

Dear Members of the Executive Committee:

I am unable to participate in the meeting on August 26, 2020. I will be flying my grandson home to Norfolk, VA. With both of his parents in the Navy, we had a very small window to fly him here and back home. I apologize for not realizing this conflict last month when we had talked about adding election updates to the August agenda.

Here are some results of the August 11, 2020 Primary:

Regarding an anticipated shortage in Poll Workers, none of Jefferson County's Polling Places had that scenario. The State of Wisconsin had deployed the National Guard to help cover shortages throughout the entire State. Initially we had a few locations that were anticipating being short workers, to the tune of 24 people to work ½ days, or 12 people to work the entire day. In the end they found plenty of volunteers. So much so that we didn't end up needing any additional assistance from the National Guard.

Jefferson County had a voter turnout of 26%. This is almost double the turnout we had in August, 2016, where we had a 14% voter turnout. At that time, that was not a bad percentage.

For reference, the April 2020 voter turnout was 46%!

I spoke with some of our larger municipalities that were inundated with absentee requests in April, 2020.

The City of Fort Atkinson had issued just under 1,700 and had 1,057 returned.

In April, around 2880 were issued with 2,663 returned. Their highest numbers EVER.

She is guesstimating the figures for November will be over 3,000 absentee ballots returned.

The City of Jefferson is anticipating having to hire temporary help for the November election. Their only task will be processing the absentee ballot requests.

The Town of Jefferson's absentee requests were at around 250, compared to their normal average of 50. That being said, this amount was 200 less than she received in April.

Because of this seemingly new trend in absentee voting, we have made some great strides towards making this process easier on the municipalities. We can now offer them the option of having their absentee envelopes self-addressed and pre-highlighted. We have also checked with our mail services to have some return envelopes metered in advance. So rather than printing labels and applying them to each envelope, then taking to the post office for postage, they will arrive to the clerk's self-addressed with return postage on the inside envelope the voter will send back. Kathy Hart in Central Duplicating has helped facilitate the envelope portion by connecting us with her vendor. Our Human Services department will play a huge role in pre-metering function. This collaboration of efforts will not only save the municipal clerk's time but will also save in postage costs since we are able to offer them a bulk rate. This is our first try at offering these services, and we are hoping for great success. Many of the local municipalities are thrilled that we are making an effort to save them time processing these absentees. We are very happy to have been able to join forces with these other departments in order to make these ideas realities.

If you have any additional questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

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2020 WCA RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

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Wisconsin Counties Association

2020 Conference Resolution 1

Offered for consideration this 20th Day of September 2020 by

Rusk County

Relating to

Implications of Verso Mill Closures

WHEREAS, on June 9, Verso announced idling of their Duluth, MN and Wisconsin Rapids, WI pulp and paper mills by the end of July 2020 for an indefinite period; and

WHEREAS, the idling of these mills will directly impact 1,000 workers and indirectly affect thousands more across the entire state of Wisconsin that support the mills through related forestry work, such as logging and transportation; and

WHEREAS, the prolonged closure of these mills will negatively affect national, state, county, and private landowners financially and has the potential to affect the ability to continue proper silviculture techniques on those lands to maintain a healthy forest structure; and

WHEREAS, the Wisconsin Rapids, WI mill utilizes over 25% of all pulpwood produced in the state of Wisconsin; and

WHEREAS, the forest products industry is the number 1 employer in Rusk County based on number of employees; and

WHEREAS, 58.7% of total pulpwood on active sales in Rusk County is hardwood pulp, of which over 90% would be consumed at the Wisconsin Rapids mill; and

WHEREAS, timber revenue from the Rusk County Forest reduces the county levy by 15-20% and the loss of this income will financially affect the 14,000+ citizens of Rusk County and the public services available to them; and

WHEREAS, a similar impact will be felt by nearly every county operating a county forest for timber production.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Wisconsin Counties Association, in conference assembled, does hereby ask that the Governor and Legislature direct that assistance be provided in any way possible to allow continuation of mill operations and/or financial assistance be considered to support the direct loss of jobs, as well as assistance for other industries impacted by the closure; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the state of Wisconsin work with counties to identify

new markets for forest products and provide flexibility and assistance to replace lost revenues.

STEERING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION TO THE RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE:
Adopt.

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE ACTION: Motion by Frohling, second by Okey, to adopt.
Motion carried.

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Adopt.

2020 CONFERENCE ACTION:

Caption:

- II.I.12. Support the following when there is a closure of a pulp or paper mill in Wisconsin:
- Direct state assistance be provided in any way possible to allow continuation of mill operations and/or financial assistance be considered to support the direct loss of jobs, as well as assistance for other industries impacted by the closure.
 - That the state of Wisconsin work with counties to identify new markets for forest products and provide flexibility and assistance to replace lost revenues.

Agriculture, Environment, and Land Use

Wisconsin Counties Association

2020 Conference Resolution 2

Offered for consideration this 20th Day of September 2020 by

La Crosse County

Relating to

Supporting Changes to Condemnation Process Under Wisconsin Statute Chapter 32

WHEREAS, local governments such as counties use the process of eminent domain, otherwise known as condemnation, on a very limited basis; and

WHEREAS, the use of condemnation is for the purpose of a local government to provide for the public good; and

WHEREAS, local governments such as counties use the process on a limited basis in an effort to cooperate with landowners and out of respect for property rights; and

WHEREAS, when landowners are unwilling, local government may be forced to use eminent domain in order to provide for the public good and/or to complete critical public works projects; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Wisconsin Statute s. 32.28, state law has established that the condemning authority shall assume responsibility for payment for all legal costs in circumstances where a jury verdict as approved by the court under Wisconsin Statute s. 32.05 (11) exceeds the jurisdictional offer or the highest written offer prior to the jurisdictional offer by at least the amount in the offer and at least 15 percent; and

WHEREAS, the fifteen percent threshold is burdensome for local governments such as counties and a less restrictive threshold may be advised.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Wisconsin Counties Association, in conference assembled, does hereby recommend that Wisconsin Statute s. 32.28 be modified and the aforementioned 15 percent threshold be changed to 30 percent.

STEERING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION TO THE RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE:

Agriculture, Environment, and Land Use: Indefinitely postpone.

Transportation and Public Works: Adopt.

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE ACTION: Motion by Kruse, second by Buechel, to adopt.

Motion carried.

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Adopt.

2020 CONFERENCE ACTION:

Caption:

- II.K.21. Support an amendment to Wis. Stat. 32.28 such that the condemning authority shall assume responsibility for payment for all legal costs in circumstances where a jury verdict as approved by the court under Wis. Stat. 32.05 (11) exceeds the jurisdictional offer or the highest written offer prior to the jurisdictional offer by at least the amount in the offer and at least 30 percent.

Agriculture, Environment, and Land Use
Transportation and Public Works

Wisconsin Counties Association

2020 Conference Resolution 3

Offered for consideration this 20th Day of September 2020 by

Bayfield County

Relating to

Enacting a Two-Year Moratorium on the New Construction or Expansion of Existing Concentrated Animal Feeding Operations and the Establishment of a Large-Scale Livestock Study Committee

WHEREAS, clean water is essential to the health and well-being of all Wisconsin residents, their families, and visitors; and

WHEREAS, clean water is the foundation of a healthy economy and tourism; and

WHEREAS, the state of Wisconsin abides by the Public Trust Doctrine which asserts that all navigable waters in the state shall be held in the public trust; and

WHEREAS, the number of Concentrated Livestock Feeding Operations (CAFOs) in Wisconsin has increased dramatically between 2005 and 2020, and the number of CAFOs has more than doubled from 146 to 318; and

WHEREAS, Wisconsin has diverse geologic features from central sands and karst, to red clay, which are all prone to water and air contamination causing decreased property values from the siting of CAFOs with dense animal populations (over 1,000 animal units) and great volumes of waste products; and

WHEREAS, state statute 93.90(2)(a) requires the Department of Agriculture, Trade, and Consumer Protection (DATCP) to appoint a Technical Committee to review ATCP 51 and make recommendations at least every four years; and such committee convened in 2010, 2014, and 2016 but made no changes to ATCP 51; and

WHEREAS, 25 percent of all CAFOs in Wisconsin are operating under expired WPDES (Wisconsin Pollutant Elimination Systems) general and/or individual permits and the DNR is charged with administering the WPDES permitting process but has, according to the State of Wisconsin Legislative Audit Bureau in 2016, not administered this program consistent with the Clean Water Act and Chapter 283 Wis. State Statute; and

WHEREAS, the state of Wisconsin is losing traditional smaller farms, including small dairy farms at an alarming rate which is not sustainable for our rural communities, rural character and economies, and seriously impacts the health of our farm families; and

WHEREAS, the siting and operation of industrial agricultural entities may contribute large volumes of fertilizer, manure, phosphorus, nitrates, and bacteria to both surface and ground water that degrades the water resources even when practicing Best Management Practices, and degrades human health, property values, and local revenues through the externalization of the actual costs of the siting, infrastructure investment, and operation of CAFOs.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Wisconsin Counties Association, in conference assembled, does hereby urge the State Legislature to enact a two-year statewide moratorium on the permitting of new construction of and expansion of existing industrial agriculture entities known as Concentrated Animal Feeding Operations of 1,000 animal units or more; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that during this two-year moratorium a Large-Scale Livestock Study group be authorized and established composed of scientists, farm groups of all sizes, DATCP and the DNR, and members of citizen groups living near CAFOs. The study committee shall research and analyze all scientific data regarding the impacts of Large-Scale Livestock operations on air quality, ground and surface water quality, human health, and local economies, and who shall also analyze staffing at DATCP and the DNR to determine if it is adequate to promptly and thoroughly process expired WPDES permits and keep up with renewals in a timely manner; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Large-Scale Livestock Study Committee shall report their findings to the Legislature and Governor within a year of their establishment but before the two-year moratorium timeline has expired.

STEERING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION TO THE RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE:
Refer to the Board of Directors.

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE ACTION: Motion by Connors, second by Decker, to refer to the Board of Directors. Motion carried.

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Refer to the Board of Directors.

2020 CONFERENCE ACTION:

Caption:

Agriculture, Environment, and Land Use

Wisconsin Counties Association

2020 Conference Resolution 4

Offered for consideration this 20th Day of September 2020 by

Eau Claire County

Relating to

Supporting a Change in State Regulations or Legislation to Require Local Input in the Siting of Wind Farms

WHEREAS, Eau Claire County is in support of clean energy and in 2019 adopted resolution 19-20/003 calling for 100 percent renewable energy and carbon neutrality by the year 2050; and

WHEREAS, a private energy company is proposing the siting and development of a wind farm in the Towns of Clear Creek and Pleasant Valley in Eau Claire County, and has gone so far as to have entered into agreements with some landowners for placement of wind turbines; and

WHEREAS, the proposed wind farm is a “large electrical generating facility” and as a result and according to Wisconsin Statutes and the administrative regulations, permits for the wind farm will be determined by the Public Service Commission (PSC) and not by the town(s) or county and without local review or control; and

WHEREAS, a wind farm will have a potential impact on the landowners who agree to have a wind turbine placed on their property and for their neighbors. The siting of a wind farm can and has been shown to create changes in property values and create issues for residents living near the wind turbines such as noise, shadow flicker, and electrical interference; and

WHEREAS, Eau Claire County supports the ability of local residents and municipalities being able to participate and provide input concerning the permitting, siting and development of potential wind farms that exceed 100 megawatts in size.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Wisconsin Counties Association, in conference assembled, does hereby support the efforts and ability of the local residents and municipalities to participate and provide input into the siting, permitting, and development of wind farms that are classified as a large electrical generating facility, and urges the state to make the necessary changes in the laws and regulations to allow the maximum amount of input by local residents and municipalities who are impacted by siting and development of large wind farms.

STEERING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION TO THE RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE:
Adopt.

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE ACTION: Motion by Kalata, second by Connors, to adopt.
Motion carried.

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Adopt.

2020 CONFERENCE ACTION:

Caption:

- II.K.21. Support the efforts and ability of the local residents and municipalities to participate and provide input into the siting, permitting, and development of wind farms that are classified as a large electrical generating facility, and urges the state to make the necessary changes in the laws and regulations to allow the maximum amount of input by local residents and municipalities who are impacted by siting and development of large wind farms.

Agriculture, Environment, and Land Use

Wisconsin Counties Association

2020 Conference Resolution 5

Offered for consideration this 20th Day of September 2020 by

Bayfield County

Relating to

Supporting Proposed Water Quality Task Force Bills to Improve Wisconsin's Ground and Surface Water Quality

WHEREAS, all life is dependent on clean water; and

WHEREAS, Wisconsin's residents and visitors require and deserve access to clean water; and

WHEREAS, Wisconsin's economy is dependent on water; and

WHEREAS, clean water is required to maintain and grow Wisconsin's economy; and

WHEREAS, county conservation departments are charged with implementing statewide performance standards, including ATCP 50 and NR 151, runoff reduction efforts like Total Maximum Daily Loads, farmland preservation programs, producer-led watershed and citizen watershed groups, stormwater permits, and much more; and

WHEREAS, county conservation departments are being asked to implement an ever-increasing set of programs without increased funding and with less staff; and

WHEREAS, county conservation departments have 40% fewer state-funded staff than there were 20 years ago; and

WHEREAS, at almost every public hearing held by the 2019 Speaker's Task Force on Water Quality there was overwhelming support to fully fund county conservation staff; and

WHEREAS, proposal LRB-4717 provides assistance to farmers for conservation by allocating \$64,800 in GPR in FY 2019-20 and \$86,400 in FY 2020-21 to fund a managed grazing initiatives coordinator, and grants for agricultural water stewardship certifications, and \$5/acre for cover crops; and

WHEREAS, proposal LRB-4761, relating to Groundwater Testing, Mapping, and Educational Outreach, creates a hydrogeologist position and creates a grant program to support well testing and educational outreach across Wisconsin; and

WHEREAS, AB 637/SB 252 appropriates \$150,000 in GPR for Ashland County to

implement a Flood Risk Pilot Project for on-the-ground flood mitigation demonstration practices; and

WHEREAS, the Speaker's Task Force on Water Quality recommended that the state fully fund its cost-share commitment for county conservation staff; and

WHEREAS, AB 790 and SB 723 in the 2019-2020 legislative session provided for increased funding for county conservation staff to meet Wisconsin Statutes 92.14 to support an average of three staff per county at cost share rates of 100/70/50%. This proposal increases state funding for county land and water conservation staff by \$2,960,000 in FY 2020-21.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Wisconsin Counties Association, in conference assembled, does hereby support these proposed bills directed to improve Wisconsin's surface and ground water quality in Bayfield County, Wisconsin, and statewide.

