



## **ADDENDUM**

Eau Claire County  
Committee on Administration  
Tuesday, September 13, 2022, at 2:30 p.m.  
Eau Claire County Government Center  
721 Oxford Ave., Eau Claire • Room 3312

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1. File No. 22-23/055: Resolution authorizing \$3,000.00 in funding from Eau Claire County to support the Chippewa-St. Croix Rail Commission in pursuing a market sounding event and associated operating expenses – **Discussion/Action**

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FACT SHEET

TO FILE NO. 22-23/055

This resolution authorizes a contribution of \$3,000.00 in funding from Eau Claire County to support the Chippewa-St. Croix Rail Commission in pursuing a market sounding event and associated operating expenses.

The Association for Innovative Passenger Rail Operations (AIPRO) is collaborating with the Chippewa-St. Croix Rail Commission regarding determining the feasibility of the corridor and creation of a Service Development Plan. AIPRO proposes conducting a Market Sounding event hosted by the Chippewa-St. Croix Rail Commission to explore key issues and develop information needed for a future proposal to the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA).

Chippewa-St. Croix Rail Commission is requesting a \$3,000.00 contribution toward the \$12,000 consulting fee from each of its voting members to cover these costs.

Fiscal Impact: \$3000.00

Respectfully submitted,

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4 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING \$3,000.00 IN FUNDING FROM EAU CLAIRE COUNTY TO  
5 SUPPORT THE CHIPPEWA-ST. CROIX RAIL COMMISSION IN PURSUING A MARKET  
6 SOUNDING EVENT AND ASSOCIATED OPERATING EXPENSES

7 WHEREAS, the Chippewa-St. Croix Rail Commission intends to submit an Expression  
8 of Interest to the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) for the Eau Claire-Twin Cities  
9 passenger rail corridor; and

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11 WHEREAS, the Association for Innovative Passenger Rail Operations (AIPRO) accepted  
12 the Chippewa-St. Croix Rail Commission's invitation to collaborate on pursuing the next steps in  
13 determining the feasibility of the corridor and creation of a Service Development Plan; and

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15 WHEREAS, the Association for Innovative Passenger Rail Operations (AIPRO) proposes  
16 to conduct a Market Sounding event hosted by the Chippewa-St. Croix Rail Commission to  
17 explore key issues and develop information needed for a future proposal to the Federal Railroad  
18 Administration (FRA); and

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20 WHEREAS, RBC Transportation Solutions, LLC submitted a proposal to represent the  
21 Chippewa-St. Croix Rail Commission in convening and administering the Market Sounding  
22 Event, and compiling and facilitating information necessary for a proposal to the Federal  
23 Railroad Administration for a consulting fee of \$12,000; and

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25 WHEREAS, the Chippewa-St. Croix Passenger Rail Commission is seeking a \$3,000.00  
26 contribution from each of its voting members and the Chippewa-St. Croix Passenger Rail  
27 Commission anticipates there may be other operating expenses related to this project.

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29 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Eau Claire County Board of  
30 Supervisors authorizes the contribution of \$3,000.00 as a voting member of the Chippewa-St.  
31 Croix Passenger Rail Commission to contribute to funding the costs associated with the Market  
32 Sounding Event and compiling information necessary to submit a proposal to the Federal  
33 Railroad Administration; and

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35 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the Eau Claire County Board of Supervisors supports the  
36 Chippewa-St. Croix Rail Commission pursuing the proposed Market Sounding Event.

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50 Dated this \_\_\_\_ day of September, 2022.