

**RACINE COUNTY  
GOVERNMENT SERVICES COMMITTEE**

Melissa Kaprelian, Chairman  
Nick Demske, Vice Chairman  
Vacant, Secretary  
Supervisor Marlo Harmon

Supervisor Tom Rutkowski  
Supervisor Donald J. Trottier  
Supervisor Taylor Wishau

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

DATE: TUESDAY, June 27, 2023  
TIME: 5:45 p.m.  
PLACE: Peter L. Hansen County Board Chambers at Ives Grove  
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(s)
4. New Business
  - A. Report No. 2023-16 By County Executive Making Reappointments to the Local Emergency Planning Committee
  - B. Report No. 2023-19 By County Executive Appointing the Emergency Management Coordinator
  - C. Ordinance No. 2023-xx By Government Services Committee Amending the Racine County Code of Ordinances – Chapter 16, Article III, Division 1 – Generally, Sec. 16-36. – Closing Hours Requested action: 1<sup>st</sup> Reading at the June 27, 2023 County Board meeting
5. Referrals from the County Board
  - A. Memo from the Racine County Medical Examiner regarding the Versiti Tissue Donor Recovery and Referral Agreement
  - B. Resolutions requesting the State revise the current Real Estate Transfer Fees Revenue Sharing Formula from Barron, Jackson, La Crosse, Lincoln, Portage and Vernon Counties
  - C. Resolution requesting the State of Wisconsin, in the next legislative biennium, to review and revise its policy on foreign ownership of farmland from Outagamie County
  - D. Resolution requesting the State of Wisconsin review and revise the entry level compensation rate for Assistant District Attorneys from Washington County
  - E. Resolution requesting the State of Wisconsin revise the compensation rate for State Public Defenders from Douglas and Washington Counties
  - F. Resolution requesting the State of Wisconsin address concerns of Act 216, relating to distributing the proceeds from the sale of tax delinquent property to the former owner from Price County
6. Adjournment

**GOVERNMENT SERVICES COMMITTEE  
AUDITORIUM AT IVES GROVE OFFICE COMPLEX  
14200 WASHINGTON AVENUE, STURTEVANT 53177  
March 21, 2023**

The meeting of the Government Services Committee was called to order at 6:06 p.m. by Chairman Melissa Kaprelian.

Meeting attended by: Supervisors Demske, Maldonado, Rutkowski, Harmon, Trottier and Wishau, and YIG Reps Katelyn Guerro. Supervisors Demske and Wishau were attending virtually. Also attending were Sheriff Chief Deputy Weidner and Director of Data & Performance Analytics Richardson.

Excused: None.

Absent: YIG Representative Noura Deanparvar.

**#1 – Public Comments**

None.

**#2 – Chairman Comments**

None.

**#3 – Approval of minutes from previous meeting(s)**

**Action:** To approve the minutes from the January 31, 2023 and February 22, 2023 Government Services Committee meeting, as printed. **Motion passed.** Moved: Supervisor Maldonado. Seconded: Supervisor Trottier. Vote: All Ayes, No Nays.

**#4A- Overview of Violent Crime Reduction Initiative (VCRI) Update**

Chief Deputy Weidner gave a presentation and overview regarding reducing violent crime. He discussed the various phases of community engagement and programming, including initiatives and training.

**#5A – Referrals from the County Board – Resolutions requesting the State of Wisconsin to increase the pay rate of Assistant District Attorneys from Forest and Shawano Counties**

**Action:** To receive and file. **Motion passed.** Moved: Supervisor Maldonado. Seconded: Supervisor Trottier. Vote: All Ayes, No Nays.

**#5B – Referrals from the County Board – Memo from the Racine County Medical Examiner regarding the Versiti Tissue Donor Recovery and Referral Agreement**

**Action:** To receive and file. **Motion passed.** Moved: Supervisor Trottier. Seconded: Supervisor Harmon. Vote: All Ayes, No Nays.

**#5C – Referrals from the County Board – Resolutions requesting the State to revise the current Real Estate Transfer Fees Revenue Sharing Formula from Kenosha, Green Lake, Trempealeau and Crawford Counties**

**Action:** To receive and file. **Motion passed.** Moved: Supervisor Trottier. Seconded: Supervisor Rutkowski. Vote: All Ayes, No Nays.

**#3 - Adjournment**

**Action:** Adjourn the meeting at 7:18 p.m. **Motion Passed.** Moved: Supervisor Maldonado. Seconded: Supervisor Trottier. Vote: All Ayes, No Nays.

June 13, 2023

**REPORT NO. 2023-16**

**REPORT BY THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE MAKING  
REAPPOINTMENTS TO THE LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE**

To the Honorable Members of the Racine County Board of Supervisors:

The term of two members on the Local Emergency Planning Committee expired on December 31, 2022. These members' services have been valuable to the LEPC, and they have expressed willingness to serve another term. Therefore, I hereby reappoint, for terms to expire on December 31, 2024:

**AARON BIXBY**

S.C. Johnson & Son, Inc. – Waxdale  
2640 Willow Road  
Sturtevant, WI 53177

**DAVID GORDON**

Ascension / All Saints  
3801 Spring Street  
Racine, WI 53405

I ask that you confirm these reappointments.

Sincerely,

Jonathan Delagrave  
County Executive

June 27, 2023

**REPORT NO. 2023-19**

**REPORT BY THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE APPOINTING  
THE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR**

To the Honorable Members of the Racine County Board of Supervisors:

Racine County's Emergency Management Coordinator position has been vacant since March 22, 2023. To fill this vacancy, I am appointing:

**Alexander Freeman**

Alexander Freeman was hired by Racine County on December 28, 2021, as the Deputy Emergency Management Coordinator. Alex was previously employed by Waukesha County where he worked in Emergency Management as a planner and telecommunicator for six years. During his time with Waukesha County, he was able to develop his incident management and hazard planning skills.

