## $\frac{Resolution\ No.\ 105-02/23}{Urging\ the\ State\ Legislature\ to\ Increase\ the\ Public\ Work\ Limit\ above\ \$25,000}$

1 2	Moved/Sponsored by: Public Works Committee				
3 4 5 6	<b>WHEREAS</b> , 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 1 notice on any public work with a cost between \$5,000-\$25,000; and,				
7 8 9	<b>WHEREAS</b> , these statutory limits of \$5,000 and \$25,000 have been in place for many decades notwithstanding the impact of inflation; and,				
10 11 12	<b>WHEREAS</b> , complying with the statutory bidding requirements adds significant time and costs to public construction projects; and,				
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17 18 19	WHEREAS, many delays are the result of the continuous debate over what constitutes maintenance versus repairs because maintenance costs often exceed present thresholds; and,				
20 21 22	<b>WHEREAS</b> , the Wisconsin Counties Association's legislative agendas have included recommendations to quadruple existing public works thresholds.				
23 24 25 26	<b>NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED</b> that the Walworth County Board of Supervisors hereby requests that our State Legislature take action to update the antiquated project and notification thresholds in Sec. 59.52(29), Wis. Stats., by a factor of four (4) to ten (10).				
27 28 29 30 31	BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Walworth County Board of Supervisors direct the County Clerk to forward a copy of this resolution to our Legislators, Governor Tony Evers, and the Wisconsin Counties Association.				
32 33 34	Rick Stacey County Board Chair Susi Pike County Clerk				
35 36	County Board Meeting Date: February 14, 2023				
37	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:					
	Michael P. Cotter Date Jessica Conley Date Corporation Counsel Finance Director				
	Mark W. Luberda County Administrator  O1/30/2023  This Resolution Ordinance was:  Adopted Roll Call/U.C. Voice  Rejected/Referred/Laid Over				
	If unsigned, exceptions shall be so noted by the County Administrator.  Ayes: Noes: Absorb:				

## Policy and Fiscal Note Resolution No. 105 – 02/23

- I. Title: Urging the State Legislature to Increase the Public Work Limit above \$25,000
- II. Purpose and Policy Impact Statement: Under Wisconsin Statutes § 59.52(29), county construction contracts that exceed \$25,000 must be awarded to the lowest responsible bidder using the competitive bidding process. In addition, if the estimated public work is between \$5,000 and \$25,000, the County must give a Class I notice before it contracts for such work. These dollar limits have been in place for decades and are unrealistic and need to be updated to a more current number.
- **III. Budget and Fiscal Impact:** Increased thresholds would positively impact project, repair, and maintenance turnover while reducing reliance on architectural and engineering firms for bidding documents.
- IV. Referred to the following standing committee(s) for consideration and date of referral:

Committee:

**Public Works Committee** 

Date: January 16, 2023

Vote:

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County Board Meeting Date: February 14, 2023

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.					
Michael P. Cotter  Michael P. Cotter  Corporation Counsel	<b>01/30/2023</b> Date	Jessica Conley Finance Director	<b>01/30/2023</b> Date		
Mark W. Luberda County Administrator	01/30/2023 Date				