

AGENDA

Administration & Rules Committee

Jefferson County Courthouse
320 S. Main Street
Jefferson, WI 53549

August 28, 2013

Room 112
8:30 a.m.

Committee Members

Paul Babcock – James Braugher – Rick Kuhlman - Jim Mode – John Molinaro, Chair

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Certification of Compliance with Open Meeting Law Requirements
4. Review of Agenda
5. Public Comment
6. Approval of July 31, 2013 Administration & Rules Committee meeting minutes
7. Approval of the August 13, 2013 County Board meeting minutes
8. Communications
9. Update on research for using electronic media to reduce hard copies by providing supervisors laptops or other devices for the County Board to obtain their information
10. Resolutions from Wisconsin Counties Association
 - a. Resolution 1 "Opposing State Legislation Setting Hours for Obtaining Absentee Ballots"
 - b. Resolution 2 "Supporting Same Day Voter Registration"
 - c. Resolution 3 "Supporting Same Day Voter Registration"
 - d. Resolution 4 "Requesting the State Amend Wisconsin's Open Records Law"
 - e. Resolution 5 "Urging the State Legislature to Enact Legislation that Prohibits an Entity from Foreclosing on Property Unless that Entity, Itself, Has a Recorded Interest in the Property"
 - f. Resolution 6 "Requesting the State Enact Legislation that Prohibits an Entity from Foreclosing on Property Unless that Entity Itself has a Recorded Interest in the Property"
 - g. Resolution 7 "Supporting 2013 Senate Bill 45 to Indicate Veteran Status on an Operator's License or Identification Card"
 - h. Resolution 8 "Advocating a Local Government Option to Engage in Collective Bargaining"
 - i. Resolution 9 "Supporting Clean Energy Choice for Wisconsin"
 - j. Resolution 10 "Supporting Clean Energy Choice for Wisconsin"
 - k. Resolution 11 "Supporting Northern Wisconsin Counties in Urging the National Forest Service to Harvest Forest Products at the Allowable Sale Quantity (ASQ) from the Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest"
 - l. Resolution 12 "Requesting the Wisconsin DNR continue PM 2.5 Monitoring in the Wisconsin 2014 Air Monitoring Network Plan"
 - m. Resolution 13 "Opposing the Proposed Modification to the Medical Assistance Purchase Plan (MAPP)"
 - n. Resolution 14 "Urging Governor Walker to Re-Visit his Voucher Proposal as it Relates to Special Needs Education"
 - o. Resolution 15 "Urging Wisconsin to Use Federal Medicaid Funding to Improve BadgerCare"
 - p. Resolution 16 "Supporting Assembly Bill 53 and Senate Bill 38 Requiring the State to Take Action to Qualify for Enhanced Federal Medicaid Funding"
 - q. Resolution 17 "Family Care Responsibility for State Institutional Placements"
 - r. Resolution 18 "Opposing Legislation Allowing Bail Bondsmen in Wisconsin"
 - s. Resolution 19 "Opposing State Legislation Re-Introducing the Use of Bail Bondsmen in Wisconsin"
 - t. Resolution 20 "Urging the State Legislature to Adopt 2013 Assembly Bill 9 to Permit Law Enforcement Officials and Qualified Former Officers to Carry a Firearm on School Grounds and on Certain Posted Private Properties"
 - u. Resolution 21 "Urging the State Legislature to Re-Examine Section 968,255 of the Wisconsin Statutes Regarding Strip Searches and to Clarify the Language Therein in Consideration of the Recent United States Supreme Court Decision Pertaining to this Matter"