During his tenure with Racine County, Alex has effectively prepared and exercised disaster response plans and successfully conducted public awareness campaigns. Due to Alex's exceptional leadership and communication skills, he has demonstrated his ability to build relationships and foster collaboration with key leaders within and outside of Racine County. Alex has maintained continuity of operations and essential functions of the Emergency Operation Center and played a vital role during the ice storm last winter.

I am confident that Alex possesses the necessary expertise and qualities required to fill this crucial role. I ask for your confirmation of Alexander Freeman as Emergency Management Coordinator.

Respectfully submitted,

Jonathan Delagrave  
County Executive

ORDINANCE NO. 2023-XX

ORDINANCE BY THE GOVERNMENT SERVICES COMMITTEE AMENDING THE RACINE COUNTY CODE OF ORDINANCES – CHAPTER 16, ARTICLE III, DIVISION 1 – GENERALLY, SEC. 16-46. – CLOSING HOURS.

To the Honorable Members of the Racine County Board of Supervisors:

The Racine County Board of Supervisors does ordain as follows:

Chapter 16, Article 3, Division 1 – Generally, Section 16-46 of the Racine County Code of Ordinances relating to closing hours is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec.16-46. – Closing hours.

- (a) The courthouse shall be kept open on all days of the year except Saturdays, Sundays and as provided in the current labor contracts.
- (b) The office hours of the courthouse shall be Monday to Friday, except for the holidays specified in the labor contracts, from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon and from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
- (c) Notwithstanding subsections (a) and (b) above, the business hours for the register of deeds, county clerk, county treasurer, and real property lister for the filing, recording, inspecting and copying of records on file in that office shall be, for any official business day during which those offices are the register of deeds office is open to the public, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The office of real property lister shall be open to the public for the inspection and copying of records on file with the office from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon on any official business day during which the real property lister office is open.

(Ord. No. 2001-152, pt. 1, 12-11-01)

Respectfully submitted,

1st Reading \_\_\_\_\_

GOVERNMENT SERVICES COMMITTEE

2nd Reading \_\_\_\_\_

BOARD ACTION

Adopted \_\_\_\_\_

For \_\_\_\_\_

Against \_\_\_\_\_

Absent \_\_\_\_\_

Melissa Kaprelian, Chairman

Nick Demske, Vice-Chairman

VOTE REQUIRED: Majority M.E.

Vacant, Secretary

Prepared by:  
Corporation Counsel

Marlo Harmon

Tom Rutkowski

Don Trottier

1 Ord No. 2023-XX

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Taylor Wishau

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7 **The foregoing legislation adopted by the County Board of Supervisors of**  
8 **Racine County, Wisconsin, is hereby:**

9 **Approved:** \_\_\_\_\_

10 **Vetoed:** \_\_\_\_\_

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12 **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_,

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**Jonathan Delagrave, County Executive**

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**Kristan Binninger**  
Racine County Medical Examiner  
9531 Rayne Road  
Sturtevant, WI 53177  
Phone: 262-636-3303  
Fax: 262-636-3728  
Kristan.binninger@RacineCounty.com

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To: Racine County Board of Supervisors  
From: Racine County Medical Examiner, Kristan Binninger  
Re: Versiti Tissue Donor Recovery and Referral  
Date: March 17, 2023

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The purpose of this memorandum is to update the Racine County Board of Supervisors on the status of a Tissue Donor Recovery and Referral Agreement that was entered into with Versiti Wisconsin, Inc.. The agreement was distributed to the Racine County Board of Supervisors on February 10, 2023, pursuant to Wis. Stat. s. 157.06(24m)(b). Within 60 days after transmittal of the agreement to the county board, the county board may approve or disapprove the agreement; if the county board takes no action, the agreement is approved.

Please be advised that Versiti and Racine County mutually agreed to rescind the Tissue Donor Recovery and Referral Agreement, effective March 1, 2023. Accordingly, no further action is required of the Racine County Board of Supervisors. The Racine County Medical Examiner is working with Versiti toward drafting – and will seek necessary approvals upon completion of that process – a written, general referral agreement under which the Medical Examiner’s Office may refer decedents for potential donation of tissue.

**RACINE COUNTY CLERK**  
**FILED MAR 17 '23 PM 2:46**

**BARRON COUNTY RESOLUTION NO. 2023 – 12**

**Requesting the State to Revise the Current Real Estate Transfer Fees  
Revenue Sharing Formula**

**TO THE BARRON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:**

1           **WHEREAS**, the collection by counties of a real estate transfer fee was mandated by the  
2 State of Wisconsin in 1969 and included a requirement that counties remit 50% of all transfer  
3 fees collected to the State;

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5           **WHEREAS**, in 1981, the State changed the transfer fee formula to now require counties  
6 to remit to the State 80% of all transfer fees collected; and

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8           **WHEREAS**, the County through the Register of Deeds office assumes the annual  
9 operating costs of recording all real estate transfer occurring in Barron County, including the  
10 collection of real estate transfer fees ; and

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12           **WHEREAS**, in 2022, Barron County collected \$947,303.70 in real estate transfer fees  
13 with the County's 20% share retained totaling \$189,460.74 and was required to remit 80% or  
14 \$757,842.96 to the State; and

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16           **WHEREAS**, Barron County real estate transfer fee collections over the past five years  
17 totaled \$4,207,336.80 of which the County retained \$841,467.36 and over that same period of  
18 time \$3,365,869.44 was remitted to the State; and

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20           **WHEREAS**, in 2021, the State of Wisconsin has built up a budget surplus of  
21 approximately \$2.5 billion dollars, while many Wisconsin Counties continue to struggle  
22 financially due to the ever-increasing costs of providing county government services in an  
23 inflationary economy, coupled with the financial restrictions imposed by the State mandated levy  
24 limits; and

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26           **WHEREAS**, in an effort to financially assist all Wisconsin Counties, Barron County  
27 requests that the State of Wisconsin return the real estate transfer fee share formula to again  
28 allow Wisconsin Counties to retain 50% of all total real estate transfer fees collected, with 50%  
29 to be remitted to the State; and

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31           **WHEREAS**, this resolution was approved by the Executive Committee on March 3,  
32 2023 on a vote of 8 - 0 with Bartlett, Buchanan, Cook, Hanson, Heinecke, Moen, Okey and  
33 Rogers voting in favor and no members voting against.