STEERING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION TO THE RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE:

Amend to remove "in Bayfield County, Wisconsin, and statewide" from the resolved clause. Adopt as amended.

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE ACTION: Motion by Okey, second by Connors, to adopt. Motion carried.

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Adopt.

2020 CONFERENCE ACTION:

Caption:

- II.G.1.cc. Support proposals from the Speaker's Task Force on Water Quality that:
- Provide assistance to farmers for conservation efforts.
 - Support groundwater and well testing and educational efforts.
 - Create a flood-risk pilot project.
 - Provide increased funding for county conservation staff.

Wisconsin Counties Association

2020 Conference Resolution 6

Offered for consideration this 20th Day of September 2020 by

Door County

Relating to

Requesting the Wisconsin Legislature End the Use of Personal Conviction Waivers for School and Day Care Center Immunizations

WHEREAS, vaccine-preventable diseases, such as measles, are very contagious and can result in serious health complications, including pneumonia and encephalitis, and lead to death; and

WHEREAS, outbreaks of measles have impacted multiple states in 2019; and

WHEREAS, the effectiveness and safety of vaccines have been well established; and

WHEREAS, the Affordable Care Act has improved insurance coverage for vaccinations, which are readily available in medical offices and pharmacies, and public health departments continue to serve those eligible for the Vaccines for Children Program; and

WHEREAS, Wisconsin's immunization law § 252.04(3), Wis. Stats. and § DHS 144.05, Wis. Adm. Code permits parents to opt out or waive some or all of the vaccinations required to attend school or group day care based on their personal beliefs; and

WHEREAS, the Wisconsin Public Health Association supports a change in school and day care center immunization law that eliminates personal conviction waivers for students in Wisconsin public and private schools and for children who attend group day cares.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Wisconsin Counties Association, in conference assembled, does hereby respectfully request that the Wisconsin Legislature end the use of personal conviction waivers for school and day care center immunizations.

STEERING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION TO THE RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE:
Adopt.

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE ACTION: Motion by Kruse, second by Kalata, to adopt Resolutions 6-8. Motion carried.

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Adopt.

2020 CONFERENCE ACTION:

Caption:

III.E.2.e. Support legislation that ends the use of personal conviction waivers for school and day care center immunizations.

Health and Human Services

Wisconsin Counties Association

2020 Conference Resolution 7

Offered for consideration this 20th Day of September 2020 by

Fond du Lac County

Relating to

Requesting the Wisconsin Legislature End the Use of Personal Conviction Waivers for School and Day Care Center Immunizations

WHEREAS, vaccine-preventable diseases, such as measles, are very contagious and can result in serious health complications, including pneumonia and encephalitis, and lead to death; and

WHEREAS, outbreaks of measles have impacted multiple states in 2019, and a measles exposure occurred in Wisconsin in 2018; and

WHEREAS, the effectiveness and safety of vaccines has been well established; and

WHEREAS, the Affordable Care Act has improved insurance coverage for vaccinations, which are readily available in medical offices and pharmacies, and public health departments continue to serve those eligible for the Vaccines for Children's Program; and

WHEREAS, Wisconsin's immunization law Wis. Stat. §252.04(3). Wis. Admin. Code §DHS 144.06, permits parents to opt out or waive some or all of the vaccinations required to attend school or group day care based on their personal beliefs; and

WHEREAS, the Wisconsin Public Health Association supports a change in school and day care center immunization law that eliminates personal conviction waivers for students in Wisconsin public health and private schools and for children who attend group day cares.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Wisconsin Counties Association, in conference assembled, does hereby request that the Wisconsin Legislature end the use of personal conviction waivers for school and day care center immunizations.

STEERING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION TO THE RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE:
Adopt.

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE ACTION: Motion by Kruse, second by Kalata, to adopt Resolutions 6-8. Motion carried.

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Adopt.

2020 CONFERENCE ACTION:

Caption:

III.E.2.e. Support legislation that ends the use of personal conviction waivers for school and day care center immunizations.

Health and Human Services

Wisconsin Counties Association

2020 Conference Resolution 8

Offered for consideration this 20th Day of September 2020 by

Rock County

Relating to

Requesting the Wisconsin Legislature End the Use of Personal Conviction Waivers for School and Day Care Center Immunizations

WHEREAS, there are multiple important and potentially dangerous communicable diseases that are preventable by vaccinations currently required by Wisconsin law for school and day care attendance; and

WHEREAS, vaccine-preventable diseases can be very contagious, and can result in serious health complications, including pneumonia and encephalitis, and lead to death; and

WHEREAS, the effectiveness and safety of vaccines have been well established; and

WHEREAS, the Affordable Care Act has improved insurance coverage for vaccinations, which are readily available in medical offices and pharmacies, and public health departments continue to serve those eligible for the Vaccines for Children Program; and

WHEREAS, all states require certain vaccines for school entry in order to:

- a) assure that individual children do not contract disease in the social setting of school,
- b) protect other students from being at risk of disease and death from exposure to an individual student, and
- c) protect the broader community from these serious illnesses, including individuals who are immunocompromised and those who cannot receive vaccines for *bona fide* medical reasons; and

WHEREAS, Wisconsin's immunization law Wis. Stat. § 252.04(3), Wis. Admin. Code § DHS 144.06, makes Wisconsin one of only 16 states that permits parents to opt out or waive some or all of the vaccinations required to attend school or group day care based on their personal beliefs; and

WHEREAS, Wisconsin's percentage of students with religious and medical waivers have remained relatively constant over the past decade at less than 1%, but the percentage of students with a personal conviction waiver in Wisconsin increased from 1.2% during the 1997-98 school year to an alarming 4.6% during 2018-19; and

WHEREAS, outbreaks of measles have impacted multiple states in 2019, and a number of

other serious vaccine-preventable disease outbreaks have occurred in Wisconsin over the past two decades; and

WHEREAS, several other states have recently removed personal belief exemptions from their legal codes, such that 34 states now prohibit the use of personal belief exemptions for school and day care immunizations; and

WHEREAS, the Wisconsin Public Health Association (WPHA) and the Wisconsin Association of Local Health Departments and Boards (WALHDAB) both support a change in school and day care center immunization law that eliminates personal conviction waivers for students in Wisconsin public and private schools and for children who attend group day cares.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Wisconsin Counties Association, in conference assembled, does hereby respectfully request that the Wisconsin Legislature end the use of personal conviction waivers for school and day care center immunization requirements.

STEERING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION TO THE RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE:
Adopt.

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE ACTION: Motion by Kruse, second by Kalata, to adopt Resolutions 6-8. Motion carried.

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Adopt.

2020 CONFERENCE ACTION:

Caption:

III.E.2.e. Support legislation that ends the use of personal conviction waivers for school and day care center immunizations.

Wisconsin Counties Association

2020 Conference Resolution 9

Offered for consideration this 20th Day of September 2020 by

Door County

Relating to

Supporting the Legalization of Medical Cannabis

WHEREAS, existing (Wisconsin and federal) law criminalizes the possession and use of cannabis (i.e., tetrahydrocannabinols, commonly known as THC); and

WHEREAS, as of November 2018, the use of cannabis for medical purposes is legal in 33 states; and

WHEREAS, while there is a dearth of rigorous peer-reviewed studies (clinical trials), the relative benefits and risks of medical cannabis are believed to be reasonably well understood; and

WHEREAS, the Door County Board of Supervisors supports Wisconsin taking steps toward cannabis legalization for medical purposes; and

WHEREAS, these steps would include research, as well as consideration and development of regulations and rules that will enable persons who are in demonstrated need of cannabis for specified medical purposes to obtain and use cannabis under limited circumstances and address any anticipated negative secondary effects to public health, safety, and welfare; and

WHEREAS, the legalization of medical cannabis without appropriate rules and regulations could result in the creation of negative secondary effects to public health, safety, and welfare.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Wisconsin Counties Association, in conference assembled, does hereby express its support for Wisconsin taking steps toward cannabis legalization for medical purposes.

STEERING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION TO THE RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE:
Indefinitely postpone.

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE ACTION: Motion by Connors, second by Frohling, to indefinitely postpone. Motion carried.

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Indefinitely postpone.

2020 CONFERENCE ACTION:

Caption:

Health and Human Services

Wisconsin Counties Association

2020 Conference Resolution 10

Offered for consideration this 20th Day of September 2020 by

Door County

Relating to

Asking Governor Evers and the Wisconsin State Legislature to Apply for a Waiver from Federal Rules Excluding Institutional Stays from Medicaid Coverage

WHEREAS, federal rules exclude patients age 22-64 years of age from Medicaid coverage in an Institute for Mental Disease (IMD), resulting in high costs to Wisconsin counties for individuals with mental illness who require short-term placement; and

WHEREAS, the IMD rule works against the provision of necessary health care treatment, and path to recovery, for young and middle-aged adults with brain disorders; and

WHEREAS, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) has issued an invitation to states to apply for a waiver of this exclusion, allowing states to receive federal reimbursement for the cost of treatment in an IMD; and

WHEREAS, the Human Services Committee considered and hereby recommends urging the Governor and the Legislature to submit an application for a waiver from CMS of the Medicaid IMD exclusion.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Wisconsin Counties Association, in conference assembled, does hereby urge the Governor and Legislature to submit an application for a waiver from CMS of the Medicaid IMD exclusion to allow federal reimbursement of short-term acute care and transition planning for persons with serious and persistent mental illness.

STEERING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION TO THE RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE:
Adopt.

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE ACTION: Motion by Kalata, second by Kruse, to adopt Resolutions 10 and 11. Motion carried.

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Adopt.

2020 CONFERENCE ACTION:

Caption:

III.B.5.1. Request that the Wisconsin Department of Health Services apply for a waiver from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) to allow federal reimbursement of short-term acute care and transition planning at Institutes for Mental Disease (IMDs).

Health and Human Services

Wisconsin Counties Association

2020 Conference Resolution 11

Offered for consideration this 20th Day of September 2020 by
Walworth County

Relating to

Urging the Governor and Legislature to Submit an Application for a Waiver from Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) to Allow Federal Reimbursement of Short-Term Acute Care and Transition Planning at Institutes for Mental Disease (IMD)

WHEREAS, the Outagamie County Board of Supervisors passed resolution 114-2019-20 on December 10, 2019; and

WHEREAS, federal rules exclude patients age 22-64 from Medicaid coverage when they are receiving care in an Institute for Mental Disease (IMD); and

WHEREAS, Walworth County is responsible for paying the high costs of IMD placements for consumers falling into the 22-64 excluded age range; and

WHEREAS, Walworth County Department of Health and Human Services values fiscal responsibility and seeks to earn public trust through efficient, cost-effective stewardship of resources; and

WHEREAS, a majority of the Health and Human Services Board voted to support Outagamie County's resolution requesting that the Wisconsin State Legislature and Governor apply for waiver of this exclusion; and

WHEREAS, this waiver of exclusion would allow for states to receive federal reimbursement for the cost of treatment in an IMD for the consumers described in this resolution.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Wisconsin Counties Association, in conference assembled, does hereby support Outagamie County Resolution No. 114-2019-20 requesting that the Wisconsin State Legislature and Governor apply for a waiver from Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) to allow federal reimbursement of short-term acute care and transition planning at Institutes for Mental Disease.

STEERING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION TO THE RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE:
Adopt.

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE ACTION: Motion by Kalata, second by Kruse, to adopt Resolutions 10 and 11. Motion carried.

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Adopt.

2020 CONFERENCE ACTION:

Caption:

III.B.5.1. Request that the Wisconsin Department of Health Services apply for a waiver from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) to allow federal reimbursement of short-term acute care and transition planning at Institutes for Mental Disease (IMDs).

Health and Human Services

Wisconsin Counties Association

2020 Conference Resolution 12

Offered for consideration this 20th Day of September 2020 by

Walworth County

Relating to

Urging the State Legislature and Governor to Amend the Wisconsin Statewide Standing Order for the Dispensing of Naloxone

WHEREAS, Walworth County has been identified as an area of concern for high rates of opioid overdose by the Wisconsin Department of Health Services; and

WHEREAS, opioids are a class of drugs, which act directly on the nervous system which can depress the central nervous system and respiratory system which can result in death; and

WHEREAS, naloxone is an opioid antagonist which counteracts the life-threatening depression of the central nervous system and respiratory system and has been proven to save lives; and

WHEREAS, on October 26, 2017, the Department of Health and Human Services declared that the opioid crisis affecting our nation a public health emergency; and

WHEREAS, Walworth County Division of Public Health is required to respond to public health emergencies; and

WHEREAS, Wisconsin local public health departments are required to respond to the leading causes of premature death within their jurisdictions per Wisconsin Administrative Rule 140.02(c); and

WHEREAS, local public health departments are uniquely positioned to implement community-level interventions; and

WHEREAS, public health nurses make up a significant portion of the staff of local health departments; and

WHEREAS, registered nurses in Wisconsin may only perform delegated acts for which there is a written protocol when in a professional capacity; and

WHEREAS, Wisconsin Statute 441.18 addresses only opioid antagonist administration, delivery, and dispensing by an advanced practice nurse; and

WHEREAS, Wisconsin Department of Health Services Chief Medical Officer Jonathan Meiman, MD issued a standing order allowing all pharmacists to dispense naloxone; and

WHEREAS, the Walworth County Health and Human Services Board supports the State Legislature and Governor amending the Wisconsin Statewide Standing Order for the dispensing of naloxone to explicitly include local public health departments, as established by Wisconsin Chapter 251, be authorized to dispense and administer naloxone for the purpose of responding to the declared national public health emergency and opioid overdose.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Wisconsin Counties Association, in conference assembled, does hereby urge the State Legislature and Governor to amend the Wisconsin Statewide Standing Order for the dispensing of naloxone to explicitly include local public health departments, as established by Wisconsin Chapter 251, be authorized to dispense and administer naloxone for the purpose of responding to the declared national public health emergency and opioid overdose.

