

1 **WASHINGTON COUNTY, WISCONSIN**

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3 Date of enactment: 4/21/09

4 Date of publication: 4/28/09

5 **VOTE**

6 **2009 RESOLUTION 10**

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8 **Advance from General Fund-Support for Washington County Fair**

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10 **WHEREAS**, the County Board of Supervisors authorized and implemented a new
11 Washington County Fair Park (Fair Park) through the purchase and development of land,
12 preparation of plans, and commitment of funds; and

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14 **WHEREAS**, Fair Park was established to be the home of the annual County Fair and
15 to serve as a year round, multi-purpose site for community activities; and

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17 **WHEREAS**, the annual county tax levy budgeted for Fair Park makes up less than
18 15% of the annual cost of operations, with the balance funded from rental fees, memberships,
19 and program revenues paid by its customers and vendors; and

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21 **WHEREAS**, financial problems related to the construction of the Ziegler Center during
22 2008 have depleted the reserves of the Agricultural & Industrial Society (Society) and ex-
23 hausted its available resources for the payment of monthly invoices from Washington County
24 and paying for the expenses required for the implementation of a robust County Fair in 2009;
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27 **WHEREAS**, the Fair Park Study Committee has begun a thorough review of Fair Park
28 finances and operations to develop forward looking recommendations for how to best continue
29 the annual County Fair and year round use of the Fair Park buildings and grounds at an ac-
30 ceptable level of county tax support in 2010 and thereafter; and

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32 **WHEREAS**, it is in the interests of Washington County and our citizens for county
33 government to take prompt, necessary and reasonable steps, to assure that a successful 2009
34 County Fair is organized and held and that appropriate booking and use of the Fair Park build-
35 ings is encouraged for 2009 and 2010; and

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37 **WHEREAS**, it is the County's desire to express its support for the Washington County
38 Agricultural and Industrial Society in its efforts to host the 2009 County Fair and its continued
39 support of the Washington County 4-H programming that utilizes the Fair Park facilities;

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41 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Washington County Board of Su-
42 pervisors that the County Board affirm its support for the Washington County Fair Park, and
43 all dedicated staff and fair volunteers;

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45 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Board authorizes the Society to delay pay-
46 ment of any January – June monthly invoices from Washington County as needed until August
47 31, 2009.

1 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Board extends a line of credit of up to
2 \$250,000 from the County's General Fund as needed prior to the County Fair to be used solely
3 for Fair operating bills for budgeted expenses that otherwise could not be paid timely, which
4 funds will be held by the County and released upon the review and approval of the County's
5 Finance Director of satisfactory itemized monthly invoices detailing said expenses, with re-
6 payment of this loan expected from Fair Park revenues. The proposed line of credit shall be a
7 formal, written credit term agreement between Washington County and the Agricultural and In-
8 dustrial Society, which shall be subject to final legal review and final content review of both the
9 County Attorney and the Washington County Chairman.

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11 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Finance Director is instructed to work with
12 the Fair Park staff to identify any additional short-term cash flow needs which will require as-
13 sistance in order to conduct the 2009 County Fair and to bring forward for consideration a re-
14 lated resolution for action by the County Board in June.

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18 VOTE REQUIREMENT FOR PASSAGE: 2/3 of the members elect

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20 RESOLUTION SUMMARY: Resolution expressing support for the Agricultural and Industri-
21 al Society and providing financial support for the Washington County Fair.

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23 APPROVED: Introduced by members of the EDUCATION and
24 **(signed by Kimberly A. Nass** CULTURE and FINANCE COMMITTEES
25 Kimberly A. Nass, County Attorney as filed with the County Clerk
26 Dated 4/22/09 **(signed by Marilyn H. Merten)**
27 Considered 4/21/09 Marilyn H. Merten, Chairperson
28 Adopted 4/21/09 Education and Culture Committee
29 Ayes 20 Noes 6 Absent 4 **(signed by Ralph R. Hensel)**
30 Voice Vote _____ Ralph R. Hensel, Chairperson
31 Finance Committee

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34 (This resolution provides a line of credit of an amount not to exceed \$250,000 to the Agricul-
35 tural & Industrial Society for the purpose of hosting the 2009 County Fair. The resolution also
36 allows the Society to delay payments to Washington County of the January to June monthly in-
37 voices from the County until 8/31/09. In 2008, the invoice total for January to June was
38 \$151,248.82. The terms of the line of credit will be determined at a later date.)