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35           **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, the Barron County Board of Supervisors  
36 hereby request that the State of Wisconsin revise the real estate transfer fee share formula to  
37 again allow Wisconsin Counties to retain 50% of all real estate transfer fees collected, with 50%  
38 to be remitted to the State.


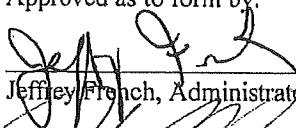
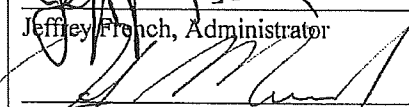

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40           **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a copy of this resolution is sent to Governor Tony  
41 Evers, all members of the State Legislature representing Barron County, the Wisconsin Counties  
42 Association and other Wisconsin Counties.



BARRON COUNTY RESOLUTION NO. 2023 – 12

Requesting the State to Revise the Current Real Estate Transfer Fees  
Revenue Sharing Formula

OFFERED THIS 20<sup>th</sup> Day of March, 2023

<p>Number of readings required: One (X) Two ( )</p> <p>Vote required for passage: Majority (X) 2/3 Entire Board (20) ( )</p> <p>Source of funding: Budgeted ( ) General Fund ( ) Grant ( ) Contingency ( ) Other (X) Details: N/A</p> <p>Fiscal impact: - Current year total amount: \$ - 0 - - Future years total amount: \$ - 0 - - Effect on tax levy – current year - \$ - 0 - - Effect on tax levy – future years - \$ - 0 -</p> <p>Fiscal impact reviewed by County Finance Department</p> <p> _____ Jodi Busch, Finance Director</p> <p>Approved as to form by:</p> <p> _____ Jeffrey French, Administrator</p> <p> _____ John Muench, Corporation Counsel</p>	<p> _____ Louie Okey, Executive Committee Chair</p> <p>(The Committee Chair signature verifies the action taken by the Committee.)</p> <p>Board Action: Adopted (X) Failed ( ) Tabled ( )</p> <p><b>Motion: (Taxdahl/B. Anderson) to approve.</b> Carried with 29 voting Yes.</p>
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**Request State to Revise the Current Real Estate Transfer Fee Revenue Sharing Formula**

WHEREAS, the collection of a real estate transfer fee by counties was mandated by the State of Wisconsin in 1969, and included a requirement that counties remit 50% of all transfer fees collected to the State; and

WHEREAS, in 1981 the State changed the transfer fee formula to require counties to remit 80% of all transfer fees collected to the State; and

WHEREAS, the County, through the Register of Deeds Office, assumes the annual operating costs of recording all real estate transfers occurring in each County, including the collection of real estate transfer fees; and

WHEREAS, Jackson County real estate transfer fee collection over the past five years totaled \$1,462,494.60 of which the County retained \$292,499.52 and \$1,169,458.67 was remitted to the State; and

WHEREAS, using a 50/50 split, the County's share of fees collected on local real estate transfers during that same five-year period would have provided an additional \$438,747.78 in support of local government; and

WHEREAS, in 2021 the State of Wisconsin has built up a budget surplus of approximately \$2.5 billion dollars, while many Wisconsin counties continue to struggle financially due to ever-increasing costs of providing county government services in an inflationary economy and providing services for increasing unfunded State mandated programs along with the financial restrictions imposed by State imposed levy limits.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Jackson County Board of Supervisors that in an effort to assist all Wisconsin Counties, the State of Wisconsin revise the real estate transfer fee share formula to again allow Wisconsin Counties to retain 50% of all real estate transfer fees collected, with 50% to be remitted to the State.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Governor Tony Evers, all members of the State Legislature representing Jackson County, the Wisconsin Counties Association and all other Wisconsin Counties.

RACINE COUNTY CLERK  
FILED MAY 16 '23 AM 11:55

Respectfully Submitted,  
Executive and Finance Committee

[Signature]  
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[Signature]  
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I HEREBY CERTIFY

RESOLUTION # 19-05-2023

WAS ADOPTED ON 5/15/2023  
BY JACKSON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

[Signature]  
CINDY ALTMAN, JACKSON COUNTY CLERK

YES 18 NO 0

Absent: 1



RESOLUTION # 2-4/23

TO: HONORABLE MEMBERS OF THE LA CROSSE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

ITEM # 4-11

**BOARD ACTION**

Adopted:   
For: 22  
Against: 0  
Abstain: 0  
Abs/Excd: 7  
Vote Req: -  
Other Action: -  
(Necent - Dist.)

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ACTION**

Adopted:   
For: 7  
Against: 11  
Abstain: 0  
Abs/Excd: 2

**RE: REQUESTING THE STATE TO REVISE THE CURRENT REAL ESTATE TRANSFER FEES REVENUE SHARING FORMULA**

**WHEREAS**, the collection of a real estate transfer fee by counties was mandated by the State of Wisconsin in 1969, and included a requirement that counties remit 50% of all transfer fees collected to the State; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1981, the State changed the transfer fee formula to require counties to remit 80% of all transfer fees collected to the State; and

**WHEREAS**, the County, through the Register of Deeds Office, assumes the annual operating costs of recording all real estate transfers occurring in each county, including the collection of real estate transfer fees; and

**WHEREAS**, La Crosse County real estate transfer fee collections over the past five years totaled \$11,153,241, of which the County retained \$2,230,648 and \$8,922,593 was remitted to the state; and

**WHEREAS**, using a 50/50 split, the County's share of fees collected on local real estate transfers during that same five-year period would have provided an additional \$3,345,972 in support of county government; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2021, the State of Wisconsin has a budget surplus of approximately \$2.5 billion dollars, while many Wisconsin counties continue to struggle financially due to the ever-increasing costs of providing county government services to an inflationary economy and providing services for increasing unfunded State mandated programs along with financial restrictions imposed by State imposed levy limits.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, the La Crosse County Board of Supervisors, in an effort to assist all Wisconsin counties, requests the State of Wisconsin revise the real estate transfer fee share formula to again allow Wisconsin counties to retain 50% of all real estate transfer fees collected, with 50% to be remitted to the state

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a copy of this resolution be sent to Governor Tony Evers, all members of the State Legislature representing La Crosse County, the Wisconsin Counties Association and all other Wisconsin Counties.