STEERING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION TO THE RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE:
Adopt.

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE ACTION: Motion by Connors, second by Frohling, to adopt.
Motion carried.

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Adopt.

2020 CONFERENCE ACTION:

Caption:

- III.E.3.m. Support an amendment to the Wisconsin Statewide Standing Order for the dispensing of naloxone to explicitly include that local public health departments, as established by Wisconsin Chapter 251, be authorized to dispense and administer naloxone for the purpose of responding to the declared national public health emergency and opioid overdose.

Wisconsin Counties Association

2020 Conference Resolution 13

Offered for consideration this 20th Day of September 2020 by

Walworth County

Relating to

Urging the State Legislature and Governor to Authorize County-Employed Human Services Professionals to Administer Naloxone in Response to a Suspected Opioid Overdose

WHEREAS, Walworth County has been identified as an area of concern for high rates of opioid overdose by the Wisconsin Department of Health Services; and

WHEREAS, opioids are a class of drugs, which act directly on the nervous system which can depress the central nervous system and respiratory system which can result in death; and

WHEREAS, naloxone is an opioid antagonist which counteracts the life-threatening depression of the central nervous system and respiratory system and has been proven to save lives; and

WHEREAS, Wisconsin 256.40 allows emergency medical service providers, firefighters, and law enforcement to administer opioid antagonists; and

WHEREAS, Wisconsin 46.23 defines county human services as “the total range of services to people including, but not limited to, health care, mental illness treatment, developmental disabilities services, income maintenance, probation, extended supervision and parole services, alcohol and drug abuse services, services to children, youth and aging, family counseling, special education services, and manpower services”; and

WHEREAS, human services professionals have frequent contact with individuals with a high likelihood of opioid exposure and overdose; and

WHEREAS, fentanyl is highly potent and increases the likelihood of an overdose; and

WHEREAS, Walworth County has seen an increase in the presence of fentanyl in overdoses; and

WHEREAS, the Walworth County Health and Human Services Board supports the State Legislature and Governor amending Section 46.23 of the Wisconsin State Statutes to include specific authorization for county-employed human services professionals to administer naloxone

in response to a suspected opioid overdose.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Wisconsin Counties Association, in conference assembled, does hereby urge the State Legislature and Governor to amend Section 46.23 of the Wisconsin State Statutes to include specific authorization for county-employed human services professionals to administer naloxone in response to a suspected opioid overdose.

STEERING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION TO THE RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE:
Adopt.

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE ACTION: Motion by Kruse, second by Connors, to adopt.
Motion carried.

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Adopt.

2020 CONFERENCE ACTION:

Caption:

III.C.4.b. Support an amendment to Section 46.23 of the Wisconsin State Statutes to include specific authorization for county-employed human services professionals to administer naloxone in response to a suspected opioid overdose.

Health and Human Services

Wisconsin Counties Association

2020 Conference Resolution 14

Offered for consideration this 20th Day of September 2020 by
Polk County

Relating to

Supporting Mandatory Minimum Sentences and a Three Strikes Law in Wisconsin

WHEREAS, Polk County is a beautiful place to work, live, and play; and

WHEREAS, the ever-increasing supply of methamphetamine is coming in from Mexico is cheaper and more pure than the “meth lab” version from decades ago and is finding its way into Polk County; and

WHEREAS, the presence of methamphetamine supply naturally leads to significant negative impacts on our community including but not limited to: an increase on drug related crime, children being removed from the home because parents are unable to care for their children, loss of property values, decreased tourism because of the “stigma” associated with high levels of methamphetamine use; and

WHEREAS, recidivism is rampant among defendants charged with drug related crimes and the laws regarding the factors a court must consider when setting a bond or issuing a sentence have limited the judicial system’s ability to address the increased crime and recidivism rates; and

WHEREAS, the prevention of crime has been focused on rehabilitation and not enough on punishment as a deterrent with some of the recent sentencing reforms in Wisconsin.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Wisconsin Counties Association, in conference assembled, does hereby support any statutory amendment that would implement a three strikes law that requires mandatory incarceration for violent criminal felony convictions within the 10 years prior; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that any statutory amendment would require mandatory minimum sentences for certain drug related and other crime that negatively impacts public health and safety; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that counties commit to appropriating sufficient funds to handle the increased caseloads, the increased incarceration rate of the county jail, and the increased staff time necessary to handle the collateral impacts of the sentencing reform supported by this resolution.

STEERING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION TO THE RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE:
Indefinitely postpone.

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE ACTION: Motion by Decker, second by Kruse, to indefinitely postpone. Motion carried.

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Indefinitely postpone.

2020 CONFERENCE ACTION:

Caption:

Judicial and Public Safety

Wisconsin Counties Association

2020 Conference Resolution 15

Offered for consideration this 20th Day of September 2020 by

Eau Claire County

Relating to

Requesting the Wisconsin Legislature Revise Chapter 814 to Make Filing Fees Consistent Between the Clerk of Court and Register in Probate

WHEREAS, Wisconsin Statutes Chapter 814 relates to court costs, fees, and surcharges. Wisconsin Statutes section 814.66 applies to the fees charged by the Register in Probate. The Probate Court and Juvenile Court are responsible for case types that are not listed in Section 814.66 or other statutes, with the result being that there are cases filed with the Register in Probate for which there is no filing fee; and

WHEREAS, under the statutes there are fees and costs that are collected by the Register in Probate that are different from the fees collected by the Clerk of Court for the same type of service. This often causes confusion to the public; and

WHEREAS, the office of the Register in Probate and the Clerk of Court serve similar functions for the court, both offices are staffed with county employees, both offices utilize CCAP-provided computers and printers, as well as county-provided copiers. There is no discernable difference in these two offices when it comes to copying and providing certificates; and

WHEREAS, it would benefit the public and the county for the State Legislature to revise the statutes so that fees charged for similar services in the Clerk of Court and the Register in Probate are consistent in both offices; and

WHEREAS, the Wisconsin Register in Probate Association has commenced efforts to encourage the State Legislature to amend and revise the statutes to create consistency with the fees charged by the Clerk of Court and the Register in Probate.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Wisconsin Counties Association, in conference assembled, does hereby support the efforts of the Wisconsin Register in Probate Association to encourage the Wisconsin Legislature to amend the related statutes to further consistency between the fee structures for these offices.

STEERING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION TO THE RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE:
Adopt.

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE ACTION: Motion by Kalata, second by Okey, to adopt Resolutions 15-18. Motion carried.

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Adopt.

2020 CONFERENCE ACTION:

Caption:

IV.C.2.g. Support legislation that provides consistency in the fees charged for services by the clerk of circuit court and the register in probate.

Judicial and Public Safety

Wisconsin Counties Association

2020 Conference Resolution 16

Offered for consideration this 20th Day of September 2020 by

Outagamie County

Relating to

Urging the Legislature to Revise State Statutes for Consistency by Requiring Fees and Costs Charged by the Register in Probate Office and Clerk of Circuit Court Office to be the Identical for the Same Item or Service

WHEREAS, Wisconsin State Statute Chapter 814 addresses court costs, fees, and surcharges; and

WHEREAS, Subsection 814.66 applies to the Register in Probate office; and

WHEREAS, the Register in Probate and Juvenile Court handles other case types for which fees are not covered in Subsection 814.66 or other statutes; and

WHEREAS, the result is that cases are filed with the court without a filing fee; and

WHEREAS, additionally, some fees and costs collected by the Register in Probate office are different than fees collected by the Clerk of Circuit Court office for the same items which can cause confusion; and

WHEREAS, different fees and costs for an identical item seems inappropriate; and

WHEREAS, the Register in Probate staff and Clerk of Circuit Court staff are county employees, usually working in close proximity to the courts; and

WHEREAS, there is no discernable difference in these two offices related to copying and issuing certificates; and

WHEREAS, this resolution urges the Legislature to revise the state statutes for consistency by requiring fees and costs charged by the Register in Probate office and Clerk of Circuit Court office to be identical for the same item or service.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Wisconsin Counties Association, in conference assembled, does hereby urge the Legislature to revise state statutes for consistency by requiring fees and costs charged by the Register in Probate office and Clerk of Circuit Court office to be identical for the same item or service as detailed in the attached Fee Structure for

Court Fees and Costs in Probate and Juvenile Cases which is made a part hereof.

STEERING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION TO THE RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE:
Adopt.

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE ACTION: Motion by Kalata, second by Okey, to adopt Resolutions 15-18. Motion carried.

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Adopt.

2020 CONFERENCE ACTION:

Caption:

IV.C.2.g. Support legislation that provides consistency in the fees charged for services by the clerk of circuit court and the register in probate.

Judicial and Public Safety

Wisconsin Counties Association

2020 Conference Resolution 17

Offered for consideration this 20th Day of September 2020 by

Walworth County

Relating to

Urging the Legislature to Revise the Statutes for Court Fees and Costs in Probate and Juvenile Cases

WHEREAS, Wisconsin Statutes Chapter 814 covers court costs, fees, and surcharges. Subsection 814.66 applies to the Office of the Register in Probate. Probate and Juvenile Court handles other case types for which fees are not covered in Sec. 814.66 or other statutes. The result is cases filed with the court without a filing fee; and

WHEREAS, some fees and costs collected by the probate office are different from fees collected by the Clerk of Court for the same items. This can cause confusion. Different fees and costs for an identical item seem inappropriate; and

WHEREAS, employees of the Clerk of Court and Register in Probate are all county employees, usually working in proximity to the court, if not in the same office using the same equipment. The employees use CCAP-provided computers and printers, as well as county-provided copiers. There is no discernable difference in these two offices related to copying and issuing certificates; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature should: revise the statutes for consistency, require fees and costs charged by the Clerk of Court and Register in Probate to be the same for the same item or service, and require fees for probate and juvenile court as attached; and

WHEREAS, the Executive Committee supports revising the statutes to collect fees and costs associated with probate cases and juvenile court proceedings as outlined herein.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Wisconsin Counties Association, in conference assembled, does hereby support the Wisconsin Register in Probate Association in its efforts to revise Wisconsin Statutes consistent with the resolution and further urges the Legislature to revise and amend the related statutes for further consistency between the fee structure outlined in the statutes.

STEERING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION TO THE RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE:
Adopt.

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE ACTION: Motion by Kalata, second by Okey, to adopt Resolutions 15-18. Motion carried.

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Adopt.

2020 CONFERENCE ACTION:

Caption:

IV.C.2.g. Support legislation that provides consistency in the fees charged for services by the clerk of circuit court and the register in probate.

Judicial and Public Safety

Wisconsin Counties Association

2020 Conference Resolution 18

Offered for consideration this 20th Day of September 2020 by

Door County

Relating to

Urging the Legislature to Revise the Statutes for Court Fees and Costs in Probate and Juvenile Cases

WHEREAS, Wisconsin Statutes Chapter 814 covers court costs, fees, and surcharges. Subsection 814.66 applies to the office of the Register in Probate. Probate and Juvenile Court handles other case types for which fees are not covered in Sec. 814.66 or other statutes. The result is cases filed with the court without a filing fee; and

WHEREAS, some fees and costs collected by the probate office are different from fees collected by the Clerk of Court for the same items. This can cause confusion. Different fees and costs for an identical item seem inappropriate; and

WHEREAS, employees of the Clerk of Court and Register in Probate are all county employees, usually working in proximity to the court, if not in the same office using the same equipment. The employees use CCAP-provided computers and printers, as well as county-provided copiers. There is no discernable difference in these two offices related to copying and issuing certificates; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature should revise the statutes for consistency: require fees and costs charged by the Clerk of Court and Register in Probate to be the same for the same item or service, and require fees for probate and juvenile court as attached; and

WHEREAS, the Legislative Committee supports revising the statutes to collect fees and costs associated with probate cases and juvenile court proceedings as outlined herein.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Wisconsin Counties Association, in conference assembled, does hereby support the Wisconsin Register in Probate Association in its efforts to revise Wisconsin Statutes consistent with the resolution and further urges the Legislature to revise and amend the related statutes to further consistency between the fee structures outlined in the statutes.

STEERING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION TO THE RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE:
Adopt.

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE ACTION: Motion by Kalata, second by Okey, to adopt Resolutions 15-18. Motion carried.

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Adopt.

2020 CONFERENCE ACTION:

Caption:

IV.C.2.g. Support legislation that provides consistency in the fees charged for services by the clerk of circuit court and the register in probate.

