

**RESOLUTION PETITIONING FOR AIRPORT IMPROVEMENT AID  
AND DESIGNATING THE SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION AS  
AGENT**

TO THE MANITOWOC COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:

1           WHEREAS, Manitowoc County, Wisconsin is authorized by Wis. Stat. § 114.11, to  
2 acquire, establish, construct, own, control, lease, equip, improve, maintain, and operate an airport;  
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5           WHEREAS, Manitowoc County desires to develop or improve the Manitowoc County  
6 Airport, located in Manitowoc County, Wisconsin; and  
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8           WHEREAS, Manitowoc County desires to make a PETITION FOR AIRPORT PROJECT  
9 to the Secretary of the Wisconsin Department of Transportation; and  
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11           WHEREAS, airport users have been consulted in formulation of the improvements  
12 included in this Resolution; and  
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14           WHEREAS, a public hearing was held prior to the filing of this Resolution Petitioning for  
15 Airport Improvement Aid in accordance with Wis. Stat. § 114.33(2), as amended, and a transcript  
16 of the hearing is to be transmitted with the petition;  
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18           NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the county board of supervisors of the  
19 county of Manitowoc hereby approves a petition for federal or state aid, or both, in the following  
20 form:  
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22           The petitioner, desiring to sponsor an airport development project with federal or state aid,  
23 or both, in accordance with the applicable state and federal laws, respectfully represents and states:  
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25           1.     That the airport, which it is desired to develop, should generally conform to the  
26 requirements for a General Aviation type airport as defined by the Federal Aviation  
27 Administration.  
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29           2.     That the character, extent, and kind of improvements that it desires under the project  
30 are as follows:  
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- 32           •     Acquire Mowing Equipment;
- 33           •     Crack seal and sealcoat airport pavements;
- 34           •     Reconstruct Airport Lighting Vault;
- 35           •     Clear and maintain runway approaches as stated in Wis. Admin. Code § Trans 55;
- 36           •     Any necessary related work.  
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38 3. That the airport project, which your petitioner desires to sponsor, is necessary to  
39 meet the existing and future needs of the airport.

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43 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that it is recognized that the improvements petitioned for  
44 as listed will be funded individually or collectively as funds are available, with specific project  
45 costs to be approved as work is authorized, the proportionate cost of the airport development  
46 projects described above which are to be paid by the Manitowoc County to the Secretary of the  
47 Wisconsin Department of Transportation (hereinafter referred to as the Secretary) to be held in  
48 trust for the purposes of the project; any unneeded and unspent balance after the project is  
49 completed is to be returned to Manitowoc County by the Secretary; Manitowoc County will,  
50 subject to available appropriations, make available any additional monies that may be found  
51 necessary, upon request of the Secretary, to complete the project as described above; the Secretary  
52 shall have the right to suspend or discontinue the project at any time additional monies are found  
53 to be necessary by the Secretary, and Manitowoc County does not provide the same; in the event  
54 Manitowoc County unilaterally terminates the project, all reasonable federal and state expenditures  
55 related to the project shall be paid by Manitowoc County; and

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57 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Manitowoc County is required by Wis.  
58 Stat. § 114.32(5) to designate the Secretary as its agent to accept, receive, receipt for, and disburse  
59 any funds granted by the United States under the Federal Airport and Airway Improvement Act,  
60 and is authorized by law to designate the Secretary as its agent for other purposes; and

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62 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary is hereby designated as Manitowoc  
63 County's agent and is requested to agree to act as such in matters relating to the airport  
64 development project described above, and is hereby authorized as Manitowoc County's agent to  
65 make all arrangements for the development and final acceptance of the completed project whether  
66 by contract, agreement, force account or otherwise; and to accept, receive, receipt for and disburse  
67 federal monies or other monies, either public or private, for the acquisition, construction,  
68 improvement, maintenance and operation of the airport; and, to acquire property or interests in  
69 property by purchase, gift, lease, or eminent domain under Wis. Stat. ch. 32; and, to supervise the  
70 work of any engineer, appraiser, negotiator, contractor or other person employed by the Secretary;  
71 and, to execute any assurances or other documents required or requested by any agency of the  
72 federal government and to comply with all federal and state laws, rules, and regulations relating to  
73 airport development projects; and

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75 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Manitowoc County requests that the Secretary  
76 provide, per Wis. Stat. § 114.33(8)(a), that the sponsor may acquire certain parts of the required  
77 land or interests in land that the Secretary shall find necessary to complete the aforesaid project;  
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80 BE It FURTHER RESOLVED that Manitowoc County agrees to maintain and operate the  
81 airport in accordance with certain conditions established in Wis. Admin. Code ch. Trans 55, or in  
82 accordance with Manitowoc County's assurances enumerated in a federal grant agreement; and  
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**RESOLUTION ADOPTING MANITOWOC COUNTY HAZARD  
MITIGATION PLAN 2025-2030**