**FISCAL NOTE:** La Crosse County's Register of Deeds operations are tracked in the 100.175.1000 division within the County financial system.

Date: 4/12/23  
[Signature]  
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE CHAIR

Date: 4-12-23  
[Signature]  
RECORDING CLERK

	Reviewed Only	Recommended	Not Recommended	
Co. Admin.	<u>[Signature]</u>	_____	_____	Requested By: Jane Klekamp Date Requested: March 22, 2023 Drafted By: Corporation Counsel
Fin. Director	<u>[Signature]</u>	_____	_____	
Corp. Counsel	<u>[Signature]</u>	_____	_____	
Board Chair	<u>[Signature]</u>	_____	_____	

Adopted by the La Crosse County Board this 18 Day of April, 2023

STATE OF WISCONSIN  
COUNTY OF LA CROSSE

I, Ginny Dankmeyer, County Clerk of La Crosse County do hereby certify that this document is a true and correct copy of the original resolution required by law to be in my custody and which the County Board of Supervisors of La Crosse County adopted at a meeting held on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of April 2023.

[Signature]  
Ginny Dankmeyer, La Crosse County Clerk

RACINE COUNTY CLERK  
FILED APR 20 2023 AM 9:57



Motion By: Cummings  
 Second By: Boyd

Resolution 2023-04-27

**Resolution Requesting the State Revise the Current Real Estate Transfer Fees Revenue Sharing Formula**

Dist.	Supervisor	Y	N	Abs
1	Bialecki			
2	Anderson-Malm			
3	McCrank			
4	Osness			
5	Wendorf			
6	Ashbeck			
7	Rusch			
8	Thiel			
9	Friske			
10	Boyd			
11	Detert			
12	DePasse			
13	Callahan			
14	Hafeman			
15	Lemke			
16	Loka			
17	Meunier			
18	Wickham			
19	Allen			
20	Cummings			
21	Simon			
22	Hartwig			
<b>Totals</b>				
Carried				
Defeated				
Amended				
Voice vote				
Roll call				

**Whereas**, the collection by counties of a real estate transfer fee was mandated by the State of Wisconsin in 1969 and included a requirement that counties remit 50% of all transfer fees collected to the State; and

**Whereas**, in 1981 the State arbitrarily changed the transfer fee formula to now require counties to remit to the State 80% of all transfer fees collected; and

**Whereas**, the County through the Register of Deeds office assumes the annual operating costs of recording all real estate transfers occurring in Lincoln County, including the collection of real estate transfer fees; and

**Whereas**, in 2021 Lincoln County collected \$524,357 in real estate transfer fees and retained only 20%, \$104,871, remitting 80%, \$419,486, to the State; and

**Whereas**, Lincoln County real "estate" transfer fee collections over the past five years totaled \$2,050,941, of which the County retained \$410,188 and remitted \$1,640,753 to the State; and

**Whereas**, in 2021 the State of Wisconsin had a budget surplus of approximately \$2.5 Billion, while many Wisconsin counties struggle financially due to the ever-increasing cost of providing State-mandated and other county governmental services; and

**Whereas**, in an effort to financially assist all Wisconsin counties, Lincoln County requests that the State of Wisconsin amend the real estate transfer fee share formula to allow Wisconsin counties to retain 80% of all real estate transfer fees collected, with 20% to be remitted to the State.

**Be it further resolved**, that a copy of this resolution is sent to Governor Evers, all members of the State Legislature representing Lincoln County, the Wisconsin Counties Association and all other Wisconsin counties.

STATE OF WISCONSIN )  
 ) SS  
 COUNTY OF LINCOLN )

Dated: April 5, 2022

I hereby certify that this resolution/ordinance is a true and correct copy of a resolution/ordinance adopted by the Lincoln County Board of Supervisors on:  
 April 18, 2023

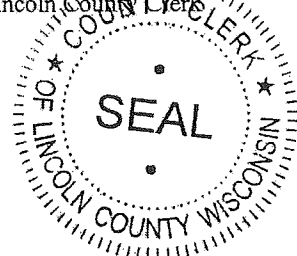
Introduced by: Julie DePasse, District 12 Supervisor  
 Co-Sponsored by: Administrative and Legislative Committee  
 Committee: Administrative and Legislative Committee  
 Committee Vote: 6-0

Date Passed: 04.05.2023

Fiscal Impact: \$300,000+ in Annual Revenue to Lincoln County

Drafted by: Julie DePasse, District 12 Supervisor

Christopher J. Marlowe  
 Lincoln County Clerk



## Resolution 2023-04-27

Motion:           Friske                            Second:                                   

Unanimous consent to amend paragraph 5 Line 1 to read: Lincoln County real estate transfer fee collections over the past five years.... .

District:	Supervisor	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
1	Bialecki				
2	Anderson-Malm				
3	McCrank				
4	Osness				
5	Wendorf				
6	Ashbeck				
7	Rusch				
8	Thiel				
9	Friske				
10	Boyd				
11	Detert				
12	DePasse				
13	Callahan				
14	Hafeman				
15	Lemke				
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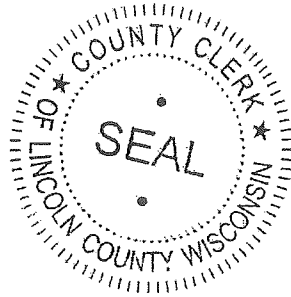
Amended

Roll Call

No Objections

STATE OF WISCONSIN)  
                                          ) SS.  
COUNTY OF LINCOLN)

I, Christopher J. Marlowe, County Clerk in and for the County of Lincoln, State of Wisconsin, do hereby certify that the attached Resolution copy, Resolution 2023-04-27, is a true and correct copy of the original resolution on file in the Lincoln County Clerk's Office. Given under my hand and seal in the City of Merrill this 18th day of April 18, 2023.