Judicial and Public Safety

Wisconsin Counties Association

2020 Conference Resolution 19

Offered for consideration this 20th Day of September 2020 by

Eau Claire County

Relating to

Support of Wisconsin Draft Legislative Reference Bureau (LRB) Bill 1522/P1 That Seeks to Restore Voting Rights to People on Probation and Parole and Decrease Felony Disenfranchisement in the State of Wisconsin

WHEREAS, felony disenfranchisement is defined as the loss of a person's voting rights due to a felony conviction; and

WHEREAS, in the state of Wisconsin a person is not eligible to vote if they have been convicted of a felony and currently serving any portion of their sentence including extended supervision, probation, and/or parole; and

WHEREAS, rates of disenfranchisement vary drastically by state due to broad variations in voting prohibitions; and

WHEREAS, as reported by The Sentencing Project, 30 states deny voting rights to felony probationers, 34 states disenfranchise parolees, and 12 states deny voting rights to some or all individuals who have successfully fulfilled their prison, parole, or probation sentence; and

WHEREAS, Maine and Vermont are the only two states that do not disenfranchise felons; and

WHEREAS, as of December 2016, the Bureau of Justice Statistics reported there were an estimated 4.5 million adults in the U.S. under community supervision, probation, or parole and, of that amount, 64,900 were residents of the state of Wisconsin; and

WHEREAS, the Ex-Incarcerated People Organizing (EXPO) group reports in 2016 that the average length of stay for parole in Wisconsin was estimated to be 38 months or a little over three years; that makes Wisconsin third nationally for probation and parole sentences as reported by the EXPO group; and

WHEREAS, the EXPO group further reports that the average duration for parole across all states is estimated to be 22 months; and

WHEREAS, a report by the Advancement Project titled *Democracy Disappeared: How*

Florida Silences the Black Vote through Felony Disenfranchisement published October 2018, suggests that the consequences of felony disenfranchisement disproportionately impact poor communities and communities of color, which are likely to have high concentrations of returning citizens who are disenfranchised; and

WHEREAS, the report further indicates that losing the right to vote is linked to socio-economic conditions; felony disenfranchisement converges with low income, poverty, limited education and employment opportunities to disempower entire communities; and

WHEREAS, the inability for disenfranchised people convicted of a felony to participate in the political process limits their power to overcome inequality and systemic injustice and isolates them from society; and

WHEREAS, the Advancement Project reports that when large numbers of citizens are not allowed to vote, entire constituencies may go unrepresented in the democratic institutions that govern them; and

WHEREAS, under Wisconsin Legislative Reference Bureau (LRB) draft legislation 1522/P1, a person would lose his or her right to vote based on a disqualifying offense only while he or she is incarcerated for that offense, and a person that is released to extended supervision or parole may resume voting; and

WHEREAS, additionally, LRB 1522/P1 would allow a person convicted of a disqualifying offense and on probation retain his or her right to vote unless he or she is confined as a condition of probation; and

WHEREAS, EXPO, Wisconsin Affiliate of the Gamaliel Foundation (WISDOM), the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU), Project Return, Wisconsin Voices, League of Women Voters, and Just Leadership USA plan to launch the "Unlock the Vote" Campaign seeking to reengage 64,900 disenfranchised voters; and

WHEREAS, felony disenfranchisement is a major social issue across the United States that adversely affects more than 4 million people, including 64,900 people in the state of Wisconsin, as it is a constitutional right that every citizen should be allowed the right to vote.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Wisconsin Counties Association, in conference assembled, does hereby support Wisconsin Legislative Reference Bureau (LRB) draft legislation 1522/P1 that seeks to restore voting rights to disenfranchised felons and efforts to reduce felony disenfranchisement and reform practices that disproportionately impact communities of color in Wisconsin and the United States; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Wisconsin Counties Association supports a comprehensive review and revision of Wisconsin's sentencing guidelines, parole processes, and revocation processes to ensure that best practices are being followed; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Wisconsin Counties Association supports LRB

1522/P1, which is anticipated to be introduced soon, and requests Government Affairs staff to communicate this position to the Wisconsin State Legislature and the Governor in support of its passage.

STEERING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION TO THE RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE:

Personnel, Finance, and County Organization: Indefinitely postpone.

Judicial and Public Safety: Indefinitely postpone.

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE ACTION: Motion by Frohling, second by Buechel, to indefinitely postpone. Motion carried.

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Indefinitely postpone.

2020 CONFERENCE ACTION:

Caption:

Personnel, Finance, and County Organization
Judicial and Public Safety

Wisconsin Counties Association

2020 Conference Resolution 20

Offered for consideration this 20th Day of September 2020 by

Fond du Lac County

Relating to

Supporting Passage of the Commitment to Veteran Support and Outreach Act

WHEREAS, the number of veteran suicides continues to rise nationwide, and approximately 14 of the 20 veterans who die by suicide each day are not under the care of the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA); and

WHEREAS, this national public health crisis requires a national approach that meets veterans where they are located; and

WHEREAS, County Veteran Service Officers are often the first point of contact in the community for veteran services, and they provide assistance on a range of benefits, including service-connected disability benefits, enrollment in VA health care, VA home loans, education benefits, and survivor benefits; and

WHEREAS, veterans are not always aware of the available benefits, and County Veteran Service Officers are often the first to inform them about their eligibility; and

WHEREAS, County Veteran Service Officers are local county employees who are nationally accredited by the VA to prepare, present, and prosecute VA claims, yet there is currently no federal funding directly available for County Veteran Service Officers; and

WHEREAS, there is pending legislation, the Commitment to Veteran Support and Outreach (CVSO) Act, United States Senate Bill 3020- 116th Congress (2019-20), that authorizes the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to enter into contracts with states or to award grants to states to promote health and wellness, prevent suicide, and improve outreach to veterans; and

WHEREAS, the CVSO Act will authorize \$50 million annually for five years to expand and support County Veteran Service Officers or similar local entities who currently assist veterans in obtaining over \$50 billion in benefits annually; and

WHEREAS, states can submit an application containing a detailed plan for the use of the funds, and the Secretary of Veterans Affairs will develop guidance for outcome measures to determine the effectiveness of the programs; with this, states must show that these funds do not simply supplant current state or local funding; and

WHEREAS, by increasing the number of County Veteran Service Officers and staff, states will be better able to leverage their local and federal resources to serve veterans.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Wisconsin Counties Association, in conference assembled, does hereby support the CVSO Act that authorizes the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to enter into contracts with states or to award grants to states to promote health and wellness, prevent suicide, and improve outreach to veterans.

STEERING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION TO THE RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE:
Adopt.

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE ACTION: Motion by Buechel, second by Okey, to adopt.
Motion carried.

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Adopt.

2020 CONFERENCE ACTION:

Caption:

I.D.52. Support the federal CVSO Act that authorizes the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to enter into contracts with states or to award grants to states to promote health and wellness, prevent suicide, and improve outreach to veterans.

Personnel, Finance, and County Organization

Wisconsin Counties Association

2020 Conference Resolution 21

Offered for consideration this 20th Day of September 2020 by

Outagamie County

Relating to

Support Pending Legislation that Would Require the Department of Revenue (DOR) to Annually Publish on its Internet Site Information Related to the Determination of Utility Aid Payments Received by Counties and Municipalities Where Production Plant Property is Located

WHEREAS, utility aid payments help counties and municipalities pay for services provided to tax-exempt utility property; and

WHEREAS, currently, utility company asset data is not accessible to state and local elected officials in a manner that allows for determination regarding current and future utility aid payments in lieu of local general property taxation; and

WHEREAS, costs cannot be directly recouped through property taxation since utilities are exempt from local taxation and, instead, are taxed by the state; and

WHEREAS, these payments-in-lieu of taxes are also viewed as partial compensation for the air pollution, noise, traffic congestion, property maintenance, emergency services, and land use limitations caused by the presence of utility property; and

WHEREAS, there is pending legislation that will require the Department of Revenue (DOR) to annually publish on its Internet site information related to the determination of utility aid payments received by counties and municipalities where production plant property is located, including the value, depreciation amounts, and generating capacity of production plants, the value and depreciation amounts of substations and general structures, and, if applicable, the date of which such property is closed or decommissioned; and

WHEREAS, the published information must also include the value of private and municipal light, heat, and power company property, as reported to the Public Service Commission, the amount of license fees paid by public utilities in lieu of property taxes, listed by the county and municipality where such property is located, and the amount of utility aid payments received by each county and municipality; and

WHEREAS, in addition, DOR must provide each county and municipality that receives a

utility aid payment an itemization of its payment that shows the amounts generated from each formula component used to calculate the payment.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Wisconsin Counties Association, in conference assembled, does hereby support pending legislation that would require the Department of Revenue (DOR) to annually publish on its Internet site information related to the determination of utility aid payments received by counties and municipalities where production plant property is located, including the value, depreciation amounts, and generating capacity of production plants, the value and depreciation amounts of substations and general structures, and, if applicable, the date of which such property is closed or decommissioned; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Wisconsin Counties Association does support pending legislation that would require the DOR to provide each county and municipality that receives a utility aid payment an itemization of its payment that shows the amounts generated from each formula component used to calculate the payment.

STEERING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION TO THE RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE:
Adopt.

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE ACTION: Motion by Kalata, second by Connors, to adopt Resolutions 21 and 22. Motion carried.

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Adopt.

2020 CONFERENCE ACTION:

Caption:

VI.B.16. Support legislation that:

- Requires the Department of Revenue (DOR) to annually publish on its Internet site information related to the determination of utility aid payments received by counties and municipalities where production plant property is located, including the value, depreciation amounts, and generating capacity of production plants, the value and depreciation amounts of substations and general structures, and, if applicable, the date of which such property is closed or decommissioned.
- Requires DOR to provide each county and municipality that receives a utility aid payment an itemization of its payment that shows the amounts generated from each formula component used to calculate the payment.

Wisconsin Counties Association

2020 Conference Resolution 22

Offered for consideration this 20th Day of September 2020 by

Walworth County

Relating to

Supporting Legislation to Require the Department of Revenue to Share Utility Aid Payment Information with Counties and Municipalities

WHEREAS, utility aid payments help counties and municipalities pay for services provided to tax exempt utility property; and

WHEREAS, currently, utility company asset data is not accessible to state and local elected officials in a manner that allows for determination regarding current and future utility aid payments in lieu of local general property taxation; and

WHEREAS, costs cannot be directly recouped through property taxation since utilities are exempt from local taxation and, instead, are taxed by the state; and

WHEREAS, these payments in lieu of taxes are also viewed as partial compensation for the air pollution, noise, traffic congestion, property maintenance, emergency services, and land use limitations caused by the presence of utility property; and

WHEREAS, there is pending legislation that will require the Department of Revenue (DOR) to annually publish on its internet site information related to the determination of utility aid payments received by counties and municipalities where production plant property is located, including the value, depreciation amounts, and generating capacity of production plants, the date of which such property is closed or decommissioned.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Wisconsin Counties Association, in conference assembled, does hereby support legislation to require the Department of Revenue to share the above-stated utility aid payment information with counties and municipalities.

STEERING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION TO THE RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE:
Adopt.

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE ACTION: Motion by Kalata, second by Connors, to adopt Resolutions 21 and 22. Motion carried.

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Adopt.

2020 CONFERENCE ACTION:

Caption:

VI.B.16. Support legislation that:

- Requires the Department of Revenue (DOR) to annually publish on its Internet site information related to the determination of utility aid payments received by counties and municipalities where production plant property is located, including the value, depreciation amounts, and generating capacity of production plants, the value and depreciation amounts of substations and general structures, and, if applicable, the date of which such property is closed or decommissioned.
- Requires DOR to provide each county and municipality that receives a utility aid payment an itemization of its payment that shows the amounts generated from each formula component used to calculate the payment.

Personnel, Finance, and County Organization

Wisconsin Counties Association

2020 Conference Resolution 23

Offered for consideration this 20th Day of September 2020 by
Eau Claire County

Relating to

Supporting 2019-2020 Senate Bill 576 - Creation of the Chippewa Valley Regional Transportation Authority

WHEREAS, 2019-2020 Senate Bill 576 is currently pending before the Wisconsin Legislature. This bill proposes the creation of a Regional Transit Authority, known as the Chippewa Valley Regional Transit Authority (CVRTA), for the purpose of establishing, maintaining, and operating a comprehensive local transportation system, primarily for the transportation of persons, and includes the use of railroads, motor vehicles, motor buses, and any combination thereof; and

WHEREAS, the CVRTA would be a public body corporate and a separate governmental entity. If SB 576 is adopted by the state and becomes law, the CVRTA would be created if the governing body of Eau Claire County adopts a resolution authorizing the county to become a member of the CVRTA and the resolution is then ratified by the electors at a referendum held in Eau Claire County; and

WHEREAS, if the CVRTA is created, any municipality located in whole or in part within Eau Claire County shall be a member of the authority; and

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 576 allows Chippewa County to join the CVRTA, after the creation of the authority, if the governing body of Chippewa County adopts a resolution to join the authority and the resolution is then ratified by the electors at a referendum held in Chippewa County; and

WHEREAS, the governing body of the CVRTA would be a board of directors appointed according to the statutes and would be a combination of directors appointed by the county board, municipalities, and an appointment by the governor.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Wisconsin Counties Association, in conference assembled, does hereby support the adoption of Senate Bill 576 by the Wisconsin Legislature and Governor Evers for the purpose of creating the Chippewa Valley Regional Transportation Authority.

STEERING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION TO THE RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE:
Adopt.

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE ACTION: Motion by Decker, second by Gullickson, to indefinitely postpone. Motion carried.

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Indefinitely postpone.

2020 CONFERENCE ACTION:

Caption:

Transportation and Public Works

Wisconsin Counties Association

2020 Conference Resolution 24

Offered for consideration this 20th Day of September 2020 by

Eau Claire County

Relating to

Supporting Proposed Legislation AB 612 Establishing Authority for a County to Enact an Ordinance Requiring Registration of Animal-Drawn Vehicles

WHEREAS, under current law, an animal-drawn vehicle is not required to be registered for use of public roadways; and

WHEREAS, recent fatalities and accidents on highways in Wisconsin by animal-drawn vehicles continue to increase in frequency; and

WHEREAS, registering animal-drawn vehicles will allow for enforcement of lighting requirements, as well as any other local ordinances; and

WHEREAS, registration fees will be used for transportation-related purposes and administrative costs related to the registration program itself.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Wisconsin Counties Association, in conference assembled, does hereby support Assembly Bill 612.

