



RESOLUTION # 2-4/25

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

ITEM # 4-22

BOARD ACTION

Adopted: ☒
For: 24
Against: 8
Abstain: 8
Abs/Excd: 6
Vote Req: —
Other Action: —

EXECUTIVE

COMMITTEE

ACTION

Adopted: ☒
For: 9
Against: 0
Abstain: 0
Abs/Excd: 0

**RE: SUPPORTING THE INCLUSION OF THE PRAIRIE SPRINGS SCIENCE CENTER
COMPLETION PROJECT IN THE 2025-2027 STATE BIENNIAL BUDGET**

WHEREAS, the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse (UWL) has experienced consistent enrollment growth over the past decade, establishing itself as a high-demand institution among the Universities of Wisconsin campuses, with a strong capacity to fill critical labor shortages in the State of Wisconsin and the La Crosse region; and

WHEREAS, the Prairie Springs Science Center Completion Project aims to increase UWL's capacity to educate students in crucial fields connected to healthcare, manufacturing, food processing, and education, which are vital to our regional and state workforce; and

WHEREAS, the completion of the Prairie Springs Science Center will provide instructional spaces of varying capacities, from smaller classrooms seating 25 students to larger lecture spaces accommodating up to 150 students, in addition to collaborative spaces that will foster student engagement, research, and innovation; and

WHEREAS, the Prairie Springs Science Center will replace the outdated Cowley Hall, a 54-year-old facility that no longer meets the educational and technological standards which are valued in contemporary science, technology, and math instruction; and

WHEREAS, the estimated project budget, requested at approximately \$186 million in the 2023-2025 biennial budget, includes the demolition of Cowley Hall and construction of new facilities, thereby addressing critical space, functionality, and safety needs for current and future UWL students; and

WHEREAS, UWL is actively collaborating with local economic and industry partners, including employers and manufacturers in La Crosse County, to align educational programming and planning with workforce needs, thus strengthening the economic foundation of our community and fostering opportunities for students to connect with regional employment pathways; and

WHEREAS, the approval of this project would infuse state funds into our local economy, enhance UWL's role as a key local economic engine, and support the preparation of students for high-demand jobs in our communities and workforce;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the La Crosse County Board supports the inclusion of the Prairie Springs Science Center Completion Project at the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse in the 2025-2027 State Biennial Budget; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Governor Tony Evers and the La Crosse state legislative delegation

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
FISCAL NOTE: No fiscal impact.

Date: 4/9/25

COMMITTEE CHAIR

Date: 4-9-25

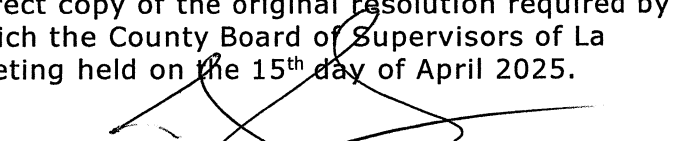
RECORDING CLERK

	Reviewed Only	Recommended	Not Recommended	
Co. Admin.	_____	<u></u>	_____	Requested By: Supervisor Mathu
Fin. Director	_____	_____	_____	Date Requested: March 27, 2025
Corp. Counsel	<u></u>	_____	_____	Drafted By: Corporation Counsel
Board Chair	_____	_____	_____	

Adopted by the La Crosse County Board this 15 Day of April, 2025

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 15th day of April 2025.


Ginny Dankmeyer, La Crosse County Clerk