$1,500,000 | |
| | WZ0141012 Adventure Africa Rhino – Construction | \$1,270,000 | \$1,270,000 | |
| | <u>WP017401 Zoo Front Entrance – Admissions Reconfiguration</u> | | <u>\$1,270,000</u> | |
| | <u>WP083801 Sheridan Park Bluff Stability</u> | | <u>\$58,142</u> | |
| | <u>WP082001 Kops Park Sprayground Replacement</u> | | <u>\$200,000</u> | |
| | <u>WP082101 KK Sports Center Playground Replacement</u> | | <u>\$612,675</u> | |
| | | | | <u>\$399,183</u> |

Amend the narrative to Appropriation Transfer D-5 as follows:

D-5 The Director of the Zoological Department requests an appropriation transfer of \$6,810,809 to split the Zoo Elephant Water Filtration project from the existing WZ011901 - African Plains Exhibit, to recognize \$1,270,000 of additional contributions

from the Zoo Society for Project WZ014101 Adventure Africa - Rhinos, and to reduce bonding for Project WZ017401 Zoo Front Entrance Admissions Reconfiguration by \$1,270,000 **58,142**. Project WZ011901 – African Plains Exhibit began in 2015 and has been managed across both the Advantage and Infor financial systems. The original construction scope has been completed for several years, and the Office of the Comptroller plans to request closure of this project during its next semi-annual lapsing of completed projects. In 2021, an appropriation of \$4,040,000 was approved for installation of a Water Filtration System. To improve project management and financial tracking, an appropriation transfer is now being requested to establish a new capital project dedicated specifically to the Water Filtration System. Financing will follow the same structure as the original exhibit, with a 50% County and 50% Zoological Society split. In July 2024, the County and the Zoo Society entered an amendment for the Rhino Project. The amendment stated that the Zoo Society's savings from the Water Filtration Project, which is split 50/50, would be used to increase the Zoo Society's contribution to Project WZ014101 Adventure Africa - Rhinos. Bids for the Elephant Water Filtration project total \$1,500,000, which is significantly less than the original budget amount. This appropriation transfer will allocate that amount to the newly created project WZ0219 - Elephant Water Filtration, with a 50/50 financing split. This appropriation transfer increases the Zoo Society's contribution to the Rhino Project by \$1,270,000. As a result of the additional \$1,270,000 being contributed by the Zoo Society for Project WZ014101 Adventure Africa - Rhinos, the County can reallocate **a portion of** the Series 2025C taxable bonds previously issued for this project to WZ017401 Zoo Front Entrance Admissions Reconfiguration. This reallocation reduces the amount of bonds needed to be issued for the project and will reduce the County's future debt service payments. **It also allows for \$1,211,858 for three additional parks capital projects.**

An appropriation of \$200,000 in general obligation bond financing is provided for WP083801 – Sheridan Park Bluff Stability for bond eligible work related to the preparation of construction documents. The bluffs in Sheridan Park, located along South Sheridan Drive between East Munkwitz Avenue and East Pulaski Avenue and between East Allerton Avenue and East Armour Avenue, have been identified as areas of significant coastal risk. The bluffs within this area are steep, unstable, and exhibit high bluff crest recession rates that have resulted in unsafe bluff conditions and increasing encroachment toward South Sheridan Drive. The ARPA funded Lake Michigan Bluff Repairs project (WY062509) evaluated and ranked Milwaukee County’s coastline and gave these sections of bluff an average resiliency rank of “F,” with risk values ranging from moderate to high. The bluffs at Sheridan Park were among the highest priorities identified by the evaluation.

The current condition of the bluff crests presents severe safety hazards and makes conventional repair methods, such as grading, both dangerous and cost prohibitive due to the proximity of City of Cudahy property and the height of the bluffs. Continued bluff recession poses a risk to public infrastructure, including South Sheridan Drive, park amenities, and surrounding properties.

While the ultimate bluff stabilization methods will be determined during the design

phase, it is intended to follow the planning phase developed in the Lake Michigan Bluff Repairs project. The planning phase included recommended installation of armor stone groins preloaded with sand sediment or an armor stone revetment, designed to slow erosion at the toe of the existing slopes, and the potential removal or conversion of a section of South Sheridan Road, replacing it with a native vegetation buffer area and safety barriers near the bluff crest. To offset the potential loss of parking provided by South Sheridan Road, the design will also evaluate access and parking options. Design solutions shall also reference the Milwaukee County Coastal Management Guidelines for guidelines on project approach.

The second park project is an appropriation of \$612,675 in general obligation bond financing for WP082001 – Kops Park Sprayground Replacement. The playground at Kops Park is a Class 3 playground and is one of the oldest playgrounds in the Milwaukee County Parks system, having been installed in 1999. Based on age and condition this playground is a high priority for playground replacement within the Milwaukee County Parks System. Milwaukee County Parks owns 111 playgrounds that have been averaging a useful life of approximately 23 years. Kops Park Playground will have been installed 28 years ago in 2027. In order to keep pace with the rate at which facilities are aging out, Parks has set a goal of replacing 6 playgrounds per year and updating sites with exciting, up-to-date, accessible playgrounds that meet current safety standards and guidelines. Due to the proximity between the playground and the wading pool, playground plans would also include implementation of a sprayground feature at the playground to replace the pool, in accordance with the 2025 Aquatic Study recommendations.

The third park project is an appropriation of \$399,183 in general obligation bond financing for WP082101 – KK Sports Center Playground Replacement. The playground at the KK Sports park site is a Class 3 playground and is one of the oldest playgrounds in the Milwaukee County Parks system, having been installed in 2000. Based on age and condition this playground is a high priority for playground replacement within the Milwaukee County Parks System (with a new Class 3 playground). Milwaukee County Parks owns 111 playgrounds that have been averaging a useful life of approximately 23 years. The playground at KK sports Center will have been installed 27 years ago in 2027. In order to keep pace with the rate at which facilities are aging out, Parks has set a goal of replacing 6 playgrounds per year and updating sites with exciting, up-to-date, accessible playgrounds that meet current safety standards and guidelines.