

**COUNTY OF RACINE  
GOVERNMENT SERVICES COMMITTEE**

Janet Bernberg, Chairman  
Thomas Roanhouse, Vice Chairman  
Melissa Kaprelian-Becker, Secretary

Supervisor John A. Wisch  
Supervisor Scott Maier  
Supervisor Tom Kramer  
Supervisor Eric Hillery

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**NOTICE OF MEETING  
OF THE  
GOVERNMENT SERVICES COMMITTEE**

DATE: TUESDAY, JUNE 5, 2018

TIME: 6:00 p.m.

PLACE: AUDITORIUM  
IVES GROVE OFFICE COMPLEX  
14200 WASHINGTON AVENUE  
STURTEVANT, WI 53177

**A G E N D A**

1. Public Comments
2. Chairman Comments
3. Approval of Minutes from previous meeting
4. Old Business
5. **Referrals from the County Board**
  - A. Memorandum from The Wisconsin Counties Association
  - B. Burnett County Resolution # 2018-05 To Create a Nonpartisan Procedure for the Preparation of Legislative and Congressional Redistricting Plans
  - C. Burnett County Resolution # 2018-10 In Support of Increased Public Defender Access and Pay
  - D. Door County Resolution 2018-33 Supporting a Constitutional Amendment to Allow Limits on Campaign Contributions and Conducting a Non-Binding Statewide Referendum
6. New Business
  - A. Racine County Clerk of Circuit Court Sam Christensen will give an overview of his office.
7. Adjournment

**GOVERNMENT SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**May 1, 2018**

AUDITORIUM AT IVES GROVE OFFICE COMPLEX  
14200 WASHINGTON AVENUE, STUTEVANT, WISCONSIN 53177

The meeting of the Government Services Committee was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Chairman Bernberg.

Meeting attended by: Supervisors Roanhouse, Kaprelian-Becker, Wisch, Kramer, Hillery and Youth Representative Schlicht. Incoming Youth Representatives Reschke and Evans attended for information only as a prerequisite to the program.

Excused: Supervisor Maier.

Absent: Youth Representative Craig.

**#1 – Public comments**

None.

**#2 – Chairman comments**

Chairman Bernberg congratulated the new County Board Supervisors and the incoming Youth Representatives. Introductions followed.

**#3 – Approve minutes from previous meeting(s)**

**Action:** To approve the minutes from the March 6, 2018 and April 5, 2018 meetings, as printed. **Motion passed.** Moved: Supervisor Kaprelian-Becker. Seconded: Supervisor Roanhouse. Vote: All Ayes, No Nays.

**#4 – Old Business**

None.

**#5A – County Clerk Wendy Christensen – discussion of office responsibilities and elections**

County Clerk Christensen spoke about the functions of her office, including work with the County Board regarding their meetings and agendas, as well as the flow of information and documents through other departments from the various standing committees being referred to the County Board for action. She also explained other things her office is responsible for including marriage license issuance, being the repository for all county contracts, creation of the County Public Officials Directory, coordinating the County Board's yearly calendar, preparation and reporting of the county's annual tax apportionment, being a passport acceptance agency for the Federal Government and oversight of elections throughout the county. Discussion was held regarding the purchase of new voting equipment and the process over two years to coordinate that effort. Each municipality had paid for their own equipment, but the entire county was on the same system. The old optical scan equipment had been 20+ years old and was reaching the end of its useful life. The old touch screen equipment had been installed in 2006. Benefits and security of the new system were also discussed.

**#6 - Adjournment**

**Action:** Adjourn the meeting at 7:00 p.m. **Motion Passed.** Moved: Supervisor Kaprelian-Becker. Seconded: Supervisor Roanhouse. Vote: All Ayes, No Nays.



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**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** County Board Chairs, Executives, and Administrators  
**FROM:** Mark D. O'Connell, Executive Director  
**DATE:** April 23, 2018  
**SUBJECT:** 2018 WCA Annual Business Meeting Resolutions  
Deadline for Submission: 4:30 p.m. on June 25, 2018

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RACINE COUNTY CLERK

The WCA Annual Conference will be held from September 23-25, 2018 in La Crosse. I look forward to seeing you there.

Each year, counties have the opportunity to submit resolutions for consideration at the Annual Business Meeting, held in conjunction with the WCA Annual Conference. Resolutions adopted at the Annual Business Meeting become part of the WCA Platform.

The WCA Constitution requires all resolutions be submitted to the WCA executive director no later than 90 days prior to the Annual Business Meeting. Therefore, **all resolutions must be submitted to the WCA office no later than 4:30 p.m. on Monday, June 25, 2018** to be considered at the 2018 Annual Business Meeting. All resolutions submitted by the deadline will be referred to the appropriate steering committee, as well as the WCA Resolutions Committee, prior to action at the Annual Business Meeting.

