



Legislation Text

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RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT WITH VEIT & COMPANY, INC. FOR LAKE SUPERIOR ZOO BROWN BEAR EXHIBIT WORK SCOPE 31A EARTHWORK, EXTERIOR IMPROVEMENTS & UTILITIES FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$181,300.

CITY PROPOSAL:

RESOLVED, that the proper city officials are authorized to contract with Veit & Company, Inc. for Lake Superior Zoo brown bear exhibit earthwork, exterior improvements & utilities for a total amount not to exceed \$181,300, payable from fund no. 452-030-5530-HANDHTAX-1502 (tourism & recreational projects; finance; improvements other than buildings; half & half tax projects - zoo restoration).

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE: This resolution authorizes a contract with Veit & Company, Inc. for the Lake Superior Zoo brown bear exhibit earthwork, exterior improvements & utilities for an amount not to exceed \$181,300.

This contract is one of several in an integrated array of contracts to refurbish and repurpose a long vacant polar bear exhibit into new exhibits for brown bears and otters. Veit will be responsible for earthwork and exterior improvements in the exhibit and utility connections, including adding a new storm sewer connection as bid in Alternate #8.

The brown bear and otter exhibits are part of the larger \$3.8 million Bear Country project which also includes refurbished black bear and cougar exhibits. Bear Country is funded through a combination of \$1.9 million in state bonding dollars and a \$1.9 million local match from the half-and-half tourism tax. The entire project is on pace to come in on budget. In the event of budget overages, Lake Superior Zoological Society is responsible to pay 100% of any and all costs in excess of \$3.8 million.

The new black bear and cougar exhibits are expected to open by the end of March of 2020. The target opening for the brown bear and otter exhibits is the end of summer 2020.

Purchasing issued an Invitation to Bid on February 11, 2020, and received two bids as listed below. Veit & Company, Inc. submitted the lowest responsive bid.

<u>Contractor</u>	<u>Base Bid</u>	<u>Alternate #8</u>	<u>Total Bid</u>
Veit & Company	\$156,800	\$24,500	\$181,300
Rachel Contracting	\$180,295	\$80,680	\$260,975