/s/ Christopher J. Marlowe  
Lincoln County Clerk

RESOLUTION NO \_\_\_\_\_

TO THE HONORABLE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE PORTAGE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:

RE: RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THE STATE REVISE THE CURRENT REAL ESTATE TRANSFER FEES REVENUE SHARING FORMULA

WHEREAS the collection of real estate transfer fee by counties was mandated by the State of Wisconsin in 1969, and included a requirement that counties remit 50% of all transfer fees collected to the State; and

WHEREAS, in 1981 the State changed the transfer fee formula to require counties to remit 80% of all transfer fees collected to the State; and

WHEREAS, the County, through the Register of Deeds Office, assumes the annual operating costs of recording all real estate transfers occurring in each county, including the collection of real estate transfer fees; and

WHEREAS Portage County real estate transfer fee collections over the past five years totaled \$5,805,094.00 of which the County retained \$1,161,018.80 and \$4,644,075.20 was remitted to the State; and

WHEREAS, using a 50/50 split, the County's share of the fees collected on local real estate transfers during the same five-year period would have provided an additional \$1,741,528.20 in support of local government: and

WHEREAS, in 2021 the State of Wisconsin has built up a budget surplus of approximately \$2.5 billion dollars, while many Wisconsin counties continue to struggle financially due to the ever-increasing cost of providing county government services in an inflationary economy and providing services for increasing unfunded State mandated programs along with the financial restrictions imposed by State imposed levy limits.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Portage County Board of Supervisors that to assist all Wisconsin Counties, the State of Wisconsin revise the real estate transfer fee share formula to again allow Wisconsin Counties to retain 50% of all real estate transfer fees collected, with 50% to be remitted to the State.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to Governor Tony Evers, all members of the State Legislature representing Portage County, the Wisconsin Counties Association, and all other Wisconsin Counties.

DATED THIS 16<sup>th</sup> DAY OF MAY 2023

RACINE COUNTY CLERK  
FILED MAY 31 '23 AM 8:14

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,  
JUDICIAL/GENERAL GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE

Date: April 24, 2023

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Suzanne Oehlke – Chair

AYE

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Pat Keller

\_\_\_\_\_  
Vacant

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Matt Jacowski

Excused

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Andrew Rockman - Vice Chair



	Resolution split			Current	
		State Share 50%	County Share 50%	State Share 80%	County Share 20%
2018	\$ 1,103,208.00	\$ 551,604.00	\$ 551,604.00	\$ 882,566.40	\$ 220,641.60
2019	\$ 977,799.00	\$ 488,899.50	\$ 488,899.50	\$ 782,239.20	\$ 195,559.80
2020	\$ 1,035,623.00	\$ 517,811.50	\$ 517,811.50	\$ 828,498.40	\$ 207,124.60
2021	\$ 1,441,087.00	\$ 720,543.50	\$ 720,543.50	\$ 1,152,869.60	\$ 288,217.40
2022	\$ 1,247,377.00	\$ 623,688.50	\$ 623,688.50	\$ 997,901.60	\$ 249,475.40
	\$ 5,805,094.00	\$ 2,902,547.00	\$ 2,902,547.00	\$ 4,644,075.20	\$ 1,161,018.80
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**RESOLUTION #2023-33  
REVISE THE CURRENT REAL ESTATE TRANSFER FEES**

**WHEREAS**, the collection of a real estate transfer fee by counties was mandated by the State of Wisconsin in 1969, and included a requirement that counties remit 50 percent of all transfer fees collected to the State and

**WHEREAS**, in 1981, the State changed the transfer fee formula to require counties to remit 80 percent of all transfer fees collected to the State, and

**WHEREAS**, the County, through the Register of Deeds Office, assumes the annual operating costs of recording all real estate transfers occurring in each county, including the collection of real estate transfer fees, and

**WHEREAS**, Vernon County real estate transfer fee collections over the past four years totaled \$1,887,077.00, of which the County retained \$370,974.00 and \$1,516,103.00 was remitted to the State, and

**WHEREAS**, using a 50/50 split, the County's share of fees collected on a local real estate transfers during that same four-year period would have provided an additional \$572,565.00 in support of county government, and

**WHEREAS**, in 2021, the State of Wisconsin has a budget surplus of approximately \$2.5 billion dollars, while many Wisconsin counties continue to struggle financially due to the ever-increasing costs of providing county government services to an inflationary economy and providing services for increasing unfunded State mandated programs along with financial restrictions imposed by State imposed levy limits, therefore be it

**RESOLVED**, the Vernon County Board of Supervisors, in an effort to assist all Wisconsin counties, requests the State of Wisconsin revise the real estate transfer fee share formula to again allow Wisconsin counties to retain 50 percent of all real estate transfer fees collected, with 50 percent remitted to the State, and

**RESOLVED FURTHER**, that a copy of this resolution be sent to Governor Tony Evers, all members of the State Legislature representing Vernon County, the Wisconsin Counties Association and all other Wisconsin Counties.

Submitted to the County Board for consideration this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of May, 2023:

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Alycann Taylor, Chair General Government Committee

Aye 5 Nay 0 Absent 0

**VERNON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:**

Aye: \_\_\_\_\_ Nay: \_\_\_\_\_ Abstain: \_\_\_\_\_

I, J. Pedretti, County Clerk of Vernon County, Wisconsin DO HEREBY CERTIFY that the above is a true and correct copy of the action taken by the Vernon County Board of Supervisors at the meeting of May 16, 2023, as indicated in transcription taken personally by me.