Please keep the following in mind when submitting resolutions for the Annual Business Meeting:

1. All resolutions submitted must be adopted by your full county board (please send an official copy for verification purposes).
2. Any resolution submitted must be on a matter of public policy.
3. **Resolutions must be submitted with a cover memo indicating that the resolutions are submitted for consideration at the Annual Business Meeting.**
4. Resolutions may be submitted in any one of the following ways:
  - Mailed to the WCA office: 22 E. Mifflin Street, Suite 900, Madison, WI 53703
  - Faxed to 608.663.7189
  - Emailed to [voss@wicounties.org](mailto:voss@wicounties.org)

5. If possible, please also email a Microsoft Word or text version of the resolutions to the WCA office. This will allow for a quicker processing/turnaround time on our end, as WCA staff will not need to retype each resolution. You will still need to send an official copy of each resolution so staff can verify action on the resolution was taken by the full county board.
6. Once the WCA office receives your resolutions, a confirmation notice will be sent to the county clerk. If you do not receive a confirmation notice by June 29, 2018, please contact the WCA office to ensure your county's resolutions were received.

All resolutions received by the deadline will be considered at the Annual Business Meeting. The Annual Business Meeting is scheduled to take place on Sunday, September 23, 2018.

If you have any questions regarding the resolutions process, please do not hesitate to contact Sarah Diedrick-Kasdorf at the WCA office (608.663.7188 or [diedrick@wicounties.org](mailto:diedrick@wicounties.org)).

cc: WCA Board of Directors  
County Clerks

RESOLUTION # 2018-05

To Create a Nonpartisan Procedure for the Preparation of Legislative and Congressional Redistricting Plans

1 To the Honorable members of the Burnett County Board of Supervisors;

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3 WHEREAS, currently under the state constitution, the legislature is directed to redistrict  
4 legislative districts according to the number of inhabitants at its next session following the  
5 decennial federal census by the majority party; and at the same intervals, the legislature also  
6 reapportions congressional districts pursuant to federal law, and

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8 WHEREAS, legislative and congressional redistricting plans enacted pursuant to this  
9 procedure are used to elect members of the legislature and members of Congress in the fall of  
10 the second year following the year of the census; and

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12 WHEREAS, historically legislative and congressional plans in Wisconsin have been subject to  
13 partisan influence that put the desires of politicians ahead of the electoral prerogative of the  
14 people; and

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16 WHEREAS, the 2011 process to draw the maps and fight litigation contesting those maps cost  
17 taxpayers nearly \$1.9 million; and

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19 WHEREAS, a panel of federal district court judges has ruled that the redistricting that was  
20 done in Wisconsin in 2011 was unconstitutional; and

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22 WHEREAS, redistricting to achieve partisan gains is improper, whether it is done by  
23 Republicans or Democrats.

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25 NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Burnett County Board of Supervisors insists  
26 upon the creation of a nonpartisan procedure for the preparation of legislative and congressional  
27 redistricting plans; and

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29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the process promotes more accountability and transparency  
30 and prohibits the consideration of voting patterns party information, and incumbents'  
31 residence information or demographic information in drawing the maps, except as necessary to  
32 ensure minority participation as required by the U.S. Constitution; and

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34 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the County Clerk is directed to send a copy of this  
35 resolution to the Governor of the State of Wisconsin, the Wisconsin Counties Association, the  
36 Wisconsin Towns Association, the Wisconsin League of Municipalities, all members of the  
37 state legislature representing Burnett County and to each Wisconsin County.

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COUNTY CLERK

**RESOLUTION # 2018-05**

**To Create a Nonpartisan Procedure for the Preparation of Legislative and  
Congressional Redistricting Plans**

1 Respectfully submitted and recommended for adoption by the Administration Committee.  
2 Signed and dated this 20<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2018.

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4 State of Wisconsin  
5 County of Burnett  
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7 I, Wanda Hinrichs, the duly elected and qualified County Clerk in and for Burnett County, do  
8 hereby certify that the attached Resolution 2018-05, "To Create a Nonpartisan Procedure for the  
9 Preparation of Legislative and Congressional Re" was adopted by the Burnett County Board of  
10 Supervisors at a legally assembled meeting at which a quorum was present and acted throughout.  
11 The date of passage was February 22, 2018.

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13 *Wanda Hinrichs*

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16 Wanda Hinrichs,  
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RESOLUTION # 2018-10

In Support of Increased Public Defender Access and Pay

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To the Honorable members of the Burnett County Board of Supervisors;

**WHEREAS**, criminal cases continue to rise due to a variety of factors including increased drug crimes; and

**WHEREAS**, both the United States Constitution the Constitution of the State of Wisconsin provide that persons accused have the right to counsel; and

**WHEREAS**, in Wisconsin the Office of the Public Defender provides counsel to those persons meeting income eligibility guidelines for services; and

**WHEREAS**, judges are being forced to appoint counsel at county expense for persons for whom the public defender cannot find representation due to a lack of available counsel as a result of the low compensation rate; and

**WHEREAS**, this results in costs to counties to appoint counsel, increased costs to jail persons held pre-trial pending appointment of counsel, inefficiency for courts and law enforcement and a delay in obtaining justice for victims; and

**WHEREAS**, the rate of compensation for private bar attorneys has not been increased since 1995 and currently is the lowest hourly rate in the nation; and

**WHEREAS**, this has created a burden on the courts and Wisconsin counties.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Burnett County Board of Supervisors does hereby urge the State of Wisconsin to provide sufficient resources to the Office of the Public Defender to ensure that the criminal justice system operates effectively and efficiently; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the State of Wisconsin increase the rate of reimbursement for assigned counsel attorneys to a market rate that will ensure the prompt appointment of counsel and that cases are handled in a timely and efficient manner; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the County Clerk is directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Governor of the State of Wisconsin, the Wisconsin Counties Association, the Wisconsin Towns Association, the Wisconsin League of Municipalities, all members of the state legislature and to each Wisconsin county.

