

**RESOLUTION EXPRESSING INTENT TO PROCEED WITH  
COURTHOUSE DOME PROJECT**

TO THE MANITOWOC COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:

1 WHEREAS, the current Manitowoc County courthouse ("Courthouse") was originally built in  
2 1907; and  
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4 WHEREAS, throughout the history of the Courthouse, multiple improvements have been  
5 made, including in 1950 when the exterior dome was rebuilt and repaired after sustaining damage from  
6 a severe wind and hail storm; and  
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8 WHEREAS, in 2022 the Public Works Department commissioned a study to assist the  
9 department with project scope and budget considerations for restoration and repair of the Courthouse  
10 tower and exterior dome, restoration of the atrium interior dome, replacement of the Courthouse  
11 exterior windows, and courthouse HVAC system ("Project"); and  
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13 WHEREAS, the Courthouse is the civic image of the Manitowoc County government and is  
14 central to the fiber of Manitowoc County; and  
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16 WHEREAS, in January of 2023 the county board of supervisors of the county of Manitowoc  
17 formed an ad hoc Courthouse Dome Advisory Committee ("ad hoc Committee") that included the  
18 members of the Executive Committee, the chair of the Public Works Committee, the chair of the  
19 Finance Committee, six members of the County Board appointed by the County Board chair, two  
20 citizen members, and one Manitowoc County circuit court judge; and  
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22 WHEREAS, the ad hoc Committee meet a total of five times to discuss project scope and  
23 budget considerations; and  
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25 WHEREAS, on May 24, 2023, the ad hoc Committee forwarded the Committee's project  
26 scope-of-work recommendations to the Public Works Committee; and  
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28 WHEREAS, on June 14, 2023, the Public Works Committee passed a motion to accept the ad  
29 hoc Committee's recommendations; and  
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31 WHEREAS, on July 10, 2023, the Finance Committee and Public Works Committee held a  
32 joint meeting to consider the recommendations of the ad hoc Committee; and  
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34 WHEREAS, after careful consideration and review, both the Finance Committee and the  
35 Public Works Committee recommend proceeding with the Project at a cost not to exceed thirty million  
36 dollars with the Project to be funded by long term borrowing;  
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38 NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the county board of supervisors of the county of  
39 Manitowoc hereby expresses its intent to proceed with the repair and restoration of the Courthouse  
40 tower and exterior dome, repair and restoration of the atrium interior dome, replacement of the  
41 Courthouse exterior windows, and update of the courthouse HVAC system at a cost not to exceed thirty  
42 million dollars with the Project to be funded through long term borrowing; and

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the next step in the process is for the Public Works Committee to undertake the bidding process consistent with Wisconsin law.

Dated this 18th day of July 2023.

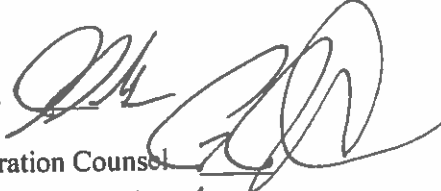
Respectfully submitted by the  
Public Works Committee

  
Rick Gerroll, Chair

Finance Committee

  
Paul Hansen, Chair

FISCAL IMPACT: None.

FISCAL NOTE: Reviewed and approved by Finance Director. 

LEGAL NOTE: Reviewed and approved as to form by Corporation Counsel. 

APPROVED:

  
Bob Ziegelbauer, County Executive

Date 7/19/2023