



RESOLUTION # 7-6/22

TO: HONORABLE MEMBERS OF THE LA CROSSE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

ITEM # 6-14

BOARD ACTION

Adopted:
For: 28
Against: 0
Abstain: 0
Abs/Excd: 2
Vote Req: -
Other Action: -

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ACTION

Adopted:
For: 8
Against: 0
Abstain: 0
Abs/Excd: 1

RE: APPROVE AMENDING THE 2022 HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT BUDGET BY TRANSFERRING \$5,000,000 FROM UNASSIGNED GENERAL FUND, INSTEAD OF ISSUING GENERAL OBLIGATION PROMISSORY NOTES

WHEREAS, the County Board adopted the 2022 Highway Department budget including the use of \$5,000,000 of proceeds from issuing debt, as authorized by Resolution 43-11/21 directing the advertisement and sale of approximately \$5,200,000 aggregate principal amount including cost of issuance of General Promissory Notes for an amortization period of 10 years; and,

WHEREAS, at the close of fiscal year 2021, the County General Fund and other reserves are very strong with the Unassigned General Fund balance at 69.9% of Expenditures, which is significantly in excess of the County policy of maintaining 25%-50% of Unassigned General Fund Balance; and,

WHEREAS, investment rates of County cash reserves in the State of Wisconsin Investment Pool are slightly above 0% which provides little benefit for the County to retain cash while borrowing; and

WHEREAS, the market rates for municipal borrowing are still historically low but are quickly rising from 1.10% in January, to 2.83% in May and on pace to reach 4.69% by August on 10 year amortized General Obligation Promissory notes, in strong contradiction to the market conditions last fall of .92%, when the Board approved the issuance of debt for Highway road and bridge work.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the La Crosse County Board hereby amends the 2022 Highway Budget by transferring \$5,000,000 from the General Fund Unassigned Fund Balance instead of issuing General Obligation Notes as authorized and directs the Finance Department to effectuate this change.

FISCAL NOTE: At the end of fiscal year 2021, the Unassigned General Fund Balance was \$24,836,150, which is sufficient for the transfer in March of \$2,300,000 approved by resolution 59-3/22 and this transfer of \$5,000,000, while the General Fund Unassigned Fund Balance is expected to grow during fiscal year 2022 by over \$2 million due to the growth trend in sales tax receipts above the 2022 budget.

Date: [Signature]
6-8-22

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE CHAIR

Date: 6-8-22
[Signature]

RECORDING CLERK

	Reviewed Only	Recommended	Not Recommended
Co. Admin.	<u>[Signature]</u>	<u>[Signature]</u>	
Fin. Director	<u>[Signature]</u>		
Corp. Counsel	<u>[Signature]</u>		
Board Chair	<u>[Signature]</u>		

Requested By: Steve O'Malley
Date Requested: May 24, 2022
Drafted By: Steve O'Malley

Adopted by the La Crosse County Board this 16 Day of June, 2022

STATE OF WISCONSIN
COUNTY OF LA CROSSE

I, Ginny Dankmeyer, County Clerk of La Crosse County do hereby certify that this document is a true and correct copy of the original resolution required by law to be in my custody and which the County Board of Supervisors of La Crosse County adopted at a meeting held on the 16th day of June 2022.

[Signature]
Ginny Dankmeyer, La Crosse County Clerk