STEERING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION TO THE RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE:
Adopt.

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE ACTION: Motion by Okey, second by Frohling, to adopt.
Motion carried.

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Adopt.

2020 CONFERENCE ACTION:

Caption:

VII.D.31. Support legislation that allows counties to enact an ordinance requiring registration of, including the imposition of a registration fee, animal-drawn vehicles.

Wisconsin Counties Association

2020 Conference Resolution 25

Offered for consideration this 20th Day of September 2020 by

Barron County

Relating to

Supporting Building Expansion, and New Equipment and Facility Updates at the State of Wisconsin Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory

WHEREAS, on August 12, 2019 County Administrator French and Economic Development Director Armstrong were invited to a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Wisconsin Veterinary Diagnostic Lab at the State of Wisconsin Veterinary Lab, City of Barron, Guy Avenue; and

WHEREAS, one of the agenda items was to discuss and describe details of the need to expand the building and to purchase new equipment at this facility so that it continues to be in compliance with evolving diagnostic needs; and

WHEREAS, on September 20, 2019 Keith Poulsen, DVM, Ph.D., Director, provided additional details for the building and equipment upgrades to Administrator French, Exhibit #1; and

WHEREAS, the agriculture and poultry industry are vital to the economic future of Northwest Wisconsin and Barron County in particular; and

WHEREAS, the *2017 Census of Agriculture – County Data*, Exhibit #2., lists 168 poultry farms in Barron County; and

WHEREAS, the *2017 Census of Agriculture, County Profile*, Exhibit #3., states the total market value of agriculture products sold in Barron County is \$266,402,000, among other data; and

WHEREAS, after the above-referenced meeting Administrator French contacted Jennie-O Turkey Store as to their support for the requested improvements at the Barron Veterinary Lab; and

WHEREAS, by letter dated August 28, 2019, Steve Lykken, President, Jennie-O Turkey Store, Exhibit #4., indicates their support for the requested improvements; and

WHEREAS, to further verify the financial impact of not making the requested improvements, Administrator French has attached to this Resolution Exhibit #5., which indicates

a total budget for this facility of \$7,333,600.00 for FY20, ending 7-31-2019, including \$1.7M for 13 FTEs at the Barron facility; and

WHEREAS, by phone on 9-17-2019 DVM Poulsen communicated to Administrator French that at present the above expansion and improvements could possibly be placed last, or nearly last, in the list of the approximately \$1.5B worth of statewide building and equipment improvement requests, resulting in a six to eight-year timeframe before completion of these upgrades; and

WHEREAS, the Barron County Board of Supervisors is willing to go on record supporting building improvements and new equipment purchases at the State of Wisconsin Veterinary Clinic in Barron; and

WHEREAS, the Barron County Board of Supervisors is willing and desirous to see these requested improvements occur in a timely and efficient manner; and

WHEREAS, this resolution was approved by the LCC/Extension Committee on January 7, 2020, on a vote of 5-0, with Horstman, Gores, Skoug, Nelson, and Huth voting in favor and no members voting against. Rindsig and McRoberts were absent.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Wisconsin Counties Association, in conference assembled, does hereby fully support the recommended building, equipment, and facility improvements at the Wisconsin Veterinary Diagnostic Lab, City of Barron, Guy Avenue; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Wisconsin Counties Association does hereby urge the state of Wisconsin to make the requested improvements to the Barron facility quickly.

STEERING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION TO THE RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE:
N/A

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE ACTION: Motion by Okey, second by Frohling, to adopt.
Motion carried.

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Adopt.

2020 CONFERENCE ACTION:

Caption:

IX.E.3. Support building, equipment, and facility improvements at the Wisconsin Veterinary Diagnostic Lab located in Barron County.

Other

Wisconsin Counties Association

2020 Conference Resolution 26

Offered for consideration this 20th Day of September 2020 by

Door County

Relating to

Supporting Assembly Bill 544 ~ Workforce Housing Tax Credits

WHEREAS, the Wisconsin Housing and Economic Development Authority is a self-supporting private corporation that receives no tax dollars for its operations and has a Mission Statement “to stimulate the state's economy and improve the quality of life for Wisconsin residents by providing affordable housing and business financing products”; and

WHEREAS, WHEDA’s Vision Statement is “to provide the tools to help people and communities realize their hopes and dreams”; and

WHEREAS, WHEDA is known as a leader in innovative housing strategies; and

WHEREAS, the State of Wisconsin is presently considering Assembly Bill 544 (as amended by Assembly Substitute Amendment 1), which proposes investing \$10 million in WHEDA funds for workforce housing tax credits to stimulate the development of workforce housing; and

WHEREAS, Assembly Bill 544 (as amended by Assembly Substitute Amendment 1) also allows WHEDA to leverage its resources for greater benefit by engaging with existing partners in new ways and by encouraging potential partners to consider new opportunities in rural communities; and

WHEREAS, housing developers and municipal leaders have pointed to factors including rising housing costs, limited developer interest due to the smaller scale of rural projects, aging housing stock, few affordable rental options, zoning and infrastructure challenges, and limited financing for new construction and renovation projects that currently hamper workforce housing development; and

WHEREAS, in February of 2019 the Door County Economic Development Corporation released the results of the third-party report Door County Housing Analysis; and

WHEREAS, the Door County Housing Analysis studied the need for workforce housing for employees earning between 60% and 120% of Area Median Income (AMI); and

WHEREAS, the Door County Housing Analysis determined that Door County had a

cumulative structural gap between 2010 and 2017 of 470 workforce housing apartment units and a future need of an additional 110 workforce housing apartment units between 2018 and 2023.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Wisconsin Counties Association, in conference assembled, does hereby support Assembly Bill 544 (as amended by Assembly Substitute Amendment 1) and its potential to stimulate needed housing development so that rural counties, including the County of Door, may help solve their present workforce housing deficit.

STEERING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION TO THE RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE:
N/A

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE ACTION: Motion by Decker, second by Buechel, to indefinitely postpone. Motion carried.

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Indefinitely postpone.

2020 CONFERENCE ACTION:

Caption:

Other

Wisconsin Counties Association

2020 Conference Resolution 27

Offered for consideration this 20th Day of September 2020 by

Outagamie County

Relating to

Opposing the Deportation and Repatriation of Hmong and Lao Residents of Wisconsin to the Lao People's Democratic Republic, as well as the Deportation of Hmong and Lao Refugees Throughout the United States

WHEREAS, Secretary of State Mike Pompeo, on behalf of the Trump Administration, has engaged in discussions with the Lao People's Democratic Republic and is calling on Laos to accept deported U.S. residents; and

WHEREAS, Wisconsin is home to over 61,287 Hmong, Lao, Vietnamese, Cambodian, and other ethnic minority group residents, many of whom are refugees as a result of the American involvement in Southeast Asia in the 1960s and 70s; and

WHEREAS, nearly 4,800 Hmong and Lao individuals across the country have been served deportation orders issued by the United States government; and

WHEREAS, many Hmong and Lao soldiers fought alongside United States soldiers during the Vietnam War; and

WHEREAS, our Hmong and Lao allies subsequently faced retaliation in Laos for their cooperation with the United States after the end of the Vietnam War; and

WHEREAS, the United States offered protection to its Hmong and Lao allies after the war, allowing many Hmong refugees to resettle in the United States; and

WHEREAS, Wisconsin is home to the third largest Hmong population in the United States; and

WHEREAS, proposed deportation would tear apart families and communities across the state of Wisconsin. Hmong and Lao refugees have long-established roots in Wisconsin, and many have no family ties in Laos, do not speak the language, and have never lived in Laos; and

WHEREAS, Hmong, Lao, and other ethnic minority group refugees from Laos ordered to be removed by the U.S. will face the danger of marginalization, violence, or death in Laos; and

WHEREAS, these Hmong and Lao refugees have become successful in agriculture and farming, in small business and entrepreneurship, and in working hard to support their families and to make the community a better place to live.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Wisconsin Counties Association, in conference assembled, does hereby strongly oppose the deportation and repatriation of Hmong and Lao residents of Wisconsin to the Lao People's Democratic Republic, as well as the deportation of Hmong and Lao refugees throughout the United States; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Wisconsin Counties Association supports pending legislation that opposes efforts by the State Department and Trump Administration to allow for the deportment of Hmong and Lao U.S. residents to the Lao People's Democratic Republic.

STEERING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION TO THE RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE:
N/A

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE ACTION: Motion by Kruse, second by Kalata, to adopt. Motion failed. Motion by Decker, second by Keeney, to indefinitely postpone. Motion carried.

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Indefinitely postpone.

2020 CONFERENCE ACTION:

Caption:

Other

Wisconsin Counties Association

2020 Conference Resolution 28

Offered for consideration this 20th Day of September 2020 by

Outagamie County

Relating to

Urging the Wisconsin Governor and Legislators to Research and Understand the Reasons Behind the Out-Migration of the Millennial Population as well as Why People are not Moving to Wisconsin for Available Jobs as Detailed in the Three Articles Published by Forward Analytics Regarding Population and Workforce Trends in Wisconsin

WHEREAS, *Forward Analytics*, a Division of the Wisconsin Counties Association, has recently published three articles regarding population and workforce trends in Wisconsin:

- *Falling Behind: Migration Changes and State Workforce*
- *An Economic Evolution: Job Growth, Pay and Education since 2012*
- *Millennial Wisconsin: Is Wisconsin Attractive to This Generation*; and

WHEREAS, all articles conclude that Wisconsin has a significant problem in attracting, retaining, and growing the millennial population, especially those millennials with families; and

WHEREAS, the documents provide detailed analysis of these population trends and the changing educational requirements for 21st century employers; and

WHEREAS, why should residents of Wisconsin pay attention to this information? Within the next few years, 40% of Wisconsin's workforce will be comprised of millennials; and

WHEREAS, over the next few years, baby boomers will comprise less and less of the workforce and by 2030 only 5% of the workforce will be comprised of this age group; and

WHEREAS, the articles provide detailed data and charts for Wisconsin population changes; and

WHEREAS, the articles point to the concern that millennials in the workforce are not replacing baby boomers as they age and retire; and

WHEREAS, since 2008, the replacement of the older workforce has not been maintained resulting in severe labor shortages throughout the state in many occupations; for example, the

age cohort of 15 to 19-year-olds in the year 2000 was 407,000 and in 2015, the population of this same group, now 30 to 35 in age, declined by 36,000 to 371,000. The articles indicate that many people in this age group moved to other states; and

WHEREAS, another issue identified in the reports is the changing level of education required to meet the requests of employers; and

WHEREAS, in 2012, 25% of new jobs required post-secondary education; and

WHEREAS, from 2012 to 2018, 38% of all new jobs required post-secondary education; and

WHEREAS, during the same time period, there was very little growth in low paying, low skilled occupations; and

WHEREAS, the articles did not address the reasons for the population and labor force changes; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the articles was to sound an “alarm bell” for policymakers and leaders in Wisconsin; and

WHEREAS, the impact on state finances and future services, especially in rural areas, will be dramatic if this trend continues for millennials and the next generation; and

WHEREAS, Wisconsin’s governor and legislators need to get to work on this issue and understand the reasons behind the out-migration of the millennial population; and

WHEREAS, they need to do everything possible to understand why people are leaving the state and why people are not moving to Wisconsin for available jobs; and

WHEREAS, based on this information, our leaders need to make changes to encourage families to stay here and also develop a plan to encourage families to move to Wisconsin from other states; and

WHEREAS, leaders should also work on initiatives for retaining young people in Wisconsin as they graduate from high schools, technical schools, and universities; and

WHEREAS, these population trends can be reversed; and

WHEREAS, there are states in the Upper Midwest and regions within our state, including Outagamie County, which have retained and/or grown this important younger population group; and

WHEREAS, our state leaders should learn from their success stories and work together on this significant issue.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Wisconsin Counties Association, in conference assembled, does hereby urge the Wisconsin Governor and legislators to research and understand the reasons behind the out-migration of the millennial population, as well as why people are not moving to Wisconsin for available jobs as detailed in the attached three articles published by *Forward Analytics* regarding population and workforce trends in Wisconsin; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Wisconsin Counties Association does urge the Wisconsin governor and legislators to make changes to encourage families to maintain Wisconsin as their residence, as well as develop a plan to encourage families to move to Wisconsin.

STEERING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION TO THE RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE:
N/A

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE ACTION: Motion by Okey, second by Kruse, to indefinitely postpone. Motion carried.

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Indefinitely postpone.

2020 CONFERENCE ACTION:

Caption:

Other

Wisconsin Counties Association

2020 Conference Resolution 29

Offered for consideration this 20th Day of September 2020 by
Outagamie County

Relating to

Supporting the Establishment of an Intermodal Freight Facility at the Port of Green Bay

WHEREAS, Outagamie County understands that freight movement is critical to Wisconsin's economic competitiveness at regional, national, and global scales; and

WHEREAS, intermodal shipping is the movement of cargo in shipping containers or trailers by more than one mode of transportation and is an increasingly important part of the global movement of freight; and

WHEREAS, use of intermodal shipping can create efficiencies, reduce transportation costs, and be a key factor for sustained economic growth and development; and

WHEREAS, currently, intermodal or containerized freight must first find its way to Chicago in order to have access to world markets; and

WHEREAS, Brown County is currently negotiating to acquire the Pulliam Power Plant site for an intermodal container facility which would allow barges and other shipping containers to be transferred by boat either onto rail or onto the interstate highway system; and

WHEREAS, this is a tremendous opportunity for all of northeast Wisconsin, the Upper Peninsula of Michigan and beyond to establish future freight transportation options; and

WHEREAS, this resolution supports the establishment of an intermodal freight facility at the Port of Green Bay and urges the State Legislature to retain a provision in the 2019-2021 State Biennial Budget to help with studying, geotechnical engineering, and environmental investigations of the Pulliam Power Plant site as an intermodal freight facility.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Wisconsin Counties Association, in conference assembled, does hereby support the establishment of an intermodal freight facility at the Port of Green Bay which will offer an opportunity for all of northeast Wisconsin, the Upper Peninsula of Michigan and beyond to establish future freight transportation options; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Wisconsin Counties Association does go on record in support of retaining a provision in the 2019-2021 State Biennial Budget to help with studying,

geotechnical engineering, and environmental investigations of the Pulliam Power Plant site at the Port of Green Bay as an intermodal freight facility.

