

Resolution No. 31 -19

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RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH A SEPARATE DISASTER FUND TO TRACK EXPENSES RELATED TO THE JULY 19, 2019 STORM

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

Ladies and Gentlemen:

WHEREAS, Polk County experienced widespread damage associated with the July 19, 2019 storm; and

WHEREAS, Polk County will incur expenses related to employee overtime, equipment, materials, and use of private contractors to clear debris from rights of way and tree debris removal sites; and

WHEREAS, it is anticipated that Polk County may be eligible for some amount of storm related cost reimbursement and a separate fund will help keep expenses separate, distinct and easily identifiable; and

WHEREAS, Polk County Financial Policies require that the County Board must approve establishing a new financial fund; and

WHEREAS, a storm related fund will help auditors more easily examine storm related activities when completing the 2019 audit; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Polk County Board of Supervisors authorize the establishment of a separate fund to account for storm related expenses.

BY: _____
Brad Olson, Supervisor, District #1

Doug Route, Supervisor, District #2

Dean Johansen, Chair,
Supervisor, District #3,

Chris Nelson, Supervisor, District #4

Tracy LaBlanc
Tracy LaBlanc, Supervisor, District #5

Brian Masters, Supervisor, District #6

Michael Prichard, Supervisor, District #7

James Edgell, Supervisor, District #8

Kim O'Connell, Supervisor, District #9

Larry Jepsen, Supervisor, District #10

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

Michael Larsen, Supervisor, District #12

Russell Arcand, Supervisor, District #13

John Bonneprise, 2nd Vice Chair,

Supervisor, District #14

Joe Demulling, Supervisor, District #15

County Administrator's Note:

Establishing a separate fund to track storm related activities is consistent with best practice, County Policy, and guidance from our auditors.

Recommended

Nick Osborne

Nick Osborne
County Administrator

Fiscal Impact Note:

A capital project fund will be used to track the storm damage expenses covered by the general fund unassigned fund balance. Total amount of fund balance required will depend on if qualified costs reach the threshold of \$167,084 and, at that time, Polk County can pursue partial reimbursements from the State of Wisconsin.

Maggie Wickre

Maggie Wickre, Finance Director

Approved as to Form and Execution:

Malia T. Malone

Malia T. Malone, Corporation Counsel

Legal Impact Note:

This Resolution has no legal impact other than to require the creation of the separate account for expense tracking.

Excerpt of Minutes

28 At its regular business meeting on the 20 of Aug 2019, the Polk County

29 Board of Supervisors acted upon Resolution No. 31 -19: Resolution

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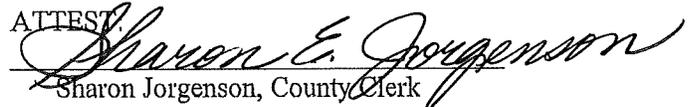
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- Adopted by a majority of the members present by a vote of _____ in favor and _____ against.
- Adopted by unanimous voice vote.
- Adopted as amended. See Below.
- Defeated
- Other:

Insert amendment to resolution according to minutes:

SIGNED BY: 
Dean Johansen, County Board Chairperson

ATTEST: 
Sharon Jorgenson, County Clerk

Executive Summary

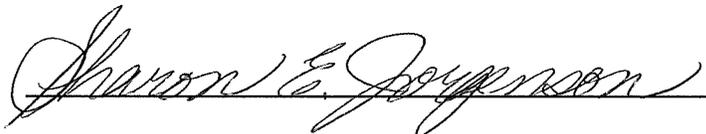
On July 19, 2019, Polk experienced severe weather that resulted in an unprecedented number of downed trees and property damage. The County has already expended overtime and equipment associated with the response and it is anticipated that there will be significant expenses related to hiring private contractors to clear trees from highway rights of way and general debris clean up. Establishing a separate financial account will enable transparency and if it is possible to attain reimbursement, it will aid staff in identifying storm related costs.

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. 31-19: Resolution to Establish a Separate Disaster Fund to Track Expenses Related to the July 19, 2019 Storm adopted by the Polk County Board of Supervisors at its regular business meeting held on August 20, 2019.

 8/20/19

Sharon E. Jorgenson, Polk County Clerk

Date