Resolution No. 35 (2017)
RESOLUTION REQUESTING STATE LAW CHANGE ALLOWING COUNTIES THE USE OF THE DESIGN-BUILD CONSTRUCTION METHOD AND UPDATE THE STATUTORY BIDDING REQUIREMENTS

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 allowed 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 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 St. Croix County Board of Supervisors duly assembled this fifth day of September, 2017 does hereby request that the St. Croix County Legislators 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 limit 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 authorized to send copies of this resolution to the St. Croix County Legislative Delegation and the Wisconsin Counties Association to elicit support for this requested change in state law.
**Legal – Fiscal – Administrative Approvals:**

**Legal Note:**

**Fiscal Impact:** No fiscal impact. This resolution encourages a change to State law that will provide additional options for the County when bidding projects.

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Scott L. Cox, Corporation Counsel 8/10/2017

Robert Mittet, Finance Director 8/8/2017

Patrick Thompson, County Administrator 8/10/2017

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**RESULT:** APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]

**MOVER:** Jill Ann Berke, Vice Chair

**SECONDER:** Shaela Leibfried, Supervisor

**AYES:** Sjoberg, Moothedan, Berke, Ard, Leibfried

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Vote Confirmation.

Roy Sjoberg, Supervisor 8/28/2017

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**St. Croix County Board of Supervisors Action:**

Roll Call - Vote Requirement – Majority of Supervisors Present
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This Resolution was Adopted as Amended by the St. Croix County Board of Supervisors on September 5, 2017

Cindy Campbell, County Clerk