STEERING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION TO THE RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE:
N/A

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE ACTION: Motion by Connors, second by Buechel to adopt.
Motion carried.

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Adopt.

2020 CONFERENCE ACTION:

Caption:

VII.D.31. Support the establishment of an intermodal freight facility at the Port of Green Bay.

Other

Wisconsin Counties Association

2020 Conference Resolution 30

Offered for consideration this 20th Day of September 2020 by

Eau Claire County

Relating to

Requesting the Wisconsin Legislature Act to Protect Refugees Living in the State of Wisconsin

WHEREAS, refugees living in the State of Wisconsin were in some cases brought here because they aided United States interests and fought besides American soldiers; and

WHEREAS, some refugees living in the State of Wisconsin are seeking safety from political regimes and drug cartels that seek to potentially destroy their personal safety through violence including, but not limited to, physical harm, rape, incest, and murder; and

WHEREAS, refugees living in the State of Wisconsin should be protected from deportation and return to living conditions that may result in murder or genocide; and

WHEREAS, some refugees choose to not become citizens because they hold out hope for a time when they can safely return with their families to their homeland; and

WHEREAS, some refugees living in the State of Wisconsin could be fleeing environmental catastrophe; and

WHEREAS, refugees living in the State of Wisconsin have faced long and burdensome journeys often resulting in the loss of all they own; and

WHEREAS, some refugees living in the State of Wisconsin exist in conditions whereby they are often seen as second class or less than; and

WHEREAS, most refugees living in the State of Wisconsin do not have the language skills, or the cultural background knowledge required to deal with issues of deportation; and

WHEREAS, many refugee groups have long established roots in the State of Wisconsin; and

WHEREAS, refugees living in the State of Wisconsin make important economic contributions by both performing hard physical labor and by paying taxes; and

WHEREAS, refugees living in the State of Wisconsin enrich our society by contributing to the rich multi-cultural heritage of our state; and

WHEREAS, refugees living in the State of Wisconsin have friends, families, lives and livelihoods worthy of a protected status.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Wisconsin Counties Association, in conference assembled, does hereby request that the Wisconsin Legislature take action to protect refugees living and working in the State of Wisconsin.

STEERING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION TO THE RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE:
N/A

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE ACTION: Motion by Decker, second by Okey, to indefinitely postpone. Motion carried.

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Indefinitely postpone.

2020 CONFERENCE ACTION:

Caption:

Other

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RESOLUTIONS 31~48
REAFFIRM CURRENT
POSITIONS OF THE
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COUNTIES
ASSOCIATION**

Wisconsin Counties Association

2020 Conference Resolution 31

Offered for consideration this 20th Day of September 2020 by
Bayfield County

Relating to

Increased Funding for County Conservation Staff

WHEREAS, all life is dependent on clean water; and

WHEREAS, all Wisconsin residents and visitors require and deserve access to clean water;
and

WHEREAS, Wisconsin's economy is dependent on water; and

WHEREAS, clean water is required to maintain and grow Wisconsin's economy; and

WHEREAS, county conservation departments are charged with implementing statewide performance standards, including ATCP 50 and NR 151, runoff reduction efforts like Total Maximum Daily Loads, farmland preservation programs, producer-led watershed and citizen watershed groups, stormwater permits, and much more; and

WHEREAS, county conservation departments are being asked to implement an ever-increasing set of programs without increased funding and with less staff; and

WHEREAS, county conservation departments have 40% fewer state-funded staff than there were 20 years ago; and

WHEREAS, at almost every public hearing held by the 2019 Speaker's Task Force on Water Quality there was overwhelming support to fully fund county conservation staff; and

WHEREAS, the Speaker's Task Force on Water Quality recommended that the state fully fund its cost-share commitment for county conservation staff; and

WHEREAS, Assembly Bill 790 and Senate Bill 723 in the 2019-2020 legislative session provided for increased funding for county conservation staff to meet Wisconsin Statutes 92.14 to support an average of three staff per county at cost shares rates of 100/70/50%.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Wisconsin Counties Association, in conference assembled, does hereby support an increase in state funding for county conservation staff to meet Wisconsin Statutes 92.14.

STEERING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION TO THE RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE:

Adopt.

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE ACTION: Motion by Buechel, second by Connors, to adopt Resolutions 31-48. Motion carried.

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Adopt.

2020 CONFERENCE ACTION:

Caption:

II.G.1.bb. Maintain the funding for county land conservation staffing and cost-sharing grants established in the 2017-19 biennial budget and further increase funds to reflect DATCP's statutorily recommended funding level.

Agriculture, Environment, and Land Use

Wisconsin Counties Association

2020 Conference Resolution 32

Offered for consideration this 20th Day of September 2020 by

Walworth County

Relating to

Supporting Budget Priorities to Improve Local Land and Water Resources

WHEREAS, the County Land and Water Conservation Department (LWCD) is the local delivery mechanism for a wide range of Wisconsin's natural resource management programs including non-point pollution control, farmland preservation, reclamation of non-metallic mines, invasive species control, woodland management, lakes protection, and more; and

WHEREAS, LWCD professionals work as trusted, technical advisors to support producer-led watershed groups, assist waterfront property owners, help farmers develop and implement nutrient management plans, and respond to natural disasters like floods, and spend years building the trust to be able to successfully do so; and

WHEREAS, the conservation practices that LWCD professionals help landowners apply to farm fields, forests, and shorelines have numerous water quality benefits, including: preventing soil erosion and promoting soil health, increasing infiltration into groundwater aquifers, protecting drinking water supply, reducing surface runoff and flood severity, and more; and

WHEREAS, the state of Wisconsin codifies the counties' role in coordinating and implementing local conservation standards in Wis. Stats. Chap. 92, and defines a state-supported staffing goal for every LWCD of an average of three positions at 100, 70, and 50 percent support; and

WHEREAS, the state of Wisconsin has not ensured baseline support of counties by meeting this funding goal since its inception, and current state-funded LWCD staff number 40% fewer than they did 20 years ago; and

WHEREAS, the return on investment in county LWCDs is high; they amplify the impact of state funding by leveraging federal and private grant dollars into more conservation on the land, and more dollars into local economies; and

WHEREAS, supporting county LWCDs was the top priority voiced by Wisconsinites at statewide Water Quality Task Force hearings and elsewhere over the past year by farm, conservation, environmental, and local government groups alike, including Wisconsin Counties Association, Dairy Business Association, Wisconsin Corn Growers, Wisconsin Farm Bureau, and Wisconsin Farmer's Union; and

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 723 seeks to provide an increase of \$2,960,900 in baseline support to county LWCDs, resulting in more conservation on the landscape, and better protection of water quality; and

WHEREAS, for 2020, Walworth County requested \$207,623 for funding to cover staff using the statutory formula, but received \$144,668, creating a difference of \$62,955; and,

WHEREAS, additional funding as supported by SB 723 would provide additional resources to put more conservation practices on the ground and leverage federal, state, and private funds to support the LWCDs conservation efforts.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Wisconsin Counties Association, in conference assembled, does hereby urge the Wisconsin State Senate to schedule Senate Bill 723 to be heard on the floor of the Senate prior to the closure of the 2019-2020 legislative session, and vote to support the bill, providing necessary state support to counties, recognizing that if we are to improve water quality and achieve clean and safe drinking water and support a viable agricultural industry at the same time, county LWCD professionals are the best and most cost-effective solution we have.

STEERING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION TO THE RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE:
Adopt.

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE ACTION: Motion by Buechel, second by Connors, to adopt Resolutions 31-48. Motion carried.

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Adopt.

2020 CONFERENCE ACTION:

Caption:

II.G.1.bb. Maintain the funding for county land conservation staffing and cost-sharing grants established in the 2017-19 biennial budget and further increase funds to reflect DATCP's statutorily recommended funding level.

Wisconsin Counties Association

2020 Conference Resolution 33

Offered for consideration this 20th Day of September 2020 by

Bayfield County

Relating to

Enacting Stronger Regulations to Limit the Spread of Chronic Wasting Disease

WHEREAS, Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) is a fatal neurological disease of cervids which threatens to cause significant economic, cultural, and ecological damage to Wisconsin's deer and elk population; and

WHEREAS, since its discovery in Wisconsin in a deer harvested in 2001 it has now spread to wild deer in 26 counties and in 25 captive cervid farms; and

WHEREAS, in the most highly-infected areas of Dane and Iowa counties the prevalence rate in adult males is over 35 percent and in adult females is over 15 percent; and

WHEREAS, the Wisconsin Department of Health Services, the Center for Disease Control, and the World Health Organization all recommend that cervid meat only be eaten after the animal harvested has tested negative for CWD; and

WHEREAS, in 2019 over 793,000 gun and archery deer hunting licenses were sold in Wisconsin; and

WHEREAS, according to a study, hunters in Wisconsin spent \$2.5 billion in 2011. Eighty-eight percent of the hunters in Wisconsin participated in deer hunting, making it the most popular form of hunting in the state; and

WHEREAS, with no known cure or preventative vaccine, the only option currently available to manage CWD is to aggressively limit the transmission and spread of CWD; and

WHEREAS, current regulations do not adequately limit the human-assisted transmission of CWD.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Wisconsin Counties Association, in conference assembled, does hereby urge the State Legislature to make the following changes to state statutes and supporting administrative rules:

- Change ATPC 10.56(1) to eliminate the exceptions that allow the transport of live cervids without a Certification of Veterinary Inspection.
- Change NR 10.105(7) to prohibit the export of cervid carcasses which have any part of

the spinal column or head attached from CWD affected areas in which wild or captive cervids have tested positive for CWD within the last 10 years.

- Enact new rules to require the disposal of harvested cervids carcasses in approved landfills, rendering or composting facilities.
- Enact new rules to prohibit the export of live cervids from areas within 10 miles of a known positive CWD detection within the last five years.
- Enact new rules to require all captive cervid operations to install either solid perimeter or double fencing.
- Once a reliable live animal CWD test has been developed, enact rules to prohibit the transport of live cervids unless the animal tests negative for CWD.

STEERING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION TO THE RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE:
Adopt.

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE ACTION: Motion by Buechel, second by Connors, to adopt Resolutions 31-48. Motion carried.

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Adopt.

2020 CONFERENCE ACTION:

Caption:

- II.J.2.f. Urge the State Legislature to make the following changes to state statutes and concordant administrative rules related to chronic wasting disease:
- Change ATCP 10.56(1) to eliminate the exceptions that allow the transport of live cervids without a Certification of Veterinary Inspection.
 - Change NR 10.105(7) to prohibit the export of cervid carcasses which have any part of the spinal column or head attached from CWD affected areas in which wild or captive cervids have tested positive for CWD within the last 10 years.
 - Enact new rules to require the disposal of harvested cervid carcasses in approved landfills, rendering, or composting facilities.
 - Enact new rules to prohibit the export of live cervid animals from areas within 10 miles of a known positive CWD detection within the last five years.
 - Enact new rules to require all captive cervid operations to install solid perimeter or double fencing.
 - Once a reliable live animal CWD test has been developed, enact rules to prohibit the transport of live cervids unless the animal tests negative for CWD.

Wisconsin Counties Association

2020 Conference Resolution 34

Offered for consideration this 20th Day of September 2020 by

Bayfield County

Relating to

Conducting Additional Research on Chronic Wasting Disease to Improve Testing, Treatment, and Management Options

WHEREAS, Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) is a fatal neurological disease of cervids which threatens to cause significant economic, cultural, and ecological damage to Wisconsin's deer and elk populations; and

WHEREAS, a better understanding of CWD is needed to develop better management tools; and

WHEREAS, current funding and research levels are not commensurate to the threat posed by CWD; and

WHEREAS, since the discovery of CWD in Wisconsin in 2001 it is now found in wild deer in 26 counties and in 25 captive cervid farms; and

WHEREAS, in the most highly-infected areas of Dane and Iowa counties the prevalence rate in adult males is over 35% and in adult females is over 15%; and

WHEREAS, the Wisconsin Department of Health Services, the Center for Disease Control, and the World Health Organization all recommend that cervid meat only be eaten after the animal harvested has tested negative for CWD; and

WHEREAS, in 2019 over 793,000 gun and archery deer hunting licenses were sold in Wisconsin; and

WHEREAS, according to a study, hunters in Wisconsin spent \$2.5 billion in 2011. Eighty-eight percent of the hunters in Wisconsin participated in deer hunting, making it the most popular form of hunting in the state.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Wisconsin Counties Association, in conference assembled, does hereby request that the State Legislature fund and direct state agencies to conduct the following research in order to better manage CWD:

- Develop a reliable, rapid, and easy to administer CWD test that can be conducted on live cervids.

- Develop a reliable, rapid, and easy to administer CWD test that can be implemented in the field on harvested cervids that will provide immediate test results.
- Develop a vaccine for CWD.
- Develop a cure for CWD in infected cervids.
- Breed inheritable resistance to CWD in captive cervids such that the cervids do not carry or shed CWD prions.
- Determine CWD prion longevity and virulence in contaminated soil, feed, and crops under a wide range of environmental conditions.
- Develop a better understanding of CWD prion movement in the environment once outside of cervids.
- Expand monitoring of wild cervids in CWD endemic zones to better understand the effect of CWD on cervid populations.
- Conduct epidemiological assessment of CWD prions on human health including whether humans are already carriers of CWD prions, the likelihood of CWD prions infecting humans and causing disease, and the impact of eating CWD positive cervids.
- Conduct additional research to determine the viability and methodology for composting CWD-infected cervids.

