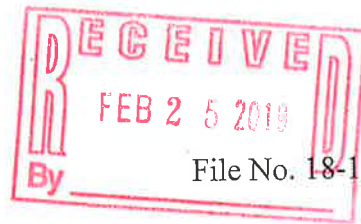


Enrolled No. R162-066

RESOLUTION



File No. 18-19/102

-REQUESTING CHANGES IN THE STATUTORY BIDDING REQUIREMENTS FOR PUBLIC WORK CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS-

WHEREAS; under Wis. Stat. §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 public work with a cost between \$5,000-\$25,000; and

WHEREAS, these statutory limits have been in place for decades and need to be updated to reflect the time and cost incurred by counties in the competitive bidding process. A change to \$100,000 for competitively bid projects would be more realistic, and

WHEREAS, eliminating the requirement for a class 1 notice would reduce the time required to begin projects while reflecting the fact that almost all bids are delivered via email or other electronic means; and

WHEREAS, removing the phrase “or furnishing supplies or material of any kind” from Wis. Stat. §59.52(29) would be consistent with Wis. Stat. §62.16 for cities and is not needed due to the statutory definition of “public work”.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Eau Claire County Board of Supervisors requests that our state legislators introduce and support legislation changing the statutory bidding requirements for public work construction projects for counties under Wis. Stat. §59.52(29) by increasing the project limit from \$25,000 to \$100,000, eliminating the Class 1 notice requirement and eliminating the “or furnishing of supplies or material of any kind” language.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Eau Claire County Board directs the county clerk to forward a copy of this resolution to legislators representing Eau Claire County, Governor Tony Evers and the Wisconsin Counties Association.

ADOPTED: February 20, 2019

Janet K. Loomis
County Clerk