

RESOLUTION

ROCK COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Supervisor Mike Zoril
INITIATED BY



11/1/2023
DATE DRAFTED

Resolution for a Greener Rock County and Taxpayer Value and Amend the Budget

WHEREAS, Rock County has consistently demonstrated a commitment to energy conservation, sustainability, and independence;

WHEREAS, the County's objectives include developing a comprehensive Climate Action Plan for the Rock County community, necessitating the conduction of a greenhouse gas inventory, tracking emissions reductions, mapping out sustainability initiatives, and facilitating robust community engagement;

WHEREAS, Rock County aims to calculate its current greenhouse gas emissions baseline from 2017 and set ambitious goals for achieving a 25% reduction in emissions by 2025, with a vision to reach a carbon-neutral status by 2050;

WHEREAS, this initiative calls for collaboration with community stakeholders through the Environmental Management Committee, with an anticipated timeline for final plan approval by September 2024;

WHEREAS, a strategic and focused approach to energy conservation can lead to both significant energy savings and financial benefits for the county;

WHEREAS, pinpointing and prioritizing energy conservation measures based on their return on investment (ROI) ensures maximum value for taxpayer dollars;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Rock County allocates the sum of \$125,000 for the hiring of expert consultants to conduct a comprehensive energy study. This study shall:

- 1. Identify and prioritize energy conservation measures based on their ROI.
- 2. Focus initially on the highest ROI opportunities, ensuring that the county not only reduces its energy usage but also realizes significant financial savings.
- 3. Provide a roadmap for subsequent conservation measures, ensuring a systematic and cost-effective approach to energy reduction in the county.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that once the study is complete, the findings shall be presented to the General Services Committee for further action and implementation.

Account	Budget	Increase (Decrease)	Amended Budget
Source of Funds			
18-1813-0000-42200	-0-	\$70,000	\$70,000
State Aid		<u>\$50,000</u>	<u>\$50,000</u>
18-1813-0000-41500	-0-	\$55,000	\$55,000
Excess Sales Tax		<u>\$75,000</u>	<u>\$75,000</u>
Use of Funds			

18-1813-0000-62119 Other Contracted Services	-0-	\$125,000	\$125,000
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FISCAL NOTE:

This resolution amends the budget to use \$70,000 in grant funds that are yet to be applied for and awarded, as well as \$55,000 in excess sales taxes. The funds would be used for a comprehensive energy study.

Sherry Oja
Finance Director

LEGAL NOTE:

The County Board is authorized to take this action pursuant to §§ 59.01 & 59.51, Wis. Stats. As an amendment to the adopted 2024 County Budget, this Resolution requires a 2/3 vote of the entire membership of the County Board pursuant to § 65.90(5)(a), Wis. Stats.

Shanna Sanders
Deputy Corporation Counsel

ADMINISTRATIVE NOTE:

As noted in the fiscal note, if approved, the project would have to wait to move forward until grant funding is received or return to the County Board for another budget amendment utilizing a different source of funding.

Josh Smith
County Administrator

Committee Action

Environmental Management System Committee

Environmental Management System Committee recommended this resolution by unanimous voice vote. Pablo Toral was absent.

General Services Committee

Supervisor Zoril moved to amend the resolution to reflect the source of fund amount as \$50,000 from State Aid and \$75,000 from Excess Sales Tax, second by Supervisor Cullen. ADOPTED. General Services Committee recommended this amended resolution for approval by a unanimous voice vote.

Finance Committee

Finance Committee recommended this resolution for approval by a vote of 3-1 in which Supervisors Mawhinney, Beaver, and Bostwick voted “Aye” and Supervisor Towns voted “Nay.” Supervisor Clasen was absent.