

BARRON COUNTY RESOLUTION NO. 2020 - 16

Resolution Supporting Building Expansion, and New Equipment and Facility Updates at the State of Wisconsin Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory, Guy Avenue, City of Barron

TO THE BARRON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:

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2 **WHEREAS**, on August 12th, 2019 County Administrator French, and Economic
3 Development Director Armstrong were invited to a meeting of the Board of Directors of
4 the Wisconsin Veterinary Diagnostic Lab, at the State of Wisconsin Veterinary Lab, City
5 of Barron, Guy Avenue; and

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7 **WHEREAS**, one of the Agenda items, was to discuss and describe, details of the
8 need to expand the building and to purchase new equipment at this facility, so that it
9 continues to be in compliance with evolving diagnostic needs; and

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11 **WHEREAS**, on September 20th, 2019 Keith Poulsen, DVM, Ph.D., Director,
12 provided additional details for the building and equipment upgrades to Administrator
13 French, Exhibit #1; and

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15 **WHEREAS**, the Agriculture and Poultry industry are vital to the economic future
16 of Northwest Wisconsin and Barron County in particular; and

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18 **WHEREAS**, the 2017 *Census of Agriculture – County Data*, Exhibit #2., lists 168,
19 Any Poultry farms in Barron County; and

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21 **WHEREAS**, the 2017 *Census of Agriculture, County Profile*, Exhibit #3., states
22 the total Market Value of Agriculture Products Sold, in Barron County is \$266,402,000,
23 among other data; and

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25 **WHEREAS**, after the above referenced meeting Administrator French contacted
26 Jennie-O Turkey Store as to their support for the requested improvements at the Barron
27 Veterinary Lab; and

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29 **WHEREAS**, by letter, dated August 28th, 2019, Steve Lykken, President, Jennie-
30 O Turkey Store, Exhibit #4., indicates their support for the requested improvements; and

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32 **WHEREAS**, to further verify the financial impact of not making the requested
33 improvements, Administrator French has attached to this Resolution Exhibit #5., which
34 indicates a total budget for this facility of \$7,333,600.00 for FY20, ending 7-31-2019,
35 including \$1.7M for 13FTE's at the Barron facility; and

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37 **WHEREAS**, by phone on 9-17-2019 DVM Poulsen communicated to
38 Administrator French that at present the above expansion and improvements could
39 possibly be placed last, or nearly last, in the list of the approximately \$1.5B worth of

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40 State-wide building and equipment improvement requests, resulting in a six to eight year
41 time-frame before completion of these upgrades; and

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43 **WHEREAS**, the Barron County Board of Supervisors is willing to go on record
44 supporting building improvements and new equipment purchases at the State of
45 Wisconsin Veterinary Clinic in Barron; and

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47 **WHEREAS**, the Barron County Board of Supervisors is willing and desirous to
48 see these requested improvement occur in a timely and efficient manner; and

49 **WHEREAS**, this resolution was approved by the LCC/Extension Committee on
50 January 7, 2020, on a vote of 5 - 0, with Horstman, Gores, Skoug, Nelson and Huth voting
51 in favor and no members voting against. Rindsig and McRoberts were absent; and

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53 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Barron County Board of
54 Supervisors does hereby fully support the recommend building, equipment and facility
55 improvements at the Wisconsin Veterinary Diagnostic Lab, City of Barron, Guy Avenue;
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58 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Barron County of Supervisors does
59 hereby urge the State of Wisconsin to make the requested improvements to the Barron
60 Facility quickly; and

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62 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that this Resolution be forwarded to the
63 Wisconsin Counties Association for inclusion in the 2020 WCA Annual listing of
64 Resolutions to be considered at the Annual Convention; and

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66 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that this Resolution be distributed to Governor
67 Evers, Representative Quinn, Senator Bewley, UW Board of Regents members, all
68 members of the Assembly Committee on Agriculture, all members of the Senate
69 Committee on Universities, Technical Colleges, Children and Families; and

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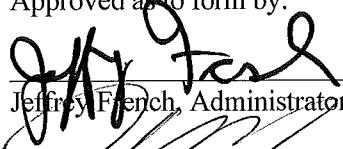

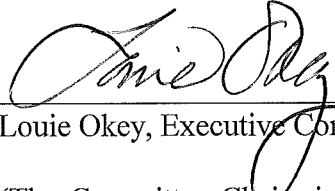
71 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that publication of this resolution may occur
72 through posting in accordance with Section 985.02 of the Wisconsin Statutes.

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OFFERED THIS 15th day of June, 2020.

<p>Number of readings required: One (X) Two ()</p> <p>Vote required for passage: Majority (X) 2/3 Entire Board (20) ()</p> <p>Source of funding: Budgeted () General Fund () Grant () Contingency () Other (X) Details: N/A _____</p> <p>Fiscal impact: - Current year total amount: \$ - 0 - - Future years total amount: \$ - 0 - - Effect on tax levy – current year - \$ - 0 - - Effect on tax levy – future years - \$ - 0 -</p> <p>Fiscal impact reviewed by County Finance Department:  _____ Jodi Busch, Finance Director</p> <p>Approved as to form by:  _____ Jeffrey French, Administrator</p> <p> _____ John Muench, Corporation Counsel</p>	<p> _____ Louie Okey, Executive Committee Chair</p> <p>(The Committee Chair signature verifies the action taken by the Committee.)</p> <p>Board Action: Adopted (X) Failed () Tabled ()</p> <p>Motion: (Rindsig/Moen) to approve. Discussion. Carried.</p>
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