(Seal)

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/s/ J. Pedretti, Vernon County Clerk

05/16/2023

# ***RESOLUTION NO.: 147—2022-23***

TO THE HONORABLE, THE OUTAGAMIE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN:

*MAJORITY*

1           According to the USDA (United States Department of Agriculture), as of  
2           December 31, 2020, foreign agricultural interests in Wisconsin own over 500,000  
3           acres of land in the state, with that number rising by over 25,000 acres from 2019  
4           to 2020 alone. Wisconsin law currently allows for ownership of up to 640 acres  
5           of agricultural or forestry land per foreign company or foreign individual. The  
6           COVID-19 pandemic shows the need to localize supply chains, especially for  
7           food and medicine, and to keep them out of the hands of adversarial governments  
8           or entities party to adversarial governments. With the reality that supply chain  
9           disruption could happen again in the future, it is prudent to limit the exposure of  
10          these critical supply chains to entities party to governments who routinely abuse  
11          human rights, violate international trade law and labor standards, and seek to  
12          upend fair markets through state owned enterprises, monopolization or means that  
13          otherwise threaten food security and the Wisconsin family farming tradition.

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15           NOW THEREFORE, the undersigned members of the Agriculture, Extension Education,  
16          Zoning & Land Conservation Committee recommend adoption of the following resolution.

17           BE IT RESOLVED, that the Outagamie County Board of Supervisors does respectfully  
18          request that the State of Wisconsin, in the next legislative biennium, review and revise its policy  
19          on foreign ownership of farmland, and

20           BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Outagamie County Clerk be directed to forward a  
21          copy of this resolution to the Outagamie County Land Conservation Director, Wisconsin Counties  
22          Association, all Wisconsin Counties, and the Outagamie County Lobbyist for distribution to the  
23          State Senator and State Representatives representing Outagamie County.

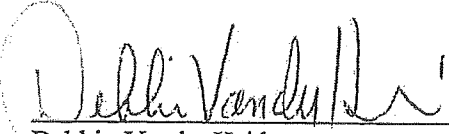
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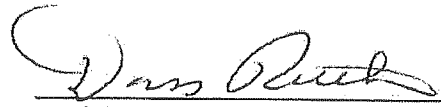
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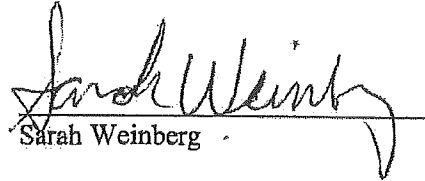
Respectfully Submitted,

AGRICULTURE, EXTENSION  
EDUCATION, ZONING AND LAND  
CONSERVATION COMMITTEE

  
Debbie Vander Heiden

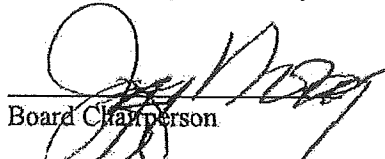
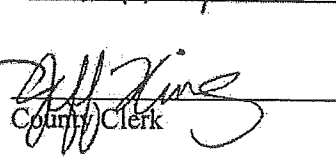
  
Daniel Rettler

  
Rick Lautenschlager

  
Sarah Weinberg

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Vacant

Duly and officially adopted by the County Board on: March 14, 2023

Signed:  Board Chairperson  County Clerk

Approved: 3.16.23 Vetoed: \_\_\_\_\_

Signed:   
County Executive

Resolution No. 147—2022-23 – Agriculture, Extension Education, Zoning & Land Conservation Committee. Respectfully request that the State of Wisconsin, in the next legislative biennium, review and revise its policy on foreign ownership of farmland.

Supervisor Konetzke moved, seconded by Supervisor Spears, for adoption.

ROLL CALL: 32 yes, 3 absent, 1 vacant. RESOLUTION NO. 147—2022-23 IS ADOPTED.

**VOTE RESULTS**

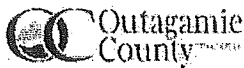
32 YES 0 NO 0 ABSTAIN 4 ABSENT

**Resolution No. 147—2022-23**

Agriculture, Extension Education, Zoning & Land Conservation Committee. Respectfully request that the State review and revise its policy on foreign ownership of farmland.

**Passed By Majority Vote**

1 THOMPSON	YES	13 WEGAND	YES	25 NOOYEN	YES
2 MILLER	ABSENT	14 HERMES	YES	26 WEINBERG	YES
3 SMITH	YES	15 MacDONALD	ABSENT	27 CULBERTSON	YES
4 PATIENCE	YES	16 SCHROEDER	YES	28 MONFILS	YES
5 GABRIELSON	YES	17 CROATT	YES	29 WINTERFELDT	YES
6 KONETZKE	YES	18 SPEARS	YES	30 NEJEDLO	YES
7 HAMMEN	YES	19 COOKE	YES	31 CLEGG	YES
8 LAWRENCE	YES	20 SANTONATO	YES	32 THYSSEN	YES
9 KRUEGER	YES	21 CUFF	YES	33 VANDERHEIDEN	YES
10 LAMERS	YES	22 HAGEN	YES	34 RETTLER	YES
11 FERGUSON	YES	23 KLEMP	YES	35 VACANT	ABSENT
12 McCABE	ABSENT	24 THIEDE	YES	36 LAUTENSCHLAGER	YES



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# WASHINGTON COUNTY, WISCONSIN

Date of enactment: 2/8/2023  
Date of publication: 2/15/2023

## 2022 RESOLUTION 62

### Requesting the State of Wisconsin Review and Revise the Entry Level Compensation Rate for Assistant District Attorneys

WHEREAS, Assistant District Attorneys serve as the backbone of the State of Wisconsin's ability to prosecute cases in all of its seventy-two counties; and

WHEREAS, any shortage of these Assistant District Attorneys creates backups in the justice system, which can lengthen cases, create more pressure on existing staff, and delay or deny justice to individuals that are party to these cases; and

WHEREAS, prosecutors must stretch their limited resources by declining to prosecute certain cases, rushing the process in others or waiting to act for weeks or months after receiving a potential case from law enforcement. These understandable responses to limited resources on both sides of the courtroom leave crime victims without the justice they deserve, result in the unnecessary incarceration of innocent individuals accused of a crime and undermine the public safety in our communities; and

WHEREAS, hidden in plain view is a growing crisis in Wisconsin where the state's court system is plagued by massive delays and a growing backlog of criminal cases. It now takes more than a year for a court to resolve an armed robbery charge, 14 months to resolve a sexual assault case and more than 15 months to resolve an allegation that someone committed murder; and

