

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-86

RESOLUTION BY THE FINANCE AND HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF A CAPITAL BRINE TANK AND THE TRANSFER OF \$9,500 WITHIN THE PUBLIC WORKS & DEVELOPMENT SERVICES 2024 BUDGET

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

BE IT RESOLVED by the Racine County Board of Supervisors that a capital account to purchase a Brine Tank is authorized and approved; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Racine County Board of Supervisors that the creation of a new highway equipment account and transfer of funds as set forth in Exhibit "A," that is attached hereto, is authorized and approved; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Racine County Board of Supervisors that any two of the County Clerk, the County Executive and/or the County Board Chairman are authorized to execute any contracts, agreements, amendments, or other documents necessary to carry out the intent of this resolution.

Respectfully submitted,

1st Reading _____

FINANCE AND HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE

2nd Reading _____

BOARD ACTION

Donald J. Trottier, Chairman

Adopted _____

For _____

Against _____

Absent _____

Robert N. Miller, Vice-Chairman

VOTE REQUIRED: 2/3 M.E.

John A. Wisch, Secretary

Prepared by:
Public Works and Development Services

Scott Maier

Nick Demske

Jody Spencer

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

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4 **INFORMATION ONLY**

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6 **WHEREAS**, the current equipment of a Brine Tank is not sufficient to cover the
7 needs of the department on the West end of the County; and

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9 **WHEREAS**, the addition of a new Brine Tank will meet the increasing needs of the
10 department; and

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12 **WHEREAS**, Public Works makes and stores their own brine solution to be used
13 on state and county highway routes to increase the effectiveness of salt during weather
14 events; and

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16 **WHEREAS**, the Public Works Rochester location also sells brine to local
17 municipalities that do not have the equipment to make and/or store brine; and

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19 **WHEREAS**, mixing brine is a long process that requires over eight hours which
20 can delay a plow driver during weather events; and

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22 **WHEREAS**, adding this storage tank to the Rochester location allows the County
23 to sell more brine as well as be better prepared for weather events; and

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25 **WHEREAS**, adding this storage tank on the West end of the county will address
26 the long term need for storage as the county and state begin to increase brine usage as
27 both a cost savings and environmentally friendly alternative to road salt.