- v. Resolution 22 "Supporting 2013 Assembly Bill 33 Extending the Time Period Counties May Seek Reimbursement by Civil Action for Certain Expenses Incurred in Relation to Crimes for Which a Person was Sentenced or Confined in Jail"
 - w. Resolution 23 "Supporting Increased State Funding for Local Alternatives to Incarceration for Nonviolent and Low Risk Offenders"
 - x. Resolution 24 "Supporting Legislation Expanding the Treatment Alternatives and Diversion Program"
 - y. Resolution 25 "Requesting State Officials and Governor Walker to Re-Examine the Policies that have Resulted in Historically High Incarceration Rates in Wisconsin"
 - z. Resolution 26 "Requesting the State to Enhance Cell Phone Emergency Response Funding"
 - aa. Resolution 27 "Restoring 911 Surcharge Funds (Police and Fire Protection Fee) to its Original Purpose and Maintain Current Funding Levels for Shared Revenue"
 - bb. Resolution 28 "Restoring Funding for Circuit Court Support, Guardian Ad Litem, and Interpreter Reimbursement to the 2006-2007 Funding Levels"
 - cc. Resolution 29 "Requesting that the State of Wisconsin Restore Circuit Court Funding for Guardian Ad Litem and Court Support Programs"
 - dd. Resolution 30 "Requesting an Adequate Level of Funding to Support Circuit Courts"
 - ee. Resolution 31 "Urging the State of Wisconsin to Restore Victim/Witness Funding"
 - ff. Resolution 32 "Supporting Efforts to Protect our Children and our Communities and Urging Federal and State Elected Officials to Enact Common Sense Solutions to Protect Citizen's Life, Liberty and Pursuit of Happiness"
 - gg. Resolution 33 "Requesting the State Legislature Eliminate Antiquated Tax Rate Limits for Counties"
 - hh. Resolution 34 "Supporting Efforts to Maintain the Tax Exempt Status of Municipal Bonds"
 - ii. Resolution 35 "Supporting Legislation Requiring Online-Only Retailers to Collect and Remit Wisconsin Sales Tax"
 - jj. Resolution 36 "Supporting Legislation Requiring Online-Only Retailers to Collect and Remit Wisconsin Sales Tax"
 - kk. Resolution 37 "Urging State Legislators to Vote in Favor of Transportation Dollars for Transportation"
 - ll. Resolution 38 "Supporting Legislation to Amend the Wisconsin Constitution in Favor of Transportation Dollars for Transportation"
 - mm. Resolution 39 "Requesting the Wisconsin DOT Increase the Level of Service Frequency for Mowing on the State Trunk Highway and Interstate Exit Areas"
 - nn. Resolution 40 "Requesting the Wisconsin Legislature Amend State Statutes to Allow Counties to Adjust Compensation for Elective Officials During their Four-Year Terms"
 - oo. Resolution 41 "Requesting the Wisconsin State Legislature Reconsider Requirements for Counties to Set Constitutional Officer Salaries for Their Entire Four-Year Term"
 - pp. Resolution 42 "Requesting Restoration of Base-Level Funding to County Land Conservation Programs as Supported by the Wisconsin Counties Association, Wisconsin Farmers Union, and Wisconsin Farm Bureau Federation"
 - qq. Resolution 43 "Requesting that the State Restore Base-Level Funding as Supported by the Wisconsin Counties Association and the Wisconsin Farm Bureau"
 - rr. Resolution 44 "Supporting Wisconsin's Acceptance of Federal Funding to Expand Coverage for the State Medicaid Program (BadgerCare), Guaranteeing Coverage to Low Income Adults"
 - ss. Resolution 45 "Supporting Local Control and Adjusting Statutory Property Tax Levy Limit"
11. Discussion and possible action on resolutions, letters or reports from other governmental agencies
 - a. Memo from Racine County "Prioritize road maintenance first, new construction second"
 12. Review Administration and County Board Financial Report
 13. County Administrator's monthly report
 14. Tentative Future Meeting and Agenda Items

September 25	November TBA	January 29	March 26
October 30	December TBA	February 26	April 30

All meetings in Room 112 at 8:30 a.m. unless noted.

15. Adjourn

The Committee may discuss and/or take action on any item specifically listed on the agenda

Individuals requiring special accommodations for attendance at the meeting should contact the County Administrator 24 hours prior to the meeting at 920-674-7101 so appropriate arrangements can be made.

