

**COUNTY OF MILWAUKEE
INTEROFFICE COMMUNICATION**

DATE : February 7, 2019

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 for 2020

Request

The Milwaukee County Zoo requests approval to execute an agreement with Billings Productions Inc. for an outdoor exhibition of robotic dinosaurs in 2020. The exhibit will be on display from May 20, 2020 to September 9, 2020.

Background

The 2020 exhibit will combine interactive activities, audio and visual displays, graphics and natural history exhibits to educate guests about dinosaurs. There will be 23 dinosaurs on display including a Hadrosaur Dino Dig and a T. Rex photo-op.

This agreement requires a deposit of \$29,985 in 2019 with the remaining \$269,865 to be paid in 2020. The 2019 Budget includes funding for this deposit. A preliminary expenditure and revenue budget are attached for 2020 and will be included in the Zoo's 2020 Budget Request.

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Zoo Director or his designee be authorized to execute an exhibition agreement with Billings Productions Inc. in 2019 for presentation of an outdoor robotic dinosaur exhibit in 2020.



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Director, Zoological Department

cc: County Executive Chris Abele
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