INTENT & SYNOPSIS: To have the Wood County Board of Supervisors go on record in support of requesting State law change allowing counties the use of the Design-Build Construction Method and update the statutory bidding requirements.

FISCAL NOTE: No appropriations or funds are necessary for this resolution.

WHEREAS, under Wisconsin Statutes § 59.52(29), counties are required to engage in a competitive bidding process on public work construction projects greater than $25,000 and provide a Class I notice on any public work with a cost between $5,000-$25,000; and

WHEREAS, these statutory limits of $5,000 and $25,000 have been in place for decades and need to be updated; and

WHEREAS, the State of Wisconsin has recognized the advantages of the Design-Build Method and authorizes that process to be followed for state-controlled building projects and certain other entities; and

WHEREAS, at the current time, Wisconsin counties are not authorized to use the Design-Build Method for construction projects; and

WHEREAS, under the Design-Build Construction Method, counties would contract with a single entity to provide both the design and the construction of a public work project as opposed to having to bid those projects separately; and

WHEREAS, in addition to a single source of responsibility, other advantages of Design-Build include enhanced creativity, guaranteed costs, faster project completion, improved risk management, fewer change orders and less administrative burden.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Wood County Board of Supervisors duly assembled this 20th day of March, 2018 that we hereby request those state legislators representing any portion of Wood County to introduce and support legislation authorizing counties to utilize the Design-Build option.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the legislature take action to update the antiquated project limits in Sec. 59.52(29), Stats., from $25,000 to $250,000, and the requirement of a Class I notice be raised for any public work to a cost in excess of $50,000.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County Clerk is directed to send copies of this resolution to the Wood County Legislative Delegation and the Wisconsin Counties Association to elicit support for these requested changes in state law.

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Adopted by the County Board of Wood County, this 20th day of March 2018.

County Clerk

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Bill Clendenning

County Board Chairman