



Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors

— *Lee Holloway* —

Chairman of the Board

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CHAIRMAN HOLLOWAY STATEMENT ON TERRY GAOUCETTE SETTLEMENT

District Attorney and Former Milwaukee Public Museum CFO agree to settle criminal charges

Milwaukee, WI – Milwaukee County Board Chairman Lee Holloway has released a statement in reference to former Milwaukee Public Museum CFO Terry Gaouette.

“With this settlement, closure has been brought to this case,” Chairman Holloway said. “It’s time to conclude this disappointing chapter and look forward to a great year at the Milwaukee Public Museum (MPM). The Recovery Plan approved by the County Board earlier this year, along with upcoming special exhibits, will help stabilize the museum and preserve it for many generations to come.”

Since the discovery of poor fiscal management by MPM, Inc., in 2005, actions of the County Board have kept the museum open. A Financial Oversight Committee was appointed to oversee the taxpayers’ investment in the museum and a Museum Recovery Committee was created to develop the recovery plan, which is intended to benefit all parties involved, including Milwaukee County taxpayers.

“I would like to personally thank all the members of the Museum Recovery Committee, as well as the Museum Financial Oversight Committee, for all their hard work in helping to move the Milwaukee Public Museum toward a more successful future,” Holloway added. “I also thank the County Board’s Department of Audit for their legwork in this process. They uncovered details that were crucial to the investigation.”

Milwaukee County owns the Milwaukee Public Museum building and artifacts. The County provides more than \$3 million in direct operating funds annually to the Museum.

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