STEERING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION TO THE RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE:
Adopt.

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE ACTION: Motion by Buechel, second by Connors, to adopt Resolutions 31-48. Motion carried.

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Adopt.

2020 CONFERENCE ACTION:

Caption:

- II.J.2.e. Urge the State Legislature to direct state agencies, and provide funding, to conduct the following research and development in order to better manage chronic wasting disease (CWD):
- Develop a reliable, rapid, and easy to administer CWD test that can be conducted on live cervids.
 - Develop a reliable, rapid, and easy to administer CWD test that can be implemented in the field on harvested cervids that will provide immediate test results.
 - Develop a vaccine for CWD.
 - Develop a cure for CWD in infected cervids.
 - Breed inheritable resistance to CWD in captive cervids such that the cervids do not carry or shed CWD prions.
 - Determine CWD prion longevity and virulence in contaminated soil, feed, and crops under a wide range of environmental conditions and soil types.
 - Develop a better understanding of CWD prion movement in the environment once outside of a cervid.

- Expand monitoring of individual animal and herd health in CWD endemic zones to better understand the effect of CWD on population dynamics.
- Conduct epidemiological assessment of CWD prions on human health including whether humans are already carriers of CWD prions, the likelihood of CWD prions infecting humans and causing disease, and the impact of eating CWD positive deer, if any.
- Conduct additional research to determine the viability and methodology for composting CWD-infected cervids.

Agriculture, Environment, and Land Use

Wisconsin Counties Association

2020 Conference Resolution 35

Offered for consideration this 20th Day of September 2020 by

Bayfield County

Relating to

Increasing the Payments to Towns with County Forest Land

WHEREAS, Wisconsin has 29 counties with 2.4 million acres of county forest land; and

WHEREAS, county forest lands are entered under Wisconsin Statute 28.11 County Forest Law, which outlines the framework for County Forest Management; and

WHEREAS, Wisconsin State Statute 28.11 requires compensation and a reasonable revenue to towns; and

WHEREAS, the State currently provides a payment in lieu of taxes (PILT) of \$0.30 per acre to local units of government containing county forest lands; and

WHEREAS, this amount was established in 1989 and has not been increased in 30 years; and

WHEREAS, PILT payments for National Forest Lands are approximately \$2.00 per acre to local units of government; and

WHEREAS, these payments help towns to provide emergency services to people using the county forest and to maintain roads which provide access to the county forest; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Natural Resources is willing to consider a budgetary fix to this issue.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Wisconsin Counties Association, in conference assembled, does hereby support an increased PILT payment to towns with county forest lands to \$2.00 per acre.

STEERING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION TO THE RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE:
Adopt.

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE ACTION: Motion by Buechel, second by Connors, to adopt Resolutions 31-48. Motion carried.

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Adopt.

2020 CONFERENCE ACTION:

Caption:

- II.I.10. Support an increase in the fee paid to towns for county forest land enrolled in the county forest land program.

Agriculture, Environment, and Land Use

Wisconsin Counties Association

2020 Conference Resolution 36

Offered for consideration this 20th Day of September 2020 by

St. Croix County

Relating to

Requesting a Grant for Expanding Psychiatric Bed Capacity

WHEREAS, legislation has been introduced that would require the State of Wisconsin Building Commission to award a grant in the amount of \$15,000,000 to a hospital in Eau Claire County; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the grant is to expand psychiatric bed capacity by approximately 22 beds; and

WHEREAS, the hospital shall give preference in admission to individuals who meet the criteria for an emergency detention and are from specified counties, including St. Croix County; and

WHEREAS, the St. Croix County Board of Supervisors passed Resolution Number 35 (2018) Regional Emergency Detention Bed Need Resolution that urged the state legislature to develop and support legislation to fund secure regional emergency detention bed access in a hospital setting to increase regional access, which will provide additional local resources for individuals in need of emergency mental health services.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Wisconsin Counties Association, in conference assembled, does support legislation that would award a grant to a hospital in Eau Claire County to expand psychiatric bed capacity.

STEERING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION TO THE RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE:
Adopt.

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE ACTION: Motion by Buechel, second by Connors, to adopt Resolutions 31-48. Motion carried.

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Adopt.

2020 CONFERENCE ACTION:

Caption:

III.C.5.k. Support legislation to fund secure regional emergency detention bed access in a hospital setting to increase regional access, which will provide additional local resources for individuals in need of emergency mental health services.

Health and Human Services

Wisconsin Counties Association

2020 Conference Resolution 37

Offered for consideration this 20th Day of September 2020 by

Bayfield County

Relating to

Supporting Human Services Expansion

WHEREAS, with services comparable to adjacent states an additional 82,000 Wisconsin fewer residents could receive health care coverage who are currently underserved; and

WHEREAS, this service increase would improve the health, well-being, and productivity of thousands of residents in the areas of preventive care, prenatal care, opioid and other drug treatment, behavioral health and crisis intervention, lead poisoning, treatment of chronic disease, dental health, and support for people with disabilities, thus providing for healthier families and a more productive workforce; and

WHEREAS, most states in the country are providing services at this level resulting in improved health care of their citizens; and

WHEREAS, Wisconsin has lost an amount exceeding \$800 million over the last eight years. This has not benefitted the health of Wisconsin's citizens; and

WHEREAS, the Wisconsin Department of Health Services projects a \$325 million savings from the increased service level.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Wisconsin Counties Association, in conference assembled, does hereby support the adoption of increased human services as soon as can be implemented based on humanitarian and economic grounds; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that funding from savings in accepting the expansion be designated to the counties as recommended by the Wisconsin County Human Service Association to accommodate a workload increase in Economic Support/Income Maintenance Consortium.

STEERING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION TO THE RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE:
Adopt.

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE ACTION: Motion by Buechel, second by Connors, to adopt Resolutions 31-48. Motion carried.

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Adopt.

2020 CONFERENCE ACTION:

Caption:

III.C.3.1. Support the expansion of Medicaid in Wisconsin provided the increased costs to the county income maintenance consortia is fully funded by the state.

Health and Human Services

Wisconsin Counties Association

2020 Conference Resolution 38

Offered for consideration this 20th Day of September 2020 by

Racine County

Relating to

Supporting 2019 Assembly Bill 33 and 2019 Senate Bill 39 Relating to the Expungement of Criminal and Civil Conviction and Non-Conviction Records

WHEREAS, Wisconsin law allows a conviction to be removed from an offender's circuit court case record under certain circumstances through a process known as expungement; and

WHEREAS, under current law related to adult criminal court records, a person under the age of 25 at the time he or she commits an offense eligible for expungement, the court may order, at the time of sentencing, that the person's court record be expunged upon successful completion of the sentencing the court determines the person will benefit and not be harmed by expungement; and

WHEREAS, if a court orders expungement, upon successful completion of the sentence, the clerk of court must do all of the following pursuant to Wisconsin Supreme Court Rule 72.06: (1) remove any paper index and nonfinancial court record and place them in the case file; (2) electronically remove any automated nonfinancial record except the case number; (3) seal the entire case file; and (4) destroy expunged court records in accordance with the court's retention schedule; and

WHEREAS, 2019 Assembly Bill 33 (AB 33) and 2019 Senate Bill 39 (SB 39) eliminate the condition that a person must have been under the age of 25 years old at the time he or she committed an offense to be eligible for expungement; and

WHEREAS, AB 33 and SB 39 also provide that a record of a conviction for a violation of Chapters 341 to 348 Stats. - offenses primarily consisting of traffic violations – is not eligible for expungement; and

WHEREAS, AB 33 and SB 39 also create a new process for a person to seek expungement of his or her criminal court record in the county of conviction if at least one year has passed since the person successfully completed his or her sentence and there are no criminal charges pending against the person; and

WHEREAS, AB 33 and SB 39 provide that a person has successfully completed the sentence if the person has completed any period of incarceration, parole, or extended supervision to which he or she was sentenced; the person has paid all fines, costs, fees, surcharges, and

restitution assessed and has completed any court-ordered community service; the person has not been convicted of a subsequent crime; and, if probation was imposed, the probation has not been revoked; and

WHEREAS, AB 33 and SB 39 provide a process for notification to be made to the victim of a petition for expungement; and

WHEREAS, AB 33 and SB 39 has a delayed effective date of approximately one year and first applies to any conviction for which sentencing has occurred, but for which the record has not been ordered expunged on the effective date; and

WHEREAS, the Racine County Board of Supervisors recognizes that passage of AB 33 and SB 39 is likely to have a positive economic impact in Racine County by allowing people to move beyond their criminal record and assist in meeting area workforce demands.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Wisconsin Counties Association, in conference assembled, does hereby support 2019 Assembly Bill 33 and 2019 Senate Bill 39 relating to the expungement of criminal and civil conviction and non-conviction records and urges the Wisconsin Legislature to pass, and urges Governor Tony Evers to sign, these bills.

STEERING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION TO THE RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE:
Adopt.

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE ACTION: Motion by Buechel, second by Connors, to adopt Resolutions 31-48. Motion carried.

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Adopt.

2020 CONFERENCE ACTION:

Caption:

IV.C.6.c. Support legislation allowing a person who meets statutory requirements to file a petition for expungement with the sentencing court after he or she completes their sentence. Support permitting a person whose petition is denied to file another petition in two years.

Wisconsin Counties Association

2020 Conference Resolution 39

Offered for consideration this 20th Day of September 2020 by

Bayfield County

Relating to

Support for Expansion of the Department of Corrections Opening Avenues to Re-Entry Success (OARS) to the Entire State of Wisconsin

WHEREAS, the OARS program enhances public safety by supporting the successful transition, recovery, and self-sufficiency of offenders with mental health needs as they reintegrate into the community; and

WHEREAS, this is a vision and effort that should be available, supported, and encouraged in every county in the state; and

WHEREAS, OARS enhances public safety by reducing recidivism and revocation rates; and

WHEREAS, people released from incarceration often face difficulty finding housing and employment, those on OARS have opportunities to secure both housing and employment upon release which helps to reduce their chances of relapse into unhealthy lifestyles; and

WHEREAS, OARS is currently available in only 44 counties in Wisconsin.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Wisconsin Counties Association, in conference assembled, does hereby request that the state of Wisconsin expand the OARS program to the entire state of Wisconsin.

STEERING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION TO THE RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE:
Adopt.

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE ACTION: Motion by Buechel, second by Connors, to adopt Resolutions 31-48. Motion carried.

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Adopt.

2020 CONFERENCE ACTION:

Caption:

IV.I.5. Support expansion of the Opening Avenues to Re-Entry Success (OARS) program to the entire state of Wisconsin.

Judicial and Public Safety

Wisconsin Counties Association

2020 Conference Resolution 40

Offered for consideration this 20th Day of September 2020 by

Bayfield County

Relating to

Action to Address the Mental Health Epidemic in County Jails

WHEREAS, the number of individuals with mental health issues in county jails has exploded over the past decade; and

WHEREAS, individuals with mental illness need specialized care and attention; and

WHEREAS, demands on local correctional institutions is greater than can be sustained; and

WHEREAS, this workload and case types are overwhelming county jail staffs.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Wisconsin Counties Association, in conference assembled, does hereby support legislation addressing mental health issues in jails including:

- That individuals on psychotropic medicines before incarceration be allowed to continue using these medicines while in jail, with no interruption to funding of these medications if the individual is currently enrolled in a state program which provides that resource.
- That increased Department of Corrections funding be made available for crisis intervention utilizing licensed mental health professionals that hold prescribing licensure.

STEERING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION TO THE RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE:
Adopt.

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE ACTION: Motion by Buechel, second by Connors, to adopt Resolutions 31-48. Motion carried.

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Adopt.

2020 CONFERENCE ACTION:

Caption:

IV.E.2.c. Support legislation addressing mental health issues in county jails, including:

- That individuals on psychotropic medicines before incarceration be allowed to continue using these medicines while in jail with no interruption to funding of those medications if the individual is currently enrolled in a state program which provides that resource.
- That increased state Department of Corrections funding be made available for crisis intervention utilizing licensed mental health professionals that hold prescribing licensure.

Judicial and Public Safety

Wisconsin Counties Association

2020 Conference Resolution 41

Offered for consideration this 20th Day of September 2020 by

Bayfield County

Relating to

Creating Financial Incentives for Volunteer Emergency Responders

WHEREAS, Bayfield County is a very rural county with less than 10 people per square mile; and

WHEREAS, a large portion of the ambulance, emergency medical and fire response individuals in the county are volunteers; and

WHEREAS, increasingly, rural areas are having more and more difficulty in recruiting and retaining volunteer emergency responders, resulting in longer response times; and

WHEREAS, increasingly, neighboring services are called upon to respond to emergency situations because of the shortage of local volunteers; and

WHEREAS, Assembly Bill 142 and Senate Bill 135 in the 2019-2020 legislative session would have created non-refundable tax credits for volunteer emergency responders; and

WHEREAS, the proposed first tax credit would be \$20 for each hour a volunteer spends on active duty or in training. The second credit for each volunteer would be the amount of their unreimbursed expenses. The maximum amount a volunteer could claim in a year is \$1,000 and \$400 respectively.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Wisconsin Counties Association, in conference assembled, does hereby support legislation making volunteering more attractive and financially affordable for volunteer emergency responders.

STEERING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION TO THE RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE:
Adopt.

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE ACTION: Motion by Buechel, second by Connors, to adopt Resolutions 31-48. Motion carried.

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Adopt.

2020 CONFERENCE ACTION:

Caption:

IV.I.6. Support legislation that makes serving as an emergency medical or ambulance volunteer and/or volunteer firefighter more attractive and financially viable.