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**JEFFERSON COUNTY BOARD
COMMITTEE MINUTES**

July 31, 2013
Administration & Rules Committee

1. **Call to Order**
Meeting was called to order by Supervisor Molinaro at 8:30 a.m.
2. **Roll Call**
Administration and Rules Committee Members
Members present: John Molinaro, Paul Babcock, James Braughler, Jim Mode and Rick Kuhlman.

Others Present: Ben Wehmeier - County Administrator; Tammie Jaeger - Administrative Secretary; Connie Freeberg - Paralegal II; Phil Ristow - Corporation Counsel; Supervisor, Lydia Statz, Reporter, Jefferson Daily Union; Captain Duane Scott; Supervisor Dick Schultz; Supervisor Walt Christensen; Barb Frank - County Clerk; Staci Hoffman - Register of Deeds.
3. **Certification of compliance with Open Meeting Law Requirements**
Staff certified compliance with the open meeting law.
4. **Review of Agenda**
#14 was removed and will be discussed at the August meeting
5. **Public Comment**
None
6. **Approval of June 26, 2013 Administration & Rules Committee meeting minutes**
Motion made by Supervisor Mode; Second by Supervisor Babcock to approve the June 26, 2013 Administration & Rules Committee meeting minutes as printed. (Ayes-All) Motion carried.
7. **Approval of July 9, 2013 County Board minutes**
Corrections were distributed for the committee members to review.

Motion made by Supervisor Babcock; Second by Supervisor Kuhlman to approve the July 9, 2013 County Board meeting minutes as corrected. (Ayes-All) Motion carried.
8. **Communications**
 - Revised Official Minute book procedure
9. **Discussion and possible action on placement of sex offenders in Jefferson County**
Jim Mode informed the committee that a citizen had questions regarding sex offender placement in Jefferson County. Some municipalities have ordinances in place prohibiting sexual offenders from living in their area. Phil Ristow explained that sex offenders have to be placed back into the county that they were from. There are no counties that have any type of ordinance on placement of sex offenders at this time. No action taken.
10. **Discussion and possible action on county-wide transition plan**
Ben explained that he has started discussions on transition planning with department heads. He will report back to the committee in a couple of months. No action taken.
11. **Discussion and possible action on official minute book and record keeping procedure**
The committee was provided with a revised procedure to review. Barb Frank explained that this is a work in progress. If any changes are made to the procedure, Barb will keep the committee informed. If County Board members receive any communication related to committee agenda items they should share it with staff so that it is available for public record requests. It was suggested that any personal emails are received relating to county agenda items should be forwarded to their county email so that it is archived. The committee will review the procedure again at their next meeting. No action taken.

12. **Discussion and possible action on vehicle usage policy**

Ben Wehmeier explained that departments have been providing a vehicle report to their committees. The committee discussed more efficient ways to make use of the county vehicles. This item will be discussed at a future meeting. No action taken.
13. **Update on research for using electronic media to reduce hard copies by providing supervisors laptops or other devices for the County Board to obtain their information**

John Molinaro explained that the Chromebooks are on backorder. Three were ordered for the County Board Supervisors to use. Ben Wehmeier informed the committee that the use of technology will be a subject at the WCA convention. John brought up the idea of forming a technology committee. This will be discussed after the WCA convention.
14. **Resolutions from Wisconsin Counties Association**

The Committee will discuss these resolutions when they have the actual resolutions to review. No action taken.
15. **Discussion and possible action on resolutions, letters or reports from other governmental agencies**
 - a. Outagamie County Resolution – Support legislation requiring a county to make a library service payment to each public library in an adjacent county”

The committee reviewed the resolution. The county currently does this. No action taken.
 - b. Barron County Resolution – “Supporting Annual WCA convention in the Wisconsin Dells”

The committee reviewed the resolution. No action taken.
 - c. Brown County Resolution – “In favor of freezing renewable energy requirements at the 2011 level”

The committee reviewed the resolution. No action taken.
 - d. Eau Claire County Resolution – “Support of clean energy choices for Wisconsin”

The committee reviewed this resolution. The committee supports this resolution.

