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SEARCH FOR NEW MEDICAL EXAMINER'S OFFICE MOVES FORWARD

Move could lead to more cooperation with other governmental agencies

Milwaukee, WI – Milwaukee County Supervisor Paul Cesarz is leading an effort to search for a new location for the Milwaukee County Medical Examiner's Office. The County Board passed a resolution to that effect by a 18-1 margin.

"The current building is in need of renovation and does not have enough space to meet the Medical Examiner's needs," Supervisor Cesarz said. "I'm looking to relocate this office to a new site, perhaps on or near the Milwaukee County Grounds in Wauwatosa. A new facility or location would likely provide lower costs per square foot."

A new location could allow the Medical Examiner to pursue laboratory service contracts with other governmental agencies. "Moving the office could provide a more central location with easier access to the State Department of Justice Crime Lab and the Medical College of Wisconsin," said Supervisor Gerry Broderick.

The resolution passed at today's County Board meeting directs the Economic Development Division of the Department of Administrative Services to conduct a search and work with the Medical Examiner to review all potential locations, including existing County-owned buildings.

Supervisor Cesarz added that relocating the Medical Examiner's office would permit the County to sell the current space to take advantage of higher property values, due to the land's close proximity to the Park East corridor and former Pabst Brewery property.

County Supervisors Gerry Broderick, Mark Borkowski, and Marina Dimitrijevic co-sponsored this proposal.

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