



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

1 **WHEREAS**, under Wisconsin Statutes § 59.52(29), counties are required to engage in a
2 competitive bidding process on public work construction projects greater than \$25,000 and provide
3 a Class I notice on any public work with a cost between \$5,000-\$25,000; and
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5 **WHEREAS**, these statutory limits of \$5,000 and \$25,000 have been in place for decades and
6 need to be updated; and
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8 **WHEREAS**, the State of Wisconsin has recognized the advantages of the Design-Build
9 Method and authorizes that process to be allowed for state-controlled building projects and certain
10 other entities; and
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12 **WHEREAS**, at the current time, Wisconsin counties are not authorized to use the Design-
13 Build Method for construction projects; and
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15 **WHEREAS**, under the Design-Build Construction Method, counties would contract with a
16 single entity to provide both the design and the construction of a public work project as opposed to
17 having bid those projects separately; and
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19 **WHEREAS**, in addition to a single source of responsibility, other advantages of Design-Build
20 include enhanced creativity, guaranteed costs, faster project completion, improved risk
21 management, fewer change orders and less administrative burden.
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23 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the St. Croix County Board of Supervisors
24 duly assembled this fifth day of September, 2017 does hereby request that the St. Croix County
25 Legislators introduce and support legislation authorizing counties to utilize the Design-Build
26 option.
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28 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the legislature take action to update the antiquated
29 project limit in Sec. 59.52(29), Stats., from \$25,000 to \$250,000, and the requirement of a Class I
30 notice be raised for any public work to a cost in excess of \$50,000.
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32 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the County Clerk is authorized to send copies of this
33 resolution to the St. Croix County Legislative Delegation and the Wisconsin Counties Association
34 to elicit support for this requested change in state law.
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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.


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



Robert Mittet, Finance Director 8/8/2017


Patrick Thompson, County Administrator 8/10/2017

08/16/17 Administration Committee APPROVED

RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Jill Ann Berke, Vice Chair
SECONDER: Shaela Leibfried, Supervisor
AYES: Sjoberg, Moothedan, Berke, Ard, Leibfried

Vote Confirmation.


Roy Sjoberg, Supervisor 8/28/2017

St. Croix County Board of Supervisors Action:

Roll Call - Vote Requirement – Majority of Supervisors Present

RESULT:	ADOPTED AS AMENDED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Tom Coulter, Supervisor
SECONDER:	Roy Sjoberg, Supervisor
AYES:	Ring, Babbitt, Coulter, Sjoberg, Long, Moothedan, Nelson, Berke, Ostness, Larson, Hansen, Ard, Brinkman, Peterson, Anderson, Achterhof, Leibfried
ABSENT:	Ryan S. Sicard, William Peavey

This Resolution was Adopted as Amended by the St. Croix County Board of Supervisors on September 5, 2017

Cindy Campbell, County Clerk