

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

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4 File No. 14-668

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6 (ITEM ) A resolution by Supervisor Weishan, Jr., authorizing that \$200,000 from  
7 the Appropriation for Contingencies account be used for the construction and  
8 installation of a new water pumping system at the Farm and Fish Hatchery, by  
9 recommending adoption of the following:

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11 **A RESOLUTION**

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13 WHEREAS, Milwaukee County has owned the Farm and Fish Hatchery (the  
14 Hatchery) located in the City of Franklin at the Milwaukee County House of Correction  
15 since 1984; and

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17 WHEREAS, in 2006, the Hunger Task Force (HTF) assumed the operational  
18 duties of the Farm portion from the Department of Parks, Recreation, and Culture  
19 (DPRC) under its Lease Agreement terms, and additionally acquired the Hatchery  
20 operations in 2012; and

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22 WHEREAS, a high capacity well that supplies water to the Farm and Hatchery is  
23 located at the House of Correction, where it was originally constructed and operated;  
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26 WHEREAS, in October 2013, the well was irreparably damaged, rendering it  
27 non-functional; and

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29 WHEREAS, the Department of Administrative Services-Risk Management  
30 Division filed an insurance claim in August 2014 for the damages to the well; and

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32 WHEREAS, while it is anticipated Milwaukee County will receive insurance  
33 reimbursement for replacement of the damaged well, it is unknown as to how soon  
34 those would be made available to fund the necessary repairs to the well; and

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36 WHEREAS, the Farm portion is currently being supplied water from the City of  
37 Franklin at the expense of HTF through a water line paid with Community Development  
38 Block Grant funds; and

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40 WHEREAS, there is currently no water being pumped into the Hatchery; and

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42 WHEREAS, all the fish that were located at the Hatchery have been placed in  
43 outdoor rearing ponds, which are at risk for overcrowding, until a new sustainable water  
44 pumping system is identified; and

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46 WHEREAS, there is an immediate need for a functioning water system at the  
47 Hatchery; and

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49 WHEREAS, based on a bid issued by DPRC, the cost estimate for installing a  
50 new high capacity well is approximately \$200,000; and

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52 WHEREAS, a feasibility study was funded by a private donor to determine the  
53 most efficient and cost effective solution for providing water to the Hatchery; and

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55 WHEREAS, per adopted County Board Resolution File No. 14-127, Milwaukee  
56 County has previously authorized transfers of unallocated contingency funds with the  
57 anticipation of incoming insurance proceeds to be returned to the Appropriation for  
58 Contingencies account upon receipt; and

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60 WHEREAS, Milwaukee County must take expeditious action to install a new  
61 water system in order to protect and maintain the remaining fish as well as to ensure the  
62 perpetuity of the Hatchery; now, therefore,

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64 BE IT RESOLVED, that the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors authorizes  
65 \$200,000 from the Appropriation for Contingencies account to be used for the  
66 construction and installation of a new water pumping system on the Farm and Fish  
67 Hatchery grounds; and

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69 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors  
70 authorizes the Comptroller to process a fund transfer in the amount of \$200,000 from  
71 Org. Unit 1945, Appropriation for Contingencies, to Org. Unit 9000, Parks, Recreation,  
72 and Culture, or to a new capital improvement project, whichever is best to account for  
73 the funds; and

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75 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that in the event the Department of Administrative  
76 Services (DAS)-Risk Management Division receives insurance claim proceeds for the  
77 reported damage to the existing well, those funds shall be directly used to offset any  
78 additional costs for the new water system for the Fish Hatchery, and any remaining  
79 funds shall be deposited in the Appropriation for Contingencies account; and

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81 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Department of Parks, Recreation, and  
82 Culture shall work collaboratively with DAS-Risk Management Division and appropriate  
83 qualified contractors to implement this project as quickly as practicable; and

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85 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Hunger Task Force shall continue to  
86 assume all operational and maintenance responsibilities related to the Farm and Fish  
87 Hatchery, per the terms of their Lease Agreement with Milwaukee County.

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