

Resolution No. 105 – 02/23

Urging the State Legislature to Increase the Public Work Limit above \$25,000

1 Moved/Sponsored by: Public Works 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; and,
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10 **WHEREAS**, complying with the statutory bidding requirements adds significant time and costs
11 to public construction projects; and,
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13 **WHEREAS**, as counties engage in competitive bidding processes at low dollar thresholds
14 results in unnecessary delays and incur costs from architectural and engineering firms to develop
15 bidding documents, even for the smallest of projects; and,
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17 **WHEREAS**, many delays are the result of the continuous debate over what constitutes
18 maintenance versus repairs because maintenance costs often exceed present thresholds; and,
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20 **WHEREAS**, the Wisconsin Counties Association's legislative agendas have included
21 recommendations to quadruple existing public works thresholds.
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23 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Walworth County Board of Supervisors
24 hereby requests that our State Legislature take action to update the antiquated project and
25 notification thresholds in Sec. 59.52(29), Wis. Stats., by a factor of four (4) to ten (10).
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27 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Walworth County Board of Supervisors direct the
28 County Clerk to forward a copy of this resolution to our Legislators, Governor Tony Evers, and
29 the Wisconsin Counties Association.
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32 Rick Stacey
33 County Board Chair
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32 Susi Pike
33 County Clerk
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35 County Board Meeting Date: February 14, 2023
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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:	
<i>Michael P. Cotter</i> MICHAEL P. COTTER CORPORATION COUNSEL	<u>01/30/2023</u> Date	<i>Jessica Conley</i> JESSICA CONLEY FINANCE DIRECTOR	<u>01/30/2023</u> Date
<i>Mark W. Lubenda</i> MARK W. LUBENDA COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR	<u>01/30/2023</u> Date	This Resolution Ordinance was: <u>Adopted</u> Roll Call/ <u>Voice</u> Rejected/Referred/Laid Over Ayes: _____ Noes: _____ Absent: _____ Date <u>February 14, 2023</u>	
If unsigned, exceptions shall be so noted by the County Administrator.			

