



RESOLUTION # 41-7/11

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

ITEM # 7-18

BOARD ACTION

Adopted:
For: 3
Against: 2
Abstain: 1
Abs/Excd: 2
Vote Req: _____
Other Action: _____

**EXECUTIVE
COMMITTEE
ACTION**

Adopted:
For: 7
Against: 1
Abstain: 1
Abs/Excd: 2

**PWI
COMMITTEE
ACTION**

Adopted:
For: 7
Against: 1
Abstain: 1
Abs/Excd: 1

RE: APPROVAL OF INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT FOR THE REPAIR OF BLISS ROAD

WHEREAS, Bliss Road suffered damage on August 14, 2010 as a result of 1.77 inches of rain on August 13, 2010 in addition to 19.3 inches of rain that fell from June 1, 2010 to that date causing the pavement to buckle and crumble along the guardrail about a quarter-mile from the top of the road and causing closure of the road to vehicular traffic that will continue until adequate repairs are made to the road; and,

WHEREAS, while the City of La Crosse remains responsible for Bliss Road, commuters from outside the City account for an estimated 90% of the vehicles regularly using the road including 183 households in the Town of Shelby and 72 households in the Town of Medary that are directly affected by the closure of Bliss Road and,

WHEREAS, Bliss Road is also the most traveled route used by visitors to the area to access Grandad Bluff which is the largest tourism attraction in the Coulee Region; and,

WHEREAS, the project to repair Bliss Road is estimated to cost \$400,000, and the Wisconsin Department of Transportation will reimburse the City of La Crosse 75% (\$300,000) of the repair costs through a flood grant which will leave approximately \$100,000 of the repair costs to be paid in local matching dollars by the affected municipalities; and,

WHEREAS, Wisconsin Statutes s. 66.0301(2) authorizes municipalities to contract with other municipalities for the receipt or furnishing of services or the joint exercise of any power or duty required or authorized by law; and,

WHEREAS, collaborating in the repair of Bliss Road falls within the Intergovernmental Agreement statutory authority of the City of La Crosse, County of La Crosse, Town of Shelby and the Town of Medary; and

WHEREAS, if the City of La Crosse commits to contributing the engineering costs (estimated at \$60,000) and 50% of the approximately \$100,000 of repair costs not covered by the state grant, then the County of La Crosse, Town of Shelby and Town of Medary will also commit one-time only funds in the amount of 50% of the balance or \$50,000 which will be divided among the three municipalities as follows: the County of La Crosse - \$16,666; the Town of Shelby - \$25,000 and the Town of Medary - \$8,333; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interests of the citizens of the City, County and Towns of Shelby and Medary and the tourists to the Region for the municipalities to work together to solve a common problem by signing the Intergovernmental Agreement for the Repair of Bliss Road.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the County Board hereby authorizes the County Board Chair to sign the Intergovernmental Agreement for the Repair of Bliss Road after approval of the Corporation Counsel which authorizes the County's participation in sharing the costs of

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these Bliss Road repairs contingent upon the commitment of the City of La Crosse, Town of Shelby and Town of Medary to also sign this Agreement.

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, that the Finance Department is authorized to transfer \$16,666 from excess sales tax revenue to an appropriate account and make such payment for the repair of Bliss Road to carry out the intent of this Resolution upon signing of the Intergovernmental Agreement by all of the participating municipalities.

FISCAL NOTE: The County's share of the payment to repair Bliss Road will come from excess sales tax revenues, which will have a balance of \$1,878,008 at year end 2011.

Date: July 13, 2011
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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE CHAIR

Date: 7-11-11
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PUBLIC WORKS & INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE CHAIR

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RECORDING CLERK

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Requested By: Steve O'Malley
Date Requested: June 24, 2011
Drafted By: Corporation Counsel

Adopted by the La Crosse County Board this 21 Day of July, 2011

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 July, 2011.

[Signature]
Ginny Dankmeyer, La Crosse County Clerk