

Resolution No. 68-18

Resolution to Lease "Little Red Schoolhouse" on County Fairgrounds to the St. Croix Falls
Historical Society

TO THE HONORABLE CHAIRPERSON AND SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY BOARD OF
THE COUNTY OF POLK:

Ladies and Gentlemen:

WHEREAS, the Farmington Center School District No. 1 one room schoolhouse (now referred to as the "Little Red Schoolhouse") was built in 1859, was continually used as a schoolhouse for nearly one hundred years until 1957 and is believed to be the oldest existing school building in this part of Wisconsin; and

WHEREAS, the Polk County Fair in its early years was held on the grounds of the Little Red Schoolhouse, and the schoolhouse building was used for exhibits and an office for the fair secretary; and

WHEREAS, in 1963, after its active use as a schoolhouse had been discontinued, the schoolhouse was considered worthy of historic preservation and was moved to its present site on the Polk County fairgrounds as a school museum where it has been used for historic and educational exhibits during fairs, and for other purposes; and

WHEREAS, the Polk County Historical Society had assumed oversight responsibility for the schoolhouse, but recently relinquished that responsibility; and

WHEREAS, the building is in need of ongoing care and maintenance and oversight that the St. Croix Falls Historical Society is willing and able to provide;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Polk County Board of Supervisors recognizes the historical nature of the schoolhouse and the value of its preservation, and hereby authorizes and directs the County Administrator to negotiate and execute a lease agreement with the St. Croix Falls Historical Society for the lease of the Little Red Schoolhouse on the Polk County fairgrounds with the provision that the St. Croix Falls Historical Society will provide oversight and ongoing ordinary maintenance of the schoolhouse; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that \$1,000.00 be included in the 2019 Polk County budget for necessary repairs to the building.

Offered on the 21st day of August, 2018.

BY:

Brad Olson, Supervisor, District #1

James Edgell, Supervisor, District #8

Doug Route, Supervisor, District #2

Kim O'Connell, Supervisor, District #9

Dean Johansen, Chair,
Supervisor, District #3,

Larry Jepsen, Supervisor, District #10

Chris Nelson, Supervisor, District #4

Jay Luke, 1st Vice Chair,
Supervisor, District #11

Tracy LaBlanc, Supervisor, District #5

Michael Larsen, Supervisor, District #12

Brian Masters, Supervisor, District #6

Russell Arcand, Supervisor, District #13

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Michael Prichard, Supervisor, District #7

John Bonneprise, 2nd Vice Chair,
Supervisor, District #14

Joe DeMulling, Supervisor, District #15

Fiscal Impact: The resolution presents a fiscal impact unknown at the present time as related to undertaking of a financial analysis and development of the business plan called for in the resolution. The cost-estimates of the same are unknown at this time.

The fiscal impact will be equal to cost of repairs.

Legal Impact: The resolution presents no legal impact.

The resolution authorizes lease of the Little Red
Reviewed By County Administrator: *School house*
Approved as to Form and Execution:

Jeffrey B. Fuge
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Interim County Administrator / Corporation Counsel

Reviewed Only
Maha Maloon
Asst. Corp Counsel

Excerpt of Minutes

35 At its regular business meeting on the 21 day of August 2018 the Polk County Board of Supervisors
36 acted upon Resolution No.68-18: Resolution to Lease "Little Red Schoolhouse" on County
37 Fairgrounds to the St. Croix Falls Historical Society as Follows:

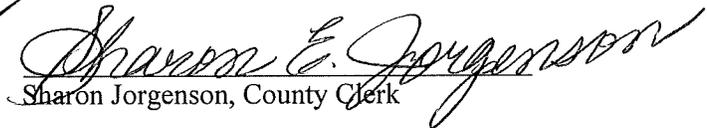
- Adopted by majority voice vote
- Adopted by simple majority of the board of supervisors by a vote of _____ in favor and _____ against.
- Budget amended by two thirds vote.
- Adopted by unanimous voice vote.
- Adopted as amended. See Below.
- Other: _____

Insert amendment to resolution according to minutes:

SIGNED BY:

ATTEST:


Dean Johansen, County Board Chairperson


Sharon Jorgenson, County Clerk

CERTIFIED COPY OF POLK COUNTY RESOLUTION

STATE OF WISCONSIN

COUNTY OF POLK

I Sharon E. Jorgenson, Polk County Clerk do hereby certify that the attached hereto and incorporated herein is a full, true and correct copy of Resolution No. 68-18: Resolution to Lease "Little Red Schoolhouse" on County Fairgrounds to the St. Croix Falls Historical Society adopted by the Polk County Board of Supervisors at its regular business meeting held on November 13, 2018

 *Sharon E. Jorgenson* 11/15/18

Sharon E. Jorgenson, Polk County Clerk

Date