Motion made by Supervisor Mode; Second by Supervisor Kuhlman to support the clean energy choices for Wisconsin resolution and forward it to the County Board for their consideration. (Ayes-All) Motion carried
 - e. Outagamie County Resolution – “Oppose legislation that would allow bail bondsmen to operate in the State of Wisconsin”

This resolution was already vetoed by the Governor. No action taken.
 - f. Adams County Resolution – “Opposing the provisions of Assembly Bill 85 and Senate Bill 95 that seek to control the percentage of local property tax dollars allotted to specific county departments”

The committee reviewed this resolution. The committee will watch the progress of this resolution. No action taken.
16. **Review Administration and County Board Financial Report.**

Financial reports were provided for the committee to review. John Molinaro and Ben Wehmeier commented on their budgets. No action taken.
17. **County Administrator’s monthly report**

Ben Wehmeier reviewed his monthly report and addressed questions from the Committee.
18. **Tentative Future Agenda Items and Meeting Dates**
 - Approval of July 31, 2013 Administration & Rules Committee meeting minutes
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 - Discussion and possible action on resolutions, letters or reports from other governmental agencies
 - Update on research for using electronic media to reduce hard copies by providing supervisors laptops or other devices for the County Board to obtain their information

- Discussion and possible action on county-wide transition plan
- Discussion and possible action on vehicle usage policy
- County Administrator's monthly report
- Discussion and possible action on WCA Resolutions

19. Adjourn

Motion made by Supervisor Babcock; Second by Supervisor Mode to adjourn at 9:34 a.m. (Ayes-All) Motion Carried.

Future Tentative Meeting Dates

August 28	November TBA
September 25	December TBA
October 30	

**CORRECTIONS TO BE MADE TO
AUGUST 13, 2013, JEFFERSON COUNTY BOARD MINUTES**

Pages 75, 77, 79, 81, 83 and 85:

Footnote – The footnote on each of these pages has the incorrect date. Change August 1 to August 13.

Page 75:

Lines 32 and 33 – The following should be in bold print: **Jacob Lenell, representing CliftonLarsonAllen LLP, presented the au**

Page 81:

Line 44 – Delete the comma after the words The Sigma Group

Page 83:

Lines 19 & 20 - The following should be in bold print: **Mr. Schultz moved to amend Resolution No. 2013-54 by striking th**

Line 23 – Hammeman is misspelled. It should be spelled Hanneman.

Page 84:

Between lines 44 and 45 – Insert the following as a new paragraph in bold print:

Resolution No. 2013-55 was adopted by a voice vote.

2013
Resolutions
of the
Wisconsin Counties
Association

Presented by the
2013 WCA Resolutions Committee

August 12, 2013

Sheraton Madison Hotel

Madison, Wisconsin

2013 WCA RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

WCA District	Name	Title
North Central	O. Phillip Idsvoog	Portage County Board Chair
	Guy Gooding	Oconto County Supervisor
	Tom Rudolph	Oneida County 2 nd Vice Chair
Northwest	Delores Kittleson	Bayfield County Vice Chair
	Hal Helwig	Sawyer County Board Chair
	William Johnson IV	Polk County Board Chair
Southeast	Willie Johnson, Jr.	Milwaukee County WCA Second Vice President (committee chair)
	Patricia Haukohl	Waukesha County Vice Chair
	Nancy Russell	Walworth County Board Chair
Southern	Russell Kottke	Dodge County Board Chair
	Larry Wolf	Grant County Board Chair
	Sandra Kraft	Rock County Vice Chair
West Central	Colleen Bates	Eau Claire County Vice Chair
	Daryl Standafer	St. Croix County Board Chair
	Jess Miller	Barron County Board Chair
East Central	Charles Farrey	Winnebago County Supervisor
	Bill Barribeau	Calumet County Board Chair
	Linda Sinkula	Kewaunee County Supervisor
Western	Jeffrey Schroeder	La Crosse County Supervisor
	Lori Djumadi	Adams County Supervisor
	Dennis Brault	Vernon County Supervisor

