



RESOLUTION # 3-4/23

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

ITEM # 4-12

BOARD ACTION

Adopted:
For: 20
Against: 2
Abstain: 0
Abs/Excd: 1
Vote Req: 1
Other Action: 1 (Grant Dist)

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ACTION

Adopted:
For: 7
Against: 0
Abstain: 0
Abs/Excd: 2

RE: APPROVE INSTALLATION OF SOLAR ON LA CROSSE COUNTY BUILDINGS

WHEREAS, the La Crosse County Board of Supervisors passed Resolution #21-8/20 adopting sustainability goals of improved efficiency to reduce energy consumption, achieving carbon neutrality and transitioning to 100% renewable energy by 2050; and,

WHEREAS, transitioning County facilities to energy generated by renewable energy infrastructure, such as photovoltaic solar panels, supports the La Crosse County Comprehensive Plan's recommendations to "pursue sustainability initiatives for county facilities and operations" and "promote sustainability programs, policies, and actions throughout La Crosse County"; and,

WHEREAS, La Crosse County was allocated \$22,923,224 through the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, which must be financially obligated by the end of 2024 and spent by the end of 2026; and,

WHEREAS, in January of 2022, the Board of Supervisors reserved \$1.5 million of the American Rescue Plan Act for "Green Infrastructure - County Solar" as outlined in Resolution #55-1/22; and

WHEREAS, a request for proposal was released on January 10, 2023 for solar installation on buildings including; the Administrative Center, West Salem Highway Shop, Courthouse & Law Enforcement Center, Lakeview Health Care Center, Solid Waste, Health and Human Services building and Goose Island Campground; and,

WHEREAS, five vendors attended an all-day vendor conference on January 31, 2023. Four proposals were received on February 14, 2023; and,

WHEREAS, a team of county staff in partnership with a consultant reviewed the proposals for a recommendation to the Board of Supervisors; and,

WHEREAS, under the Inflation Reduction Act of 2022 there are rebates available of at least 30% and up to 70% for solar projects; and,

WHEREAS, to maximize federal funding available under the Inflation Reduction Act, the County will utilize 2023 budgeted property tax dollars (originally budgeted for Highway Projects) for solar initiatives. The \$1.5 million solar allocation will be reassigned for Highway Projects, which is an allowable use of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the La Crosse County Board of Supervisors approves the allocation of up to \$1.5 million for the purpose of installing solar on the Hillview Healthcare Center, the Administrative Center, West Salem Highway Shop, Courthouse & Law Enforcement Center, Lakeview Health Care Center, Health and Human Services building, Goose Island Campground and any other county owned structure where solar is deemed cost effective; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the La Crosse County Board of Supervisors approves Solar Connection Inc. as the vendor for this project; and,

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the County Administrator, County Board Chair, Finance Director and County Clerk are authorized to take all appropriate actions to effectuate the purpose of this resolution subject to the approval as to form by County Corporation Counsel.

FISCAL NOTE: To maximize federal funding available under the Inflation Reduction Act, the County will be using 2023 budgeted property tax dollars (originally budgeted for Highway Projects) for solar initiatives. Up to \$1.5 million of the solar allocation will be reassigned for Highway Projects, which is an allowable use of ARPA funds.

Date: 4/12/23
[Signature]
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE CHAIR

Date: 4-12-23
[Signature]
RECORDING CLERK

	Reviewed Only	Recommended	Not Recommended	
Co. Admin.	_____	_____	_____	Requested By: Jane Klekamp Date Requested: April 3, 2023 Drafted By: Jane Klekamp
Fin. Director	<u>[Signature]</u>	<u>[Signature]</u>	_____	
Corp. Counsel	<u>[Signature]</u>	_____	_____	
Board Chair	_____	_____	_____	

Adopted by the La Crosse County Board this 18 Day of April, 2023

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 18th day of April 2023.

[Signature]
Ginny Dankmeyer, La Crosse County Clerk