

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

1 Moved/Sponsored by: Finance Committee

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3 **WHEREAS**, under Wisconsin Statutes § 59.52(29), counties are required to engage in a
4 competitive bidding process on public work construction projects greater than \$25,000 and
5 provide a Class 1 notice on any public work with a cost between \$5,000-\$25,000; and,

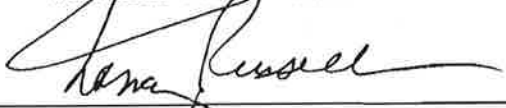
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7 **WHEREAS**, these statutory limits of \$5,000 and \$25,000 have been in place for many decades
8 notwithstanding the impact of inflation during that time; and,


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

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

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

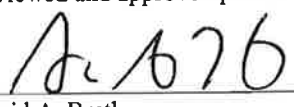

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22 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Walworth County Board of Supervisors direct the
23 County Clerk to forward a copy of this resolution to our Legislators, Governor Tony Evers, and
24 the Wisconsin Counties Association.

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28 Nancy Russell
29 County Board Chair

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33 Kimberly S. Bushey
County Clerk

34 County Board Meeting Date: February 21, 2019

35 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:	
 Date <u>2/27/19</u> David A. Bretl County Administrator/Corporation Counsel	 Date <u>2/27/19</u> Nicole Andersen Deputy County Administrator - Finance
If unsigned, exceptions shall be so noted by the County Administrator.	

This Resolution/Ordinance was:
Adopted Roll Call/U.C. Voice
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:**

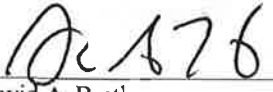
Committee: Finance Committee

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.

 2/27/19

Date
David A. Bretl
County Administrator/Corporation Counsel

 2/27/19

Date
Nicole Andersen
Deputy County Administrator – Finance

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