BURNETT COUNTY CLERK

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**RESOLUTION # 2018-10**

**In Support of Increased Public Defender Access and Pay**

1 Respectfully submitted and recommended for adoption by the Administration Committee.  
2 Signed and dated this 19<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2018.

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4 State of Wisconsin  
5 County of Burnett

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7 I, Wanda Hinrichs, the duly elected and qualified County Clerk in and for Burnett County, do  
8 hereby certify that the attached Resolution 2018-10, "In Support of Increased Public Defender  
9 Access and Pay" was adopted by the Burnett County Board of Supervisors at a legally assembled  
10 meeting at which a quorum was present and acted throughout. The date of passage was March  
11 22, 2018.

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13 *Wanda Hinrichs*

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**DOOR COUNTY**

**Resolution No. 2018-33**

**SUPPORTING A CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT TO ALLOW LIMITS ON CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTIONS AND CONDUCTING A NON-BINDING STATEWIDE REFERENDUM**

TO THE DOOR COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:

ROLL CALL Board Members	Aye	Nay	Exc.
AUSTAD	X		
BACON	X		
BULTMAN	X		
CHOMEAU	X		
D. ENGLEBERT	X		
R. ENGLEBERT	X		
ENIGL	X		
FISHER		X	
GUNNLAUGSSON	X		
HALSTEAD	X		
KOCH	X		
KOHOUT	X		
LIENAU		X	
LUNDAHL	X		
NEINAS	X		
NORTON	X		
ROBILLARD	X		
SCHULTZ	X		
VIRLEE	X		
VLIES WOTACHEK	X		
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**BOARD ACTION**

Vote Required: Majority Vote of a Quorum

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Motion to Approve  Adopted

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2nd Enigl

Yes: 19 No: 2 Exc: 0

Reviewed by: \_\_\_\_\_, Corp. Counsel

Reviewed by: \_\_\_\_\_, Administrator

**FISCAL IMPACT:** There is no fiscal impact associated with the adoption of this resolution. MEJ

**Certification:**

I, Jill M. Lau, Clerk of Door County, hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of a resolution that was adopted on the 17th day of April, 2018 by the Door County Board of Supervisors.

Jill M. Lau  
Jill M. Lau  
County Clerk, Door County

1 WHEREAS, Free and fair elections are essential to democracy and effective self-governance;  
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4 WHEREAS, The appearance of buying access to candidates or influencing policy, governance,  
5 and judicial decisions because of large outsider donations erodes voter confidence in our elections  
6 and democracy; and

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8 WHEREAS, The County of Door has an interest in protecting itself and its citizens against  
9 intrusions on local control by mitigating the influence of money and privileged access in state and  
10 federal government and elections; and

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12 WHEREAS, The U.S. Supreme Court's decisions in *Citizens United* and related cases allow  
13 unlimited spending by certain groups known as Super-PACs to influence local, state, and federal  
14 elections; and

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16 WHEREAS, The above mentioned Supreme Court cases:
- have granted Corporations, Unions, non-profits, and other man-made entities (such as Super-PACs) the same Constitutional protections given only to individual human beings by the Framers of the Constitution, and;
  - have declared money to be 'free speech'

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22 WHEREAS, as of February 15, 2018, 78.9% of Door County municipalities (15/19) have called  
23 upon the Door County Board of Supervisors to support their Resolutions Supporting a Constitutional  
24 Amendment to Allow Limits on Campaign Contributions and Conducting a Non-Binding Statewide  
25 Referendum.

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28 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Door County Board of Supervisors (joining  
29 with the 120 Wisconsin communities to date, including 9 other counties) calls upon our elected  
30 State Assembly Representative and State Senator and on the Wisconsin State Legislature to  
31 hold a non-binding state-wide Referendum asking the voters if they wish the State of  
32 Wisconsin to support an Amendment to the United States Constitution stating:

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1. Only human beings are endowed with individual constitutional rights –not corporations, unions, non-profits or artificial entities (such as SuperPACs)
  2. Money is not speech, and therefore limiting political contributions and spending is not equivalent to limiting political speech.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That following the Door County resolution, the County Clerk is directed to forward a copy of this resolution to all other counties, the Wisconsin Counties Association, and to our state and federal representatives, including the members of any state committees in which such a referendum or bill resides, with instructions to enact resolutions, referenda, and legislation to advance this effort.

SUBMITTED BY: LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

Susan Kohout  
Susan Kohout, Chairman

Helen Bacon  
Helen Bacon

Roy Englebert  
Roy Englebert

David Enigl  
David Enigl

Steve Sohns  
Steve Sohns

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