

1 **WASHINGTON COUNTY, WISCONSIN**

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3 Date of enactment: 7/09/13  
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5 **VOTE**

6 **2013 RESOLUTION 18**

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8 **Grant Application – Department of Natural Resources –**  
9 **Snowmobile Bridge Grant**

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11 **WHEREAS**, Washington County Code Section 4.27 requires that county grant programs  
12 or applications for funds receive prior approval by the County Board of Supervisors; and

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14 **WHEREAS**, Washington County seeks to apply for a snowmobile bridge grant for up to  
15 \$300,000.00 from the State of Wisconsin, Department of Natural Resources (DNR), for  
16 constructing a bridge over the Milwaukee River east of the City of West Bend for snowmobile  
17 use in winter; and

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19 **WHEREAS**, the only north/south snowmobile bridge that crossed the Milwaukee River  
20 has been replaced with a pedestrian bridge in the City of West Bend; and

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22 **WHEREAS**, the City of West Bend prohibits snowmobiles to operate within City limits,  
23 but has given permission to the snowmobile clubs to use the pedestrian bridge for a limited time;  
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26 **WHEREAS**, snowmobile grants are 100% reimbursable by State of Wisconsin grant  
27 funding and the DNR has indicated that mandatory relocations of snowmobile trails are high on  
28 the priority list for grant funding and moving the trail further east outside of the City of West  
29 Bend would be considered a mandatory trail relocation; and

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31 **WHEREAS**, the Snowmobile Association has identified a landowner who owns land on  
32 both sides of the Milwaukee River and is willing to grant a 20 year easement for the snowmobile  
33 bridge on this property; and

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35 **WHEREAS**, prior to submitting the grant application, preliminary engineering work  
36 needs to be completed this summer in order to gather information for cost estimates required for  
37 the grant application and the estimated cost of hiring a firm to complete the preliminary  
38 engineering work is \$8,900; and

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40 **WHEREAS**, the Snowmobile Association is willing to pay for the preliminary  
41 engineering work, which is reimbursable by the DNR to the Association if the grant is awarded;  
42 however, the Snowmobile Association needs the assurance that Washington County approves  
43 applying for the snowmobile bridge grant in April, 2014;

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45 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Washington County Board of  
46 Supervisors that the Planning and Parks Department is authorized to apply for, and if awarded,  
47 accept the snowmobile bridge grant described herein.  
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