Wisconsin Counties Association

2013 Conference Resolution 1

Offered for consideration this 22nd Day of September, 2013 by

Walworth County

Relating to

Opposing State Legislation Setting Hours for Obtaining Absentee Ballots

WHEREAS, under current Wisconsin law, municipal clerks and electors have the flexibility to obtain in-person absentee ballots at times that are mutually convenient; and

WHEREAS, 2013 Assembly Bill 54 proposes to restrict clerks to receiving in-person absentee ballot applications Monday through Friday between the hours of 7:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.; and

WHEREAS, AB 54 would also restrict the clerk's office, or an alternate site under Wis. Stat. Sec. 6.855, from being open to receive applications in-person more than 40 hours per week beginning on the third Monday preceding the election and ending 5:00 p.m. on the Friday preceding the election; and

WHEREAS, many municipal clerks throughout Wisconsin work on a part-time basis, and restricting the hours they may receive in-person absentee ballots would both hinder their ability to carry out their duties and cause unnecessary inconvenience to electors; and

WHEREAS, restricting hours could result in more mail requests for absentee ballots, thus potentially causing additional administrative work and/or costs for municipal clerks.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Wisconsin Counties Association, in conference assembled, does hereby oppose passage of 2013 AB 54 and any State legislation that would restrict the hours that municipal clerks may receive in-person absentee ballots.

STEERING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION TO THE RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE:
Adopt.

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE ACTION: Motion by IDSSVOOG, second by GOODING, to adopt. Motion carried.

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Adopt.

2013 CONFERENCE ACTION:

2013 Conference Resolution 1

Caption:

I.A.3.e. Oppose legislation that would restrict the hours that municipal clerks may receive in-person absentee ballots.

County Organization and Personnel

Wisconsin Counties Association

2013 Conference Resolution 2

Offered for consideration this 22nd Day of September, 2013 by

La Crosse County

Relating to

Supporting Same Day Voter Registration

WHEREAS, it is a self-evident truth that more, rather than less, voter participation is intrinsically desirable in a democracy and that a healthy democracy requires a high level of public participation; and

WHEREAS, for more than a century the State of Wisconsin has cultivated a proud tradition favoring public participation in the electoral process, as demonstrated by the fact that Wisconsin's voter turnout was third in the nation in the last six general elections; and

WHEREAS, states with same day voter registration have significantly higher voter participation rates than states that do not, as evidenced by studies showing 7-14% greater turnout in states with same day registration; and

WHEREAS, Wisconsin is one of the most politically active states in the union and its citizens consider it a civic duty to express our opinions at the ballot box and regard the right to vote as a sacred trust; and

WHEREAS, voter registration is required for every citizen who is a new voter, has moved, or has had a name change; and

WHEREAS, municipal clerks, many of whom are part-time, find that same day voter registration contributes to a more efficient voter registration system, and election inspectors do not find same day registration to be burdensome and take pride in seeing that every qualified elector's voice is heard at the ballot box.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Wisconsin Counties Association, in conference assembled, does hereby express its support for same day voter registration.

STEERING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION TO THE RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE:
Adopt.

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE ACTION: Motion by SINKULA, second by WOLF, to adopt.
Motion carried.

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Adopt.

2013 Conference Resolution 2

2013 CONFERENCE ACTION:

Caption:

I.A.3.e. Support the continuation of same-day voter registration in Wisconsin.

