

## **ADDENDUM**

Eau Claire County  
Committee on Finance and Budget

Monday, September 10, 2018 / 4:30 pm  
Eau Claire County Courthouse – Room 1273  
Eau Claire, WI 54703

1. Proposed Resolution 18-19/066 “Authorizing a Transfer from the 2018 Contingency Fund in the Amount of \$10,000 for Additional 2018 Election Costs” / Discussion – Action

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## FACT SHEET

### TO FILE NO. 18-19/066

An additional \$10,000 is needed for ballots for the November election, and so the County Clerk is requesting a Contingency Fund transfer of \$10,000. The budget projections completed in July 2017 used historical turnouts to estimate projected ballot costs. At that time, it was not known which offices would be highly contested.

The reasons that the 2018 budget request for ballots was not sufficient are as follows:

1. There was higher voter turnout on all 2018 primaries and elections than previous years, requiring more ballots to be ordered.
  - a. In February turnout was 10%. The historical range turnout was 5% – 8%
  - b. In April turnout was 22%. The historical range turnout was 15%
  - c. In August turnout was 20%. The historical range turnout was 8%-11%
  - d. November is a gubernatorial election. The historical range turnout for a governor's race is mid 50%. The expectation for 2018 is 60%
2. The April 2018 Election was the first election since the City of Eau Claire changed their council term to a three-year term, so that the District Alderperson was on the ballot with a County Board Supervisor. Due to this, more ballot styles were needed because each ward needed the correct combination of county supervisor and alderperson race. This year all the city races were contested which increased the expected voter turnout requiring more ballots.
3. In 2018, new election equipment was used. Ballot cost projections were based on a 14" ballot, which is the usual ballot size. The 2018 August Primary had 5 parties and 11 offices for each party, along with some highly contested races, including 10 candidates for the Democratic Governor race and 10 candidates for the Republican United States Senator race. Consequently, a 17" two-sided ballot was needed which increased the cost of each ballot by 4 cents. The November 2018 ballot will also be a 17" due to two county referendum questions.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet Loomis  
County Clerk

1 Enrolled No.

2 RESOLUTION

3 File No. 18-19/066

4 - AUTHORIZING A TRANSFER FROM THE 2018 CONTINGENCY FUND IN THE  
5 AMOUNT OF \$10,000 FOR ADDITIONAL 2018 ELECTION COSTS.-

6 WHEREAS, the County Clerk has recorded higher voter turnout in all 2018 primary  
7 elections than in previous years; and

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9 WHEREAS, the April 2018 election required more ballot styles due to a change in City  
10 council terms and more contested races; and

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12 WHEREAS, new election equipment was used, which requires a longer ballot; and

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14 WHEREAS, the requested funds are not available in the County Clerk's 2018 budget; and

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16 NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED. that the Eau Claire County Board of  
17 Supervisors that it authorizes a transfer of \$10,000 from the 2018 contingency fund to the  
18 County Clerk's budget for additional election costs.

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