Judicial and Public Safety

Wisconsin Counties Association

2020 Conference Resolution 42

Offered for consideration this 20th Day of September 2020 by

St. Croix County

Relating to

Supporting Legislation to Increase Funding to County Veteran Service Officer Grant

WHEREAS, the Wisconsin State Legislature resolved in 1973 to create a block grant system through which the counties of Wisconsin could seek fiscal support based on county population and full-time employment of County Veteran Service Officers; and

WHEREAS, current funding for the St. Croix County Veteran Service Office is funded almost entirely by the county and has not been increased by the state of Wisconsin since 1979; and

WHEREAS, the 2020 budget for the St. Croix County Veteran Service Office is \$286,392, of which \$269,392 or roughly 94% is funded by local tax levy with the balance of approximately \$17,000 funded through state grants; and

WHEREAS, according to 2018 Veterans Affairs data, St. Croix County has an estimated 5,314 veterans, and VA expenditures for the same year equal in excess of \$38 million to St. Croix County; and

WHEREAS, if funded the St. Croix County Veteran Service Office recommends the additional grant funds be used to serve veterans of St. Croix County by supplementing transportation and program development, staff development, outreach and other necessary budget items vital in providing services to veterans in Wisconsin; and

WHEREAS, that the county of St. Croix joins other counties in the state of Wisconsin to express their desire to the Wisconsin State Legislature to have the County Veteran Service Office Grant increased to continue providing services to Wisconsin veterans as costs for services and training increase.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Wisconsin Counties Association, in conference assembled, does hereby support state and federal legislation that would bring additional funding to the County Veteran Service Offices of Wisconsin to serve St. Croix County veterans.

STEERING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION TO THE RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE:
Adopt.

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE ACTION: Motion by Buechel, second by Connors, to adopt Resolutions 31-48. Motion carried.

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Adopt.

2020 CONFERENCE ACTION:

Caption:

I.D.48. Increase funding for the County Veterans Service Officers (CVSO) Improvement Grant.

Personnel, Finance, and County Organization

Wisconsin Counties Association

2020 Conference Resolution 43

Offered for consideration this 20th Day of September 2020 by

Fond du Lac County

Relating to

Affirming the Right of All Wisconsin Citizens to Fair and Equal Representation and Requesting the Enactment of a Nonpartisan Process for the Preparation of Legislative and Congressional Redistricting Plans

WHEREAS, currently, pursuant to Article IV, Section 3 of the Wisconsin Constitution, the Legislature is directed to redistrict legislative districts according to the number of inhabitants at its next session following each decennial federal census; and

WHEREAS, at the same intervals, the Legislature also reapportions congressional districts pursuant to federal law; and

WHEREAS, legislative and congressional redistricting plans enacted pursuant to this procedure are used to elect members of Legislature and members of Congress in the fall of the second-year following the year of the census.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Wisconsin Counties Association, in conference assembled, does hereby affirm that the determination of all levels of municipal, county, and state legislative and congressional redistricting plans could not include consideration of voting patterns, party information, incumbent residence information, and/or demographic information that in any way significantly distort the right of fair and equal representation afforded to all Wisconsin citizens under the state and federal constitutions; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Wisconsin Counties Association strongly urges the Wisconsin legislative and executive branches to work together to enact bipartisan legislation that would create a fair and nonpartisan process for drawing legislative and congressional redistricting plans, as well as promote more accountability and transparency; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that said legislation include language that prohibits the consideration of voting patterns, party information, incumbent residence information, and/or demographic information which serve to significantly distort the right of fair and equal representation afforded to all Wisconsin citizens under the state and federal constitutions.

STEERING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION TO THE RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE:
Adopt.

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE ACTION: Motion by Buechel, second by Connors, to adopt Resolutions 31-48. Motion carried.

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Adopt.

2020 CONFERENCE ACTION:

Caption:

I.A.1.f. Support the creation of a nonpartisan procedure for the preparation of legislative and congressional redistricting plans.

Personnel, Finance, and County Organization

Wisconsin Counties Association

2020 Conference Resolution 44

Offered for consideration this 20th Day of September 2020 by

St. Croix County

Relating to

Requesting Referendum on Question for Fair Maps

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

WHEREAS, the current procedure stifles political participation, discourages collaboration and compromise, and lacks the fairness necessary to our democratic process, by undermining the principle of one-person-one-vote; it allows the legislature to choose its voters rather than the voters choosing their representatives; and

WHEREAS, a non-partisan process promotes more accountability and transparency and prohibits the consideration of voting patterns, party information, and incumbents' residence information or demographic information in drawing the maps, except as necessary to ensure minority participation as required by the U.S. Constitution; and

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

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

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Wisconsin Counties Association, in conference assembled, does hereby insist upon the creation of a nonpartisan procedure of legislative and congressional redistricting plans.

STEERING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION TO THE RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE:
Adopt.

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE ACTION: Motion by Buechel, second by Connors, to adopt Resolutions 31-48. Motion carried.

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Adopt.

2020 CONFERENCE ACTION:

Caption:

I.A.1.f. Support the creation of a nonpartisan procedure for the preparation of legislative and congressional redistricting plans.

Personnel, Finance, and County Organization

Wisconsin Counties Association

2020 Conference Resolution 45

Offered for consideration this 20th Day of September 2020 by

Door County

Relating to

Supporting a Nonpartisan Redistricting System

WHEREAS, under current laws, Wisconsin's legislative district boundaries are redrawn by the Legislature following each decennial federal census; and

WHEREAS, at the same intervals, Wisconsin's congressional districts are re-apportioned pursuant to federal law; and

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

WHEREAS, historically, legislative and congressional redistricting plans in Wisconsin have been susceptible to partisan influence and controversy. Litigation, related to the 2011 redistricting process, cost taxpayers nearly \$1.9 million; and

WHEREAS, allowing any party to control the redistricting process is, arguably, contrary to democracy and fairness.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Wisconsin Counties Association, in conference assembled, does hereby goes on record as being in favor of a nonpartisan legislative and congressional redistricting system; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that such a process would promote more accountability, encourage transparency, garner broad bipartisan support, and prohibit the consideration of voting patterns, party information, and incumbents' residence information or demographic information in drawing the maps, except as necessary to ensure minority participation as required by the U.S. Constitution.

STEERING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION TO THE RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE:
Adopt.

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE ACTION: Motion by Buechel, second by Connors, to adopt Resolutions 31-48. Motion carried.

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Adopt.

2020 CONFERENCE ACTION:

Caption:

- I.A.1.f. Support the creation of a nonpartisan procedure for the preparation of legislative and congressional redistricting plans.

Personnel, Finance, and County Organization

Wisconsin Counties Association

2020 Conference Resolution 46

Offered for consideration this 20th Day of September 2020 by

Walworth County

Relating to

Urging the State Legislature to Create a Nonpartisan Procedure for the Preparation of Legislative and Congressional Redistricting Plans

WHEREAS, currently under the State Constitution, the Legislature is directed to redistrict legislative districts according to the number of inhabitants at its next session following the decennial federal census by the majority party; and at the same intervals, the Legislature also reapportions congressional districts pursuant to federal law; and

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

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

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

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Wisconsin Counties Association, in conference assembled, does hereby insist upon the creation of a nonpartisan procedure for the preparation of legislative and congressional redistricting plans; and

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

STEERING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION TO THE RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE:
Adopt.

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE ACTION: Motion by Buechel, second by Connors, to adopt Resolutions 31-48. Motion carried.

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Adopt.

2020 CONFERENCE ACTION:

Caption:

I.A.1.f. Support the creation of a nonpartisan procedure for the preparation of legislative and congressional redistricting plans.

Personnel, Finance, and County Organization

Wisconsin Counties Association

2020 Conference Resolution 47

Offered for consideration this 20th Day of September 2020 by

Eau Claire County

Relating to

Requesting Support for at Least a 20% Increase in Federal Smith-Lever and 1890 Extension Capacity Funding in the USDA's National Institution for Food and Agriculture

WHEREAS, the Cooperative Extension system is the core mechanism through which land grant colleges and universities bring vital, practical information to agricultural producers, small business owners, consumers, families, and young people in rural and urban settings; and

WHEREAS, Cooperative Extension has a presence in virtually every county, parish, and borough in the country; and

WHEREAS, these programs include 4-H, the country's largest youth development organization, which serves nearly 6 million youth and focuses on social and economic mobility for all kids, workforce development, and positively impacting the health of all Americans; and

WHEREAS, capacity funding through Smith-Lever and 1890's Extension is the backbone of the Extension system, which is leveraged many times over to implement science-based education programs and support local educators; and

WHEREAS, capacity funds give Extension the ability to respond quickly to extreme and emerging issues that fall outside of standard programs including responding to natural disasters and emerging health crises; and

WHEREAS, Smith-Lever capacity funding has not increased for the past several years, severely limiting the ability of the Extension system to meet counties' most pressing problems.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Wisconsin Counties Association, in conference assembled, does hereby request and support at least a 20% increase in federal Smith-Lever and 1890 Extension capacity funding in the USDA's National Institute for Food and Agriculture in the FY21 budget.

STEERING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION TO THE RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE:
Adopt.

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE ACTION: Motion by Buechel, second by Connors, to adopt

Resolutions 31-48. Motion carried.

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Adopt.

2020 CONFERENCE ACTION:

Caption:

I.E.1.c. Seek and support increased federal funding for Cooperative Extension.

Personnel, Finance, and County Organization

Wisconsin Counties Association

2020 Conference Resolution 48

Offered for consideration this 20th Day of September 2020 by

Walworth County

Relating to

Requesting Elimination of the 0% Levy Cap Imposed on Wisconsin Counties

WHEREAS, in 2012, the State of Wisconsin imposed limits on town, village, city, and county property tax levies under Section 66.0602 of the Wisconsin Statutes; and

WHEREAS, Wis. Stat. § 66.0602 limits that increase to the local property tax levy to no more than the greater of (a) 0% of last year's actual levy, or (b) a percentage equal to the percentage change in equalized value due to new construction less improvements removed; and

WHEREAS, the percentage of net new construction in Walworth County used to calculate the increase in the operating levy allowance has significantly lagged the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U) over this period; and

WHEREAS, as a result, Walworth County has been forced to absorb inflationary increases in normal operating expenditures with no offsetting increase in revenues; and

WHEREAS, unexpected increases in the expenditures for certain items, particularly unfunded mandates such as the cost of Child Protective Services, has compounded this issue; and

WHEREAS, Walworth County has taken measures to curb spending by cutting costs and reducing program offerings.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Wisconsin Counties Association, in conference assembled, does hereby request complete elimination of the current 0% tax levy cap or replacing it with a levy allowance that adequately reflects the increases in everyday costs incurred by Wisconsin counties.

STEERING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION TO THE RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE:
Adopt.

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE ACTION: Motion by Buechel, second by Connors, to adopt Resolutions 31-48. Motion carried.

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Adopt.

2020 CONFERENCE ACTION:

Caption:

VI.G.1. Oppose the imposition of levy limits.

Personnel, Finance, and County Organization

CONSIDERATION OF LATE RESOLUTUION

WHEREAS, Wisconsin Superintendent Carolyn Stanford Taylor issued a press release on October 30, 2019 relating to Wisconsin's 2019 National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP), noting, "Wisconsin's scores reflected a wider gap between the performance of black and white students than any other state or jurisdiction except one, the District of Columbia;" and

WHEREAS, Milwaukee County has worked toward addressing the societal ill of racial inequality by:

- Creating the Office of African American Affairs in April 2017 (File No. 16-726)
- Declaring racism a public health crisis in April 2019 (File No. 19-397)
- Prioritizing federal Community Development Block Grant dollars toward projects which improve local community and economic development rather than routine public works maintenance in April 2019 (File No. 19-153)
- Co-creating the Milwaukee City-County Joint Taskforce on Climate and Economic Equity in July 2019 (File No. 19-582)
- Creating Chapter 108 – Achieving Racial Equity and Health in the Milwaukee County Code of General Ordinances in April 2020 (File No. 20-174)

; and

WHEREAS, the Reverend Doctor Martin Luther King, Jr. once said at the 1963 March on Washington, "We are now faced with the fact that tomorrow is today. We are, confronted with the fierce urgency of now. In this unfolding conundrum of life and history, there 'is' such a thing as being too late. There is no time for apathy or complacency. This is a time for vigorous and positive action;" and

WHEREAS, the Committee on Finance, at its special meeting of July 21, 2020, recommended adoption of File No. 20-576 (vote 6-0).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Wisconsin Counties Association, in conference assembled, does hereby call upon the State of Wisconsin and all Wisconsin counties to seize the moment to constructively work toward positive change against systemic racism and inequality; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution be distributed to member counties with an invitation to work collaboratively toward positive change against systemic racism and inequities.

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE ACTION: Motion by Nicholson, second by Kruse, to recommend consideration and adoption of Late Resolution 1 by Milwaukee County. Motion carried.

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Consideration and Adoption.

2020 CONFERENCE ACTION:

Caption:

Urge the State of Wisconsin and all Wisconsin counties to seize the moment to constructively work toward positive change against systemic racism and inequities.

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✓ Lynn Kramer	Sullivan	Self	#6, 7, 8	X
✓ Tina Dahlke	Lake Mills	Self	6, 7, 8	X
✓ Jan Johnson	Jefferson	Self	All	X
✓ Carrie Kendrick	Fort Atkinson	Self	All	X
✓ Virginia Kubicek	Jefferson	Self	All	X
✓ RaeAnn Scherer	Helenville	Self	All 6/7/8 + Income	X
✓ Bill Shipley	Fort Atkinson	Self	#6, 7, + 8	X
✓ Dora Mueller	Palmira	Self	WCA + 6-7-8	
✓ Mark Holland	N 8543 Hld., Rd.	Self		
✓ Francie Fuller	Watertown			
✓ Anita Martini	→ Town Jefferson			
	→ Lake Mills			
✓ James Christensen	Town. Sullivan			
✓ Barb Walsh	Jefferson			