Resolution No. 78 - 03/19
Urging the State Legislature to Increase the Public Work Limit from $25,000

Moved/Sponsored by: Finance Committee

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 1 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 many decades notwithstanding the impact of inflation during that time; and,

WHEREAS, complying with the statutory bidding requirements adds significant time and in some cases costs to public construction projects; and,

WHEREAS, many counties, including Walworth County, engage in competitive bidding processes that can achieve the same results as following the statutory procedures without adding unnecessary delays to projects.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Walworth County Board of Supervisors hereby requests that our State Legislature take action to update the antiquated project limit in Sec. 59.52(29), Wis. Stats., from $25,000 to $250,000, and the requirement of a Class 1 notice be raised for any public work to a cost in excess of $50,000.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Walworth County Board of Supervisors direct the County Clerk to forward a copy of this resolution to our Legislators, Governor Tony Evers, and the Wisconsin Counties Association.

Nancy Russell
County Board Chair

Kimberly S. Bushey
County Clerk

County Board Meeting Date: February 21, 2019

Action Required: Majority Vote X Two-thirds Vote _____ Other _____

Policy and Fiscal Note is attached.
Reviewed and approved pursuant to Section 2.91 of the Walworth County Code of Ordinances:

David A. Brelf
County Administrator/Corporation Counsel

Nicole Andersen
Deputy County Administrator - Finance

If unsigned, exceptions shall be so noted by the County Administrator.

Adopted: Roll Call Vote

Rejected/Referred/Laid Over

Ayes: Noes: Absent:

Date: March 12, 2019
Policy and Fiscal Note
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I. **Title:** Urging the State Legislature to Increase the Public Work Limit from $25,000

II. **Purpose and Policy Impact Statement:** The purpose of this resolution is to urge the State Legislature to increase the public work limit from $25,000.

III. **Budget and Fiscal Impact:** Passage of this resolution will not fiscally impact the County budget.

IV. **Referred to the following standing committees for consideration and date of referral:**

   Committee: Finance Committee
   Meeting Date: February 21, 2019
   Vote: 4-0

County Board Meeting Date: March 12, 2019

Policy and fiscal note has been reviewed and approved as an accurate statement of the probable policy and fiscal impacts associated with passage of the attached resolution.

David A. Bret! Date
County Administrator/Corporation Counsel

Nicole Andersen Date
Deputy County Administrator – Finance

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