RESOLUTION #: 18-9-23

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

As Amended

RE: APPROVE FINANCING PLAN, USE OF AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (ARPA) FUNDING AND DELEGATING AUTHORITY TO REMODEL HILLVIEW HEALTH CARE CENTER INTO A MULTIUSE FACILITY

WHEREAS, the mission of Hillview Health Care Center is to create and sustain services delivered in a compassionate manner that respects the unique needs and lifestyles of those in our community; and,

WHEREAS, La Crosse County has provided long-term care services at the Hillview Campus for over 135 years and the current skilled nursing facility requires significant public investment to remain a viable resource in La Crosse County; and,

WHEREAS, inadequate resources are available for long-term care, housing, day care and crisis stabilization, which could be partially addressed by remodeling the current facility to expand the continuum of care for individuals across the age spectrum; and,

WHEREAS, the 2022 budget allocated $1,230,192 from reserve funds for architectural design and engineering with guidance from Hoffman Planning, Design & Construction, Inc. as approved by the Veterans, Aging and Long-Term Care Committee; and,

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

WHEREAS, the County Board has reserved funding for eight project priority areas as outlined in Resolution #55-1/22 including the Hillview Redesign and Rebuild project; and,

WHEREAS, after reviewing architectural and engineering plans and considering the needs and priorities of the County, staff has developed a plan transforming the underutilized parts of the Hillview campus to create a 38-bed community based residential facility (CBRF), 10 housing units, a four-bed mental health crisis stabilization unit, an intergenerational day care center, and to renovate administrative offices and space that includes 24 skilled nursing beds.

WHEREAS, prior analysis has determined that over 50% of current Hillview residents would be better served in a CBRF instead of a skilled nursing facility and these residents could therefore continue to reside at the remodeled facility; and,

WHEREAS, staff analysis indicates that the projected operating revenues from the remodeled campus will be sufficient to cover operating costs and support debt service payments without requiring tax levy support, if $12 million is authorized from the ARPA funds;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the La Crosse County Board hereby approves the allocation of $12 million of ARPA funding and the issuance of up to $8 million in aggregate principal amount of General Obligation long-term debt with an amortization not to exceed 20 years from the date of issuance; and,
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the County Administrator and Executive Director of Long-term Care are authorized to seek bids and proceed with the plan to redevelop Hillview Health Care Center; and,

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 approval as to form by La Crosse County Corporation Counsel; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that during the 18–24-month construction period, the Veterans, Aging and Long-Term Care Committee shall serve as the building committee overseeing the construction and final design decisions as recommended by county staff in collaboration with Hoffman Planning, Design & Construction, Inc.

FISCAL NOTE: This project is estimated to cost $19.6 million (plus the cost of debt issuance) to be financed as follows: $12 million from the American Rescue Plan Act allocation to La Crosse County; and up to $8 million from General Obligation debt with payments to be made from revenues generated by Hillview Health Care Center. Project costs will be tracked in Fund 610 within the County financial system.

Date: 9/13/23

COMMITTEE CHAIR

RECORDING CLERK

Date: 9/6/23

COMMITTEE CHAIR

RECORDING CLERK

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Requested By: Jane Klekamp
Date Requested: July 26, 2023
Drafted By: Jane Klekamp

Adopted by the La Crosse County Board this 21st Day of September, 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 21st day of September 2023.

Ginny Dankmeyer, La Crosse County Clerk