



Drafted By:
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Presented Month/Year:
December 2021
Involved Committees:
Land Use Committee
Finance Committee

County Department:
Administration
Fiscal Impact: YES / NO
AC Approved: YES / NO

RESOLUTION # 21-12-14

**A RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT AND FUND THE BUFFALO COUNTY
RE-MONUMENTATION PROJECT – TOWN OF MILTON**

WHEREAS, the Public Land Survey System (PLSS) was established by the Federal Government in 1785 as a legal reference system that divided and conveyed lands from the public domain to private landowners consisting of 6 mile by 6 mile townships with each township further divided into 1 mile by 1 mile sections; and,

WHEREAS, PLSS serves the basis for all real property descriptions that affect property ownership, real estate taxes and many other land information related in our County; and,

WHEREAS, re-monumentation is the process of locating and restoring previously marked corners from the original land survey and is the basis for all real property descriptions that affect property ownership, real estate taxes and other land information related records in the County; and,

WHEREAS, the Town of Milton has approximately 43 total sections with 121 total section corners with an estimated projected cost of \$226,000; and,

WHEREAS, by state statues, counties are the custodians for PLSS corners which requires the perpetuation of the monuments set by the original government surveyor; and,

WHEREAS, the Buffalo County Board of Supervisors adopted the Land Records Modernization Plan which includes supporting the PLSS re-monumentation project; and,

WHEREAS, the Land Use Committee has reviewed and considered options to support and fund the re-monumentation project; and,

WHEREAS, the Town of Milton is willing to share in the cost of the re-monumentation project in the total amount of \$60,000, which includes a credit of \$10,000 already paid to the County. The balance of \$50,000 shall be paid in annual installments over the next four (4) years provided the project is completed by December 31, 2025; and,

WHEREAS, if the re-monumentation project is not completed by December 31, 2025, the County shall re-imburse the Town of Milton for any contribution made to the project; and,

WHEREAS, the County intends to use grant funding from the State of Wisconsin to pay for the re-monumentation project for the Town of Milton and enter into a contract with Auth Consulting & Associates to complete the project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the County Board of Supervisors authorize the County Administrative Coordinator to enter into an agreement with the Town of Milton and Auth Consulting & Associates to complete the Town of Milton re-monumentation project using grant funding and the contributions from the Town of Milton.

Adopted at a duly called and noticed meeting of the Buffalo County Board of Supervisors on the 26th day of December, 2021.

Robert Halverson
County Clerk

ATTEST:

[Signature]
County Board Chair

Respectfully submitted:

LAND USE COMMITTEE:

Max Weiss
Max Weiss

Mary Anne McMillan Urell
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Dwight Ruff
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Steven Nelson
Steven Nelson

David Danzinger
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FINANCE COMMITTEE:

Excused
Donald Hillert

Max Weiss
Max Weiss

Dennis Bork
Dennis Bork

Brad Schmidtkecht
Brad Schmidtkecht

David Danzinger
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ANTICIPATED FINANCIAL IMPACT STATEMENT:

2022 Land Information Grant	\$ 60,000
2022 Town of Milton Contribution	\$ 12,500
2023 Land Information Grant	\$ 50,000
2023 Town of Milton Contribution	\$ 12,500
2024 Land Information Grant	\$ 50,000
2024 Town of Milton Contribution	\$ 12,500
2025 Land Information Grant	\$ 40,000
2025 Town of Milton Contribution	\$ 12,500
TOTAL	\$250,000