

ENROLLED ORDINANCE 175-61

MODIFY 2021 WAUKESHA COUNTY HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
PUBLIC HEALTH BUDGET FOR COVID-19 TESTING EFFORTS

WHEREAS, providing testing for COVID-19 is essential for disease diagnosis and helping stop the spread of the virus; and

WHEREAS, during 2020 the State of Wisconsin has launched a number of testing efforts to support local public health operations, including working with the National Guard and local health care providers to administer tests; and

WHEREAS, state-funded National Guard operations are scheduled to end on December 9, 2020 and funding for local health care providers is scheduled to end on December 30, 2020; and

WHEREAS, Waukesha County received a grant allocation of CARES Act funding from the State of \$513,200 for the purposes of test coordination (Enrolled Ordinance 175-45); and

WHEREAS, this testing coordination funding is likely to be mostly unspent in 2020 due to the state-led testing efforts mentioned above, and the funding will end on December 30, 2020; and

WHEREAS, at this time it is uncertain whether there will be new funding made available by the state or federal governments to provide testing after year-end 2020; and

WHEREAS, it may be necessary for the county to contract with local health care providers to administer COVID-19 testing; and

WHEREAS, during 2020, the county has sought CARES Act reimbursement for existing staff time (including paid employee leave) dedicated to the pandemic response; and

WHEREAS, since most of these personnel costs were already included in the 2020 budget, receiving these additional revenues will help generate favorable results, which could be used in 2021 to fund a continuation of testing resources; and

WHEREAS, the county will continue to monitor state and federal funding options to minimize the use of prior-year funds for these purposes.

THE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF WAUKESHA ORDAINS that the 2021 Department of Health and Human Services – Public Health budget be modified by increasing operating expense appropriations by \$500,000 and General Fund balance usage by \$500,000 for the purpose of providing COVID-19 testing.

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Presented by:
Health and Human Services Committee

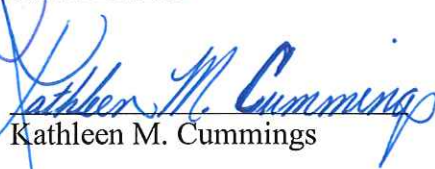
Approved by:
Finance Committee


Timothy Dondlinger, Chair

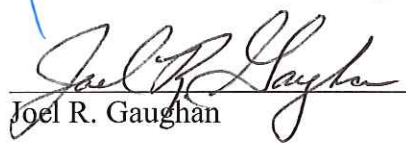

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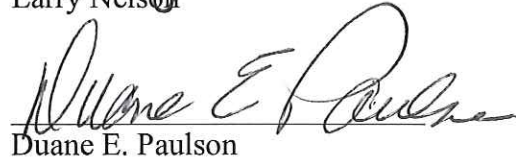

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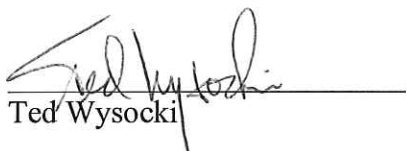

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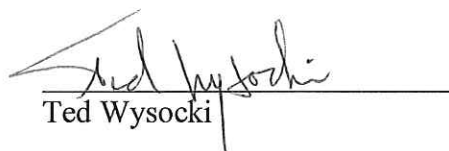

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The foregoing legislation adopted by the County Board of Supervisors of Waukesha County, Wisconsin, was presented to the County Executive on:

Date: 12/18/2020, 
Margaret Wartman, County Clerk

The foregoing legislation adopted by the County Board of Supervisors of Waukesha County, Wisconsin, is hereby:

Approved: X
Vetoed: _____

Date: 12/18/2020, 
Paul Farrow, County Executive

FISCAL NOTE

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HEALTH BUDGET FOR COVID-19 TESTING EFFORTS

This ordinance modifies the 2021 Waukesha County Health and Human Services – Public Health budget to increase operating expenditures by \$500,000 to pay for COVID-19 testing efforts. During 2020, testing efforts have been funded by the state, and include using the National Guard and grants to local health care providers to administer tests. This funding is set to expire on December 9th and December 30th, respectively. At this time, it is unclear whether there will be state or federal funding to provide testing on January 1, 2021. (A state allocation of \$513,200 of federal CARES Act funding will likely go mostly unspent due to the state leading testing efforts during 2020, and the allocation sunsetting at the end of the year.) This budget modification is intended to help ensure that there is spending authority to provide testing capabilities (e.g., contracting with local health care providers) at the beginning of the year after existing grant allocations terminate.

This ordinance also increases General Fund balance usage by \$500,000 to pay for the testing efforts. During 2020, the county is claiming existing staff time (included paid leave) dedicated to the pandemic response against CARES Act allocations (e.g., Routes to Recovery). Since most of these personnel costs were already included in the 2020 adopted budget (the exception being additional overtime expenses), these revenues help generate favorable variances (lapsing to General Fund balance at year end), which will be available for the pandemic response needed in 2021. For 2020, it is anticipated that at least \$3.4 million of CARES Act funding will be received for staff time. Given the uncertainty of state and federal funding in 2021, this ordinance relies on General Fund balance. The county will continue to monitor funding options to help minimize the use of this General Fund balance.



William P. Duckwitz
Budget Manager
11/18/2020
2021-00000001

Ordinance 175-O-061



Ordinance 175-O-061: Monthly 2021 Waukesha County Health And Human Services Public Health Budget For COVID-19 Testing Efforts

VOTE RESULTS: Passed With 17 Yes Votes Needed

AYE: 25

NAY: 0

ABSENT: 0

D1 - Foti		AYE
D2 - Zimmermann		AYE
D3 - Morris		AYE
D4 - Batzko		AYE
D5 - Dondlinger	Motion	AYE
D6 - Walz	Second	AYE
D7 - LaFontain		AYE
D8 - Michalski		AYE
D9 - Heinrich		AYE
D10 - Swan		AYE
D11 - Howard		AYE
D12 - Wolff		AYE
D13 - Decker		AYE

D14 - Mommaerts		AYE
D15 - Mitchell		AYE
D16 - Crowley		AYE
D17 - Paulson		AYE
D18 - Nelson		AYE
D19 - Cummings		AYE
D20 - Schellinger		AYE
D21 - Gaughan		AYE
D22 - Wysocki		AYE
D23 - Hammitt		AYE
D24 - Whittow		AYE
D25 - Johnson		AYE