

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-11

RESOLUTION BY THE FINANCE AND HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE AND USE OF ADDITIONAL STATE FUNDING IN THE AMOUNT OF \$7,975,000, AND AUTHORIZING A 4.5 PERCENT INCREASE IN CONTINGENCY FUNDING, FOR CONSTRUCTION OF THE YOUTH DEVELOPMENT AND CARE CENTER

To the Honorable Members of the Racine County Board of Supervisors:

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 2020-76, Racine County formally accepted a grant award to pay for 95 percent – in an amount not to exceed 40,000,000 U.S. Dollars (\$40,000,000) – of the costs of designing and constructing a secure residential care center for children and youth, and authorized the design and construction of the Racine County Youth Development and Care Center; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Resolution No. 2020-76, the total budget for the design and construction of the Youth Development and Care Center is \$42,500,000; and

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 2021-72 the Youth Development and Care Center will be constructed on Racine County-owned land in the Village of Caledonia; and

WHEREAS, in the course of locating and identifying a site and securing necessary approvals, project costs increased significantly due to the impact of COVID-19 on the supply chain and additional funding was needed to offset rising costs; and

WHEREAS, on August 16, 2022, the Joint Committee on Finance (“JFC”) allocated an additional \$7,975,000 for the construction of the Youth Development and Care Center; and

WHEREAS, JFC co-chairs, Representative Mark Born and Senator Howard Marklein recognized that the Youth Development and Care Center is “an important component of the future of our juvenile corrections system, which provides essential rehabilitation services while protecting public safety;” and

WHEREAS, with the additional funding, Racine County in partnership with the State of Wisconsin will have secured \$50,475,000 in funding for the Youth Development and Care Center; and

WHEREAS, in the course of schematic planning and design development and finalization, there have been identified several core features that may not fit within the \$50,475,000 project budget: including, but not limited to, more costly detention grade materials (e.g., masonry, doors, window upgrades, etc.) strategically integrated throughout the Youth Development and Care Center in a manner that effectively incorporates trauma-informed principles, expanded indoor recreation space to simultaneously accommodate different classifications and gender of youth for year-round recreation, recommended mechanical equipment to reduce long-term maintenance costs and improve efficiency (e.g., HVAC, boilers, pumps, water heaters, air handling units, ductwork), and outdoor courtyard snow/ice-melting system; and

4 **WHEREAS**, these are critical decision points that need to be addressed at this stage of
5 planning in order to finalize plans and specifications, align with necessary state and local
6 approvals, and to timely procure materials and equipment with long lead times so as to avoid
7 delays – which could in turn result in increased costs – to the construction schedule; and
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9 **WHEREAS**, the County anticipates successful receipt and/or award of grant and
10 fundraising opportunities that may offset the added cost of many of these core features, but
11 waiting to incorporate these core features into the construction until formal acceptance and
12 receipt of that funding will result in significantly increased cost and delay.
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14 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Racine County Board of Supervisors
15 that the formal acceptance of an additional \$7,975,000 in state funding for the design and
16 construction of the Racine County Youth Development and Care Center is hereby authorized
17 and approved; and
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19 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Racine County Board of Supervisors that a 4.5%
20 increase in contingency funding (*i.e.*, \$2,271.375 or 4.5% of \$50,475,000), as set forth in Exhibit
21 “A,” that is attached hereto, is authorized and approved.
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23 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Racine County Board of Supervisors that any two
24 of the County Clerk, the County Executive, and/or the Racine County Board Chairman are
25 authorized to execute any contracts, agreements, amendments, or other documents necessary
26 to carry out the intent of this resolution.
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28 Respectfully submitted,

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30 1st Reading _____

**FINANCE AND HUMAN RESOURCES
COMMITTEE**

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32 2nd Reading _____

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34 BOARD ACTION _____

Donald J. Trottier, Chairman

35 Adopted _____

36 For _____

37 Against _____

38 Absent _____

Robert N. Miller, Vice-Chairman

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40 VOTE REQUIRED: 2/3 M.E.

John A. Wisch, Secretary

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Jason Eckman

**The foregoing legislation adopted by the County Board of Supervisors of
Racine County, Wisconsin, is hereby:**

Approved: _____

Vetoed: _____

Date: _____,

Jonathan Delagrave, County Executive