

ADDENDUM

Eau Claire County Board of Supervisors
Tuesday, October 1, 2019/ 7 pm
Courthouse, County Boardroom (Room 1277)
721 Oxford Ave. Eau Claire, WI

Eau Claire County Mission Statement:

"To provide quality, innovative and cost-effective services that safeguard and enhance the well-being of residents and resources"

- (1) Indicates 1st Reading
- (2) Indicates 2nd Reading

10. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES, COMMITTEES, COMMISSIONS AND BOARDS UNDER 2.04.160 AND SECOND READING OF ORDINANCES

Committee on Finance & Budget

File No.

19-20/069 (1)

Resolution – Approving a Budget Transfer of \$134,500 from the 6th Courtroom Capital Projects Account and \$270,000 from the Highway Design Capital Project to Fund Repairs to the Highway Building in Altoona

FACT SHEET

TO FILE NO. 19-20/069

This resolution amends the 2019 Eau Claire County budget by transferring \$134,500 from the 6th Courtroom capital projects account and reallocating \$270,000 from the highway design capital project to provide funding for an alternate project in 2019.

The Eau Claire County Board of Supervisors approved Resolution 19-20/011 “Postponing Construction of the 6th Courtroom until the Wisconsin Legislature Creates a 6th Eau Claire County Circuit Court Judges Position” on April 16, 2019. The original 2019 budget included approved capital project funding of \$799,500 for this project. With this project now contingent upon the approval of a sixth judgeship and the timing of such not requiring a 6th courtroom be constructed in 2019, the associated bonding capacity approved for this project would be available for alternate projects.

Resolutions 19-20/051 and 19-20/068 reallocated \$665,000 of the original courtroom funding to three projects. This resolution proposes allocating the remaining \$134,500 to complete priority repairs to the highway building in Altoona.

In addition, the 2019 capital budget included \$270,000 to begin the design of a new highway building. Total design fees are expected to be approximately \$800,000. Construction of a new highway building is expected to cost the county approximately \$17-\$22 million. The county would issue general obligation bonds to fund this construction.

The county has a debt limit policy that states total principal and interest payments on general obligation debt should not exceed 30% of the total tax levy. With existing debt payments, the county is expected to exceed this amount in 2019, putting it out of compliance with its policy. Current capital and debt projections for 2020-2024 do not include amounts for a new highway building.

The county does not believe that funding a new highway building is feasible given the current outstanding debt and associated debt service, until such time that the total county debt profile allows for total debt service payments to more align with the debt limit policy. Based on the expected timing of when that situation could occur, investing in design plans in 2019 would not be financially prudent.

This resolution proposes reallocating the \$270,000 design funding to complete priority repairs at the highway building in Altoona.

The total amount to be reallocated to complete repairs at the highway building in Altoona is \$404,500.

Fiscal Impact: None, as funding has already been approved as part of the 2019 budget

Respectfully Submitted,

Amy Weiss
Senior Accounting Manager

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RESOLUTION

File No. 19-20/069

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3 - APPROVING A BUDGET TRANSFER OF \$134,500 FROM THE 6th COURTROOM
4 CAPITAL PROJECTS ACCOUNT AND \$270,000 FROM THE HIGHWAY DESIGN
5 CAPITAL PROJECT TO FUND REPAIRS TO THE HIGHWAY BUIDLING IN
6 ALTOONA -
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8 WHEREAS, in accordance with Wis. Stat. § 65.90(5)(a), the amounts of the various
9 appropriations and the purposes for such appropriations stated in a budget may not be changed
10 unless authorized by a vote of two-thirds of the entire membership of the County Board of
11 Supervisors; and
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13 WHEREAS, Resolution 19-20/011 “Postponing Construction of the 6th Courtroom until
14 the Wisconsin Legislature Creates a 6th Eau Claire County Circuit Court Judges Position” was
15 approved at the April 16, 2019 board meeting; and
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17 WHEREAS, the postponement of the 6th courtroom construction frees up \$799,500
18 bonding capacity for additional projects in 2019; and
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20 WHEREAS, after Resolutions 19-20/051 and 19-20/068, there is remaining bonding
21 capacity of \$134,500 for projects in 2019, specifically for priority repairs to the highway building
22 in Altoona; and
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24 WHEREAS, the 2019 adopted budget includes an allocation of \$270,000 to begin the
25 design process for a new highway building. The total design cost is estimated to be approximately
26 \$800,000, and construction costs for a new building are estimated to be approximately \$17-\$22
27 million. Construction costs would be funded by general obligation debt issues; and
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29 WHEREAS, the county has a debt limit policy that states principal and interest on general
30 obligation debt should not exceed 30% of the total tax levy; and
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32 WHEREAS, payment on outstanding debt issues is expected to exceed 30% of the total tax
33 levy in 2019, thus putting the county out of compliance with the debt policy; and
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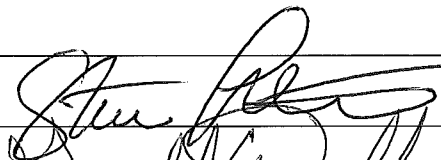
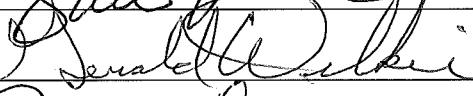
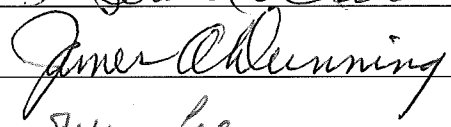
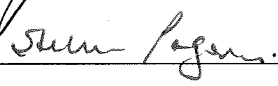
35 WHEREAS, the county does not believe that a new highway building is feasible until some
36 existing debt is paid off; and
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38 NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Eau Claire County Board of Supervisors
39 that the Board approves transferring \$134,500 from the 6th Courtroom capital projects account
40 (#405-02-57140-820-000) to the highway building repairs capital project account
41 (#405-16-57141-822-019) and reallocating \$270,000 from the highway building design capital
42 project to fund priority repairs to the highway building. The total amount to be reallocated for
43 priority building repairs is \$404,500.
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45 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that within 10 days the County Clerk shall file a Class 1
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Committee on Finance and Budget

Dated this 27th day of September, 2019.