

**BARRON COUNTY RESOLUTION NO. 2023 - 17**

**Resolution Authorizing the Use of American Rescue Plan Act Funds for Electrical and Technology Improvements at Straw Pit Rifle Range, Town of Maple Plain**

**TO THE BARRON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:**

1       **WHEREAS**, in 1999, the County purchased 127.749 acres of land in the Town of  
2 Maple Plain, commonly known as the “The Straw Pit”; and  
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4       **WHEREAS**, in 1999, the primary purpose of this expenditure was for a gravel pit,  
5 future use, for the Highway Department; and  
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7       **WHEREAS**, during the years, 2014 to 2019, Barron County completed  
8 construction of a Rifle Range at “The Straw Pit” with total expenditures approximating,  
9 \$197,798.78; and  
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11       **WHEREAS**, the aforementioned total expenditures were offset partially or  
12 completely with grant funds from the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources; and  
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14       **WHEREAS**, over the past year, the Barron County Property Committee has been  
15 struggling with how to address, noise, vandalism, the use of tannerite explosives and etc.,  
16 which are disturbances to the surrounding neighbors; and  
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18       **WHEREAS**, at various times over the past two-three years the Sheriff’s  
19 Department and Maintenance Department respectively, have received complaints about  
20 use of the rifle range at the Straw Pit, ranging from simple littering to use of weapons at  
21 night; and  
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23       **WHEREAS**, the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, ARPA, Public Law No. 117-  
24 2 was effective on March 11<sup>th</sup>, 2021; and  
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26       **WHEREAS**, this law allows local municipalities to expend dollars in a defined  
27 manner, and  
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29       **WHEREAS**, the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) in their  
30 Recommended Guiding Principles uses the following wording, in-part, “*Finance Officers*  
31 *are best positioned to help ensure the long-term value of investments and financial stability*  
32 *of its government using this one-time infusion of resources.*”

33       **WHEREAS**, this resolution was approved by the Property Committee on April 3,  
34 2023 on a vote of 7 - 0, with Heller, Rogers, Effertz, Bartlett, McRoberts, Moen and  
35 Schradle voting in favor and no members voting against.  
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37       **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that with passage of this Resolution  
38 the Barron County Board of Supervisors does hereby authorize and encumber an  
39 expenditure in an amount not to exceed \$25,000.00 for the purpose of allowing the Parks

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and Maintenance Director to install electricity and other technology upgrades at the Straw Pit Rifle Range, Town of Maple Plain; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that with passage of this resolution the County Finance Director/County Auditor is authorized to amend the 2023 Budget as appropriate to property reflect the passage of this resolution; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that publication of this resolution may occur through posting in accordance with Section 985.02 of the Wisconsin Statutes.

**OFFERED THIS 18<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2023.**

<p>Number of readings required: One ( <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ) Two ( )</p> <p>Vote required for passage: Majority ( ) 2/3 Entire Board (20) ( <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> )</p> <p>Source of funding: Budgeted ( ) General Fund ( ) Grant ( ) Contingency ( ) Other ( <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ) Details: ARPA Funds</p> <p>Fiscal impact: - Current year total amount: \$ 25,000.00 - Future years total amount: \$ -0- - Effect on tax levy – current year - \$ -0- - Effect on tax levy – future years - \$ -0-</p> <p>Fiscal impact reviewed by County Finance Department</p> <p>_____ Jodi Busch, Finance Director</p> <p>Approved as to form by:</p> <p>_____ Jeffrey French, Administrator</p> <p>_____ John Muench, Corporation Counsel</p>	<p>_____ Dana Heller, Property Committee Chair</p> <p>(The Committee Chair signature verifies the action taken by the Committee.)</p> <p>Board Action: Adopted ( <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ) Failed ( ) Tabled ( )</p> <p><b>Motion: (Moen/Rogers)</b> to approve. Carried with 28 Yes and 1 Absent (Neuman).</p>
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