WHEREAS, in 2003 the median length of a felony criminal case at disposition was 130 days and in 2021 that median length was 241 days and the median length for a misdemeanor criminal case was 80 days in 2003 and in 2021 was 168 days; and

WHEREAS, the entry-level compensation rate for Assistant District Attorneys in Wisconsin will be \$27.24 in January of 2023, which is annualized to be approximately \$56,659; and

WHEREAS, this entry-level compensation rate for Assistant District Attorneys has not kept up with the rate of inflation and sits well below the national average for similar positions in District Attorney offices across the country and ranks in the bottom 20% for compensation; and

WHEREAS, this entry-level compensation rate for Assistant District Attorneys sits below other public sector attorney positions in both Washington County and around the State of Wisconsin; and

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1           WHEREAS, this entry-level compensation rate for Assistant District Attorneys is not  
2 competitive in today's workforce environment, does not guarantee cost of living adjustments  
3 which leads to staffing turnover in District Attorney offices around the State of Wisconsin, and  
4 endangers public safety; and

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6           WHEREAS, in an effort to make District Attorney offices more competitive in their entry-  
7 level compensation offerings for Assistant District Attorneys, Washington County requests that  
8 the State of Wisconsin review and revise the entry-level compensation rate for Assistant District  
9 Attorneys to remain competitive with similar positions in District Attorney offices around the  
10 country, other public sector attorney positions, and the private sector, as well as to keep up with  
11 the rate of inflation;

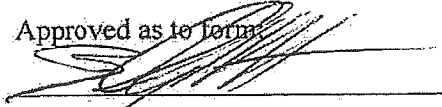
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13           NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Washington County Board of  
14 Supervisors that this Board requests the State of Wisconsin to review and revise the entry-level  
15 compensation rate for Assistant District Attorneys in order to remain competitive with similar  
16 positions in District Attorney offices around the country, other public sector attorney positions,  
17 and the private sector, as well as to keep up with the rate of inflation.

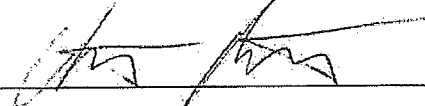
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19           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution shall be sent to Governor  
20 Tony Evers, members of the Wisconsin Assembly and Senate, every county in the State of  
21 Wisconsin, and the Wisconsin Counties Association.


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25 VOTE REQUIREMENT FOR PASSAGE: Majority

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27 RESOLUTION SUMMARY:

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29 Approved as to form  
  
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31 Bradley S. Stern, County Attorney  
32 Dated 2/9/2023

Introduced by members of the PUBLIC SAFETY  
COMMITTEE as filed with the County Clerk.  
  
33 Christopher Bossert, Chairperson

34 Approved:  
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36 Josh Schoemann, County Executive  
37 Dated 13 Feb 23

Considered 2/8/2023  
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Ayes 21 Noes 0 Absent 0

38  Veto

Voice Vote \_\_\_\_\_

39  Partial Veto

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LAST REVISED 4-21-23					

**RESOLUTION #26-23  
STATE OF WISCONSIN REVIEW AND REVISE  
COMPENSATION RATE FOR STATE PUBLIC  
DEFENDERS**

**PRESENTED BY THE PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE**

WHEREAS, criminal cases continue to rise due to a variety of factors with a backlog of 35,000 pending criminal cases across the state due to a shortage of public defenders, and

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

WHEREAS, the Wisconsin Office of the Public Defender provides legal counsel to criminal defendants and other persons meeting income eligibility guidelines for services, and

WHEREAS, public defender offices do not have enough staff attorneys available or public defender assigned private attorneys willing to assist the Public Defender's office because of inadequate pay, 17 to 20

percent of staff attorney jobs are currently unfilled as well as a shortage of private attorneys willing to take public defender cases, and

WHEREAS, this results in increased costs to counties by requiring counties to pay significantly higher hourly rates for private attorneys to represent criminal defendants, holding inmates in jail for longer periods of time pending court appointment of private attorneys, reducing efficiency of courts and law enforcement, and delaying justice for victims, and

WHEREAS, the State Public Defender's (SPD) rate was adjusted down in 1995 to \$40 per hour making it the lowest private attorney rate in the nation; in January 2020 that rate increased to \$70 per hour, and

WHEREAS, Wisconsin is the only state in the country with a state-funded, state-administered public defense system that requires counties to pay a higher rate for attorneys when the state cannot obtain counsel, and

WHEREAS, Wisconsin's Circuit Court system is a partnership funded by a mix of state general purpose revenue (GPR), court fees and surcharges, and county taxes, and

WHEREAS, in recent years, however, that partnership has frayed as counties have borne a growing share of the costs including the salaries and benefits of the clerks of circuit court and

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**RESOLUTION #26-23**  
**STATE OF WISCONSIN REVIEW AND REVISE**  
**COMPENSATION RATE FOR STATE PUBLIC**  
**DEFENDERS**  
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their employees, salaries and benefits for court commissioners, courtroom security personnel and equipment, office supplies, law libraries, and jury costs.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Douglas County Board of Supervisors that this Board supports providing sufficient resources to the Office of the Public Defender to ensure that the criminal justice system operates effectively and efficiently.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Douglas County Board of Supervisors does hereby support an increase in the rate of reimbursement for assigned public defender private attorneys to a market rate that will help ensure prompt legal representation for criminal defendants and allow cases to be handled in a timely and efficient manner.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Douglas County Board of Supervisors does hereby support that if the Office of the Public Defender cannot find a qualified attorney to take a case as an appointed State Public Defender and the county is required to appoint counsel at a higher rate, that the Office of the Public Defender reimburse the county the hourly rate that has been appropriated by the state to provide required counsel coverage.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to Governor Tony Evers, members of the Wisconsin State Assembly and State Senate, every county in the State of Wisconsin, and the Wisconsin Counties Association.

Dated this 18<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2023.