TO THE MANITOWOC COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:

1           WHEREAS, Manitowoc County recognizes the threat that natural hazards pose to people  
2 and property; and

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4           WHEREAS, undertaking hazard mitigation actions before disasters occur will reduce the  
5 potential for harm to people and property and save taxpayer dollars; and

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7           WHEREAS, an adopted natural hazards mitigation plan is required as a condition of future  
8 grant funding for mitigation projects; and

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10          WHEREAS, in recognition of the need to prepare for the mitigation of natural hazards,  
11 Manitowoc County has prepared its Manitowoc County Hazard Mitigation Plan 2025-2030 (the  
12 “Plan”); and

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14          WHEREAS, Wisconsin Emergency Management (“WEM”) has reviewed and approved  
15 the Plan; and

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17          WHEREAS, the Public Safety Committee has provided the County Board with a copy of  
18 the Plan; and

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20          WHEREAS, after careful consideration and review, the Public Safety Committee  
21 recommends that the County Board adopt the Manitowoc County Hazard Mitigation Plan 2025-  
22 2030 as presented;

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24          NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the county board of supervisors of the  
25 county of Manitowoc adopts the Manitowoc County Hazard Mitigation Plan 2025-2030 as  
26 approved by Wisconsin Emergency Management as the County’s official Hazard Mitigation Plan;  
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29          BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that upon approval of the Manitowoc County Hazard  
30 Mitigation Plan 2025-2030 by Manitowoc County, the County authorizes Bay-Lake Regional  
31 Planning Commission to submit the Plan to Wisconsin Emergency Management and Federal  
32 Emergency Management Agency officials for final approval, as required under the Hazard  
33 Mitigation Grant Program.

Dated this 21st day of January 2025.

Respectfully submitted by the  
Public Safety Committee

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James Falkowski, 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

**RESOLUTION ENDORSING APPLICATION FOR BROADBAND  
EXPANSION IN MANITOWOC COUNTY FROM BERTRAM  
COMMUNICATIONS**

TO THE MANITOWOC COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:

1           WHEREAS, Broadband, Equity, Access, and Deployment (“BEAD”) funding is available  
2 for unserved and underserved households and businesses within Manitowoc County; and  
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4           WHEREAS, the county board of supervisors of the county of Manitowoc recognizes that  
5 broadband connectivity and reliability are critical infrastructure for health, safety, and quality of  
6 life for all county residents; and  
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8           WHEREAS, Manitowoc County participates in the Manitowoc County Rural Broadband  
9 Taskforce; and  
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11           WHEREAS, the Manitowoc County Rural Broadband Taskforce has reviewed county  
12 needs for broadband infrastructure, identifying unserved areas, underserved areas; and  
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14           WHEREAS, the Manitowoc County Rural Broadband Taskforce has evaluated providers  
15 for partnership opportunities to meet Manitowoc County-identified broadband infrastructure  
16 goals; and  
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18           WHEREAS, Bertram Communications LLC has discussed its future plans with the  
19 Manitowoc County Broadband Taskforce; and  
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21           WHEREAS, the Broadband Taskforce Committee has determined that Bertram  
22 Communications LLC has a proven record of accomplishments in Manitowoc County, having  
23 made significant investments in our communities since 2023; and  
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25           WHEREAS, the Manitowoc County Rural Broadband Taskforce recommended endorsing  
26 Bertram Communications LLC’s application for BEAD funding for infrastructure deployment in  
27 Manitowoc County to the Manitowoc County Public Works Committee; and  
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29           WHEREAS, after careful consideration and review, the Manitowoc County Public Works  
30 Committee recommends that Manitowoc County endorses Bertram Communications LLC’s  
31 application for BEAD funding for infrastructure deployment in the county;  
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33           NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the county board of supervisors of the county  
34 of Manitowoc endorses the application for Bertram Communications LLC for BEAD funding to  
35 support broadband infrastructure deployment in Manitowoc County, Wisconsin.

Dated this 21st day of January 2025.

Respectfully submitted by the  
Public Works Committee

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Ken Sitkiewitz, Chair

FISCAL IMPACT: None.

FISCAL NOTE: Reviewed and approved by Finance Director. \_\_\_\_\_

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

APPROVED:

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Bob Ziegelbauer, County Executive

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Date