County Organization and Personnel

Wisconsin Counties Association

2013 Conference Resolution 3

Offered for consideration this 22nd Day of September, 2013 by

Walworth County

Relating to

Supporting Same Day Voter Registration

WHEREAS, voter participation is desirable in a democracy, and high-level public participation is encouraged to promote a healthy democracy; and

WHEREAS, for more than 100 years, Wisconsin has proudly encouraged public participation in the electoral process; and

WHEREAS, Wisconsin's voter turnout was the third highest in the nation in the last six general elections; and

WHEREAS, in states with same day voter registration, voter turnout is significantly higher than in states without same day registration, as much as 7-14% greater according to studies; and

WHEREAS, Wisconsin's citizens consider it a civic duty to express their opinions at the ballot box, and the right to vote is regarded as sacred; and

WHEREAS, in order to best facilitate voter registration as required for new citizens or those who have moved or had a name change, municipal clerks find that same day voter registration contributes to an efficient voter registration system; and

WHEREAS, election inspectors do not find same day registration to be burdensome and take pride in seeing that every qualified elector has the opportunity to cast their vote at the ballot box.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Wisconsin Counties Association, in conference assembled, does hereby express its support for same day voter registration.

STEERING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION TO THE RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE:
Adopt.

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE ACTION: Motion by SINKULA, second by WOLF, to adopt.
Motion carried.

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Adopt.

2013 Conference Resolution 3

2013 CONFERENCE ACTION:

Caption:

I.A.3.e. Support the continuation of same-day voter registration in Wisconsin.

County Organization and Personnel

Wisconsin Counties Association

2013 Conference Resolution 4

Offered for consideration this 22nd Day of September, 2013 by

Walworth County

Relating to

Requesting the State Amend Wisconsin's Open Records Law

WHEREAS, Wisconsin's Open Records Law, Sec. 19.35 Wis. Stats., permits authorities to impose a fee for locating records that does not exceed the "actual, necessary and direct cost of location, if the cost is \$50 or more;" and

WHEREAS, the Supreme Court held, in *Milwaukee Journal Sentinel v. City of Milwaukee*, that authorities can only charge for the four enumerated tasks set forth in Wis. Stats. Sec. 19.35(3), which includes "location cost;" and

WHEREAS, notwithstanding the above-stated case, the definition of "location cost" is ambiguous; and

WHEREAS, following the June 5, 2012 Gubernatorial recall election (Recall Election), Walworth County was one of many counties in Wisconsin that received an Open Records request that demanded the county preserve election records from the June 5 recall election; and

WHEREAS, the aim of these requests was to make election materials available for the purpose of hand-counting ballots; and

WHEREAS, the Government Accountability Board (GAB) and Assistant Attorney General advised authorities against charging a fee for the labor and materials expended in accommodating an Open Records request to inspect and/or hand-count election ballots as a "location cost," notwithstanding that county clerks, being custodians of election ballots, have a statutory duty to keep all election materials secure and unaltered; and

WHEREAS, Walworth County anticipates that there will be future requests to use the Wisconsin Open Records Law as a mechanism to hand-count election ballots; and

WHEREAS, requests to hand-count ballots outside of the normal canvass and recount procedures raise numerous issues, including the propriety of non-election officials handling election materials and the high cost of accommodating such requests.

2013 Conference Resolution 4

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Wisconsin Counties Association, in conference assembled, does hereby request that the State Legislature amend the Open Records Law to make it clear that authorities may charge for the actual labor costs associated with Open Records requests of this nature; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in the event an Open Records request is made for a memory card/memory device for electronic voting equipment, that copies of the memory cards/devices can be provided to satisfy the request, and the actual costs of making and supplying these copies can be charged; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Wisconsin Counties Association requests that authorities be permitted to clarify the “sunset date” relative to Open Records requests; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Open Records Law be amended to specifically prohibit the touching of election material except by the proper local government officials.

STEERING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION TO THE RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE:
Adopt.

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE ACTION: Motion by MILLER, second by HAUKOHL, to adopt. Motion by BRAULT, second by FARREY, to delete “of this nature” from the first resolved clause. Motion failed. Motion to adopt carried.

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Adopt.

2013 CONFERENCE ACTION:

Caption:

- I.G.12. Support the following with regard to election-related open records requests:
- Clarify that authorities may charge for the actual labor costs associated with Open Records requests.
 - In the event an Open Records request is made for a memory card/memory device for electronic voting equipment, that copies of the memory cards/devices can be provided to satisfy the request, and the actual costs of making and supplying these copies can be charged.
 - Permit authorities to clarify the “sunset date” relative to Open Records requests.
 - Specifically prohibit the touching of election material except by the proper local government officials.

Wisconsin Counties Association

2013 Conference Resolution 5

Offered for consideration this 22nd Day of September, 2013 by

Walworth County

Relating to

Urging the State Legislature to Enact Legislation that Prohibits an Entity from Foreclosing on Property Unless that Entity, Itself, Has a Recorded Interest in the Property

WHEREAS, Walworth County seeks to achieve greater transparency in the recording of home mortgages and to provide homeowners with critical information about who owns their loan, who they must negotiate with to achieve a loan modification, and who has the right to foreclose on their homes should they default; and

WHEREAS, homeowners need protection more than ever in light of the ongoing foreclosure crisis and a mortgage market characterized by the frequent transfers of beneficial interests under a mortgage or deed of trust; and

WHEREAS, these practices have gaps in the recording system that make it impossible for borrowers to acquire needed information; and

WHEREAS, legislation is needed to provide clarity to property owners and lien holders as to the rights and interests of any foreclosing party.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Wisconsin Counties Association, in conference assembled, does hereby urge the State Legislature to enact legislation that prohibits an entity from foreclosing on property unless that entity, itself, has a recorded interest in the property.

STEERING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION TO THE RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE:
Adopt.

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE ACTION: Motion by IDSSVOOG, second by DJUMADI, to adopt. Motion carried.

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Adopt.

2013 CONFERENCE ACTION:

2013 Conference Resolution 5

Caption:

I.D.40. Support legislation that prohibits an entity from foreclosing on property unless that entity, itself, has a recorded interest in the property.

County Organization and Personnel
Taxation and Finance

Wisconsin Counties Association

2013 Conference Resolution 6

Offered for consideration this 22nd Day of September, 2013 by

Wood County

Relating to

Requesting the State Enact Legislation that Prohibits an Entity from Foreclosing on Property Unless that Entity Itself has a Recorded Interest in the Property

WHEREAS, the Wood County Board of Supervisors seeks to achieve greater transparency in the recording of home mortgages and to provide homeowners with critical information about who owns their loan, who they must negotiate with to achieve a loan modification, and who has the right to foreclosure on their homes should they default; and

WHEREAS, homeowners need these protections more than ever in light of the ongoing foreclosure crisis and a mortgage market characterized by the frequent transfers of beneficial interests under a mortgage or deed of trust; and

WHEREAS, these practices have gaps in the recording system that make it impossible for borrowers to acquire needed information; and

WHEREAS, the creation of the following section to Wisconsin Statute Ch. 843 Actions for possession of real property; damages for withholding, would accomplish the goals set forth herein:

843.025 Pre-complaint requirements. No action for the possession of or foreclosure on real property shall be commenced until 45 days after the legal interests upon which the complaint is based have been recorded in the Register of Deed's office.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Wisconsin Counties Association, in conference assembled, does hereby seek legislation amending Wisconsin Statute Ch. 843 to add the following provision:

843.025 Pre-complaint requirements. No action for the possession of or foreclosure on real property shall be commenced until 45 days after the legal interests upon which the complaint is based have been recorded in the Register of Deeds' office.

STEERING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION TO THE RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE:

Adopt.

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE ACTION: Motion by IDSSVOOG, second by DJUMADI, to adopt. Motion carried.

2013 Conference Resolution 6

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Adopt.

2013 CONFERENCE ACTION:

Caption:

I.D.40. Support legislation that prohibits an entity from foreclosing on property unless that entity, itself, has a recorded interest in the property.

Taxation and Finance
County Organization and Personnel

Wisconsin Counties Association

2013 Conference Resolution 7

Offered for consideration this 22nd Day of September, 2013 by

Walworth County

Relating to

Supporting 2013 Senate Bill 45 to Indicate Veteran