*Committee Action: Unanimous*  
*Fiscal Note: None*

**ACTION:** Motion by Pomush, second Lear, to adopt. Motion carried.

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**WASHINGTON COUNTY, WISCONSIN**

Date of enactment: 2/18/2023  
Date of publication: 2/15/2023

**2022 RESOLUTION 63**

**Requesting the State of Wisconsin Review and Revise the  
Compensation Rate for State Public Defenders**

**WHEREAS**, criminal cases continue to rise due to a variety of factors with a backlog of 35,000 pending criminal cases across the state due to a shortage of public defenders; and

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

**WHEREAS**, the Wisconsin Office of the Public Defender provides legal counsel to criminal defendants and other persons meeting income eligibility guidelines for services; and

**WHEREAS**, public defender offices do not have enough staff attorneys available or public defender assigned private attorneys willing to assist the Public Defender's office because of inadequate pay, 17 to 20 percent of staff attorney jobs are currently unfilled as well as a shortage of private attorneys willing to take public defender cases; and

**WHEREAS**, this results in increased costs to counties by requiring counties to pay significantly higher hourly rates for private attorneys to represent criminal defendants, holding inmates in jail for longer periods of time pending court appointment of private attorneys, reducing efficiency of Courts and law enforcement, and delaying justice for victims; and

**WHEREAS**, the State Public Defenders (SPD) rate was adjusted down in 1995 to \$40 per hour making it the lowest private attorney rate in the nation, in January 2020 that rate increased to \$70 per hour; and

**WHEREAS**, Wisconsin is the only state in the country with a state-funded, state-administered public defense system that requires counties to pay a higher rate for attorneys when the state cannot obtain counsel; and

**WHEREAS**, Wisconsin's Circuit Court system is a partnership funded by a mix of state general purpose revenue (GPR), court fees and surcharges, and county taxes; and

**WHEREAS**, in recent years, however, that partnership has frayed as counties have borne a growing share of the costs including the salaries and benefits of the clerks of circuit court and their employees, salaries and benefits for court commissioners, courtroom security personnel and equipment, office supplies, law libraries, and jury costs;

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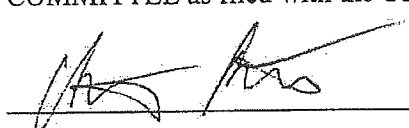
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17 Evers, members of the Wisconsin State Assembly and State Senate, every county in the State of  
18 Wisconsin, and the Wisconsin Counties Association.

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22 VOTE REQUIREMENT FOR PASSAGE: Majority

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24 RESOLUTION SUMMARY:

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28 Bradley S. Stern, County Attorney  
29 Dated 2/9/2023

Introduced by members of the PUBLIC SAFETY  
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Christopher Bossert, Chairperson

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33 Josh Schoemann, County Executive  
34 Dated 13 Feb 23

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36  Partial Veto

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38 (No fiscal impact.)

Resolution 19-23

**Request the State of Wisconsin to Address Concerns of Act 216, Relating to Distributing the Proceeds from the Sale of Tax Delinquent Property to the Former Owner**

WHEREAS, under the previous State law addressing sale of tax delinquent property, counties retained the net proceeds from the sale unless the property was the homestead of the former owner(s) and the former owner(s) requested such payment; and

WHEREAS, before a tax delinquent property is foreclosed upon, the property must be delinquent for a minimum of three years; and

WHEREAS, before a tax delinquent property is foreclosed upon, the owner receives notice of the pending action and is given the opportunity to pay the back taxes, including the potential for a payment plan; and

WHEREAS, if the sale of the tax delinquent property does not cover the past due taxes, other associated costs and costs of processing the foreclosure, the county taxpayers are ultimately responsible to absorb the loss; and

WHEREAS, Act 216 purportedly requires a county to pay the net proceeds of the sale of tax delinquent property to any former owner, regardless of whether the former owner requests the payment and regardless of whether the former owner used the property as his or her homestead, and hold such proceeds for five years if the former owner does not request payment; and

WHEREAS, the Act further attempts to require a county to pay off any lien placed on the property at the time of the foreclosure sale, notwithstanding the fact that all liens are discharged at the time of the foreclosure judgment, causing confusion for counties and courts; and

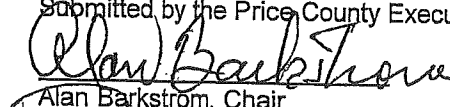
WHEREAS, the Act is further imprudent for the following reasons:

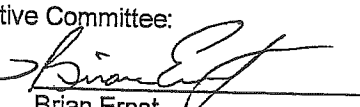
1. most often in tax foreclosure cases, property owners are not responsive;
2. it shifts the risk of loss onto the county causing the county to have an incentive to NOT exercise its authority to foreclosure, leading to many blighted properties throughout the county;
3. the Act purported to cause counties to act as realtors for private parties;
4. the Act requires treasurers to make complex ownership decisions between parties, tenants-in-common; LLCs, corporations and decedents' estates.

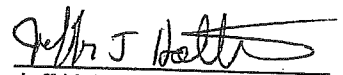
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Price County Board of Supervisors urges the Legislature to repeal the changes implemented by Act 216, or, in the alternative, to modify the law to take away the risk to counties and consider a provision to place any proceeds from the sale of tax delinquent properties in a segregated account established by the county to be used for clean-up of blighted properties; and

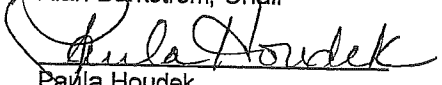
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be sent to Governor Tony Evers, Legislators representing Price County, the Wisconsin Counties Association and all Wisconsin Counties.

Submitted by the Price County Executive Committee:

  
Alan Barkstrom, Chair

  
Brian Ernst

  
Jeff Hallstrand

  
Paula Houdek

*excused*  
Larry Palecek

Reviewed by County Administrator:

  
Nicholas Trimmer

RACINE COUNTY CLERK  
FILED MAY 18 '23 AM 11:50

Adopted by the Price County Board of Supervisors this 16<sup>th</sup> day of May 2023.

  
Jeff Hallstrand, County Board Vice-chair

  
Jean Gottwald, County Clerk