

**OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER  
LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS**

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS COMMUNICATION  
JULY 6, 2021 AGENDA**

<b>Subject:</b>	<b>Action Required:</b>	<b>Approved By:</b>
<p>Authorization to enter into a contract with BMD Builders, LLC, for Grounds and Animal Facility Improvements at the Little Rock Zoo.</p> <p><b>Submitted By:</b></p> <p>Little Rock Zoo</p>	<p>Ordinance √ <b>Resolution</b></p>	<p>Bruce T. Moore City Manager</p>

<b>SYNOPSIS</b>	A resolution to authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with BMD Builders, LLC, for Grounds and Animal Facility Improvements in the Veldt area of the Little Rock Zoo.
<b>FISCAL IMPACT</b>	The total cost of the improvements will be \$281,881.00, which includes a base bid of \$234,901.00, plus 20% contingency of \$46,980.00. Funds are available from the 3/8-Cent Capital Improvement Sales and Compensating Use Tax Fund for Zoo Improvements, Account No. 326659-72504-TS65A32.
<b>RECOMMENDATION</b>	Approval of the resolution
<b>BACKGROUND</b>	The Veldt area of the Zoo includes a multispecies habitat for Zebras, Ostriches, Secretary Birds and Migratory Birds. The animal holding area is downhill from the habitat, and frequently floods due to heavy rain. This project will alleviate the flooding in the holding areas, while improving animal and keeper access to habitat and holding areas. This project will improve health and safety of animals and keepers at the Veldt area. BMD Builders, LLC, was the lowest of three (3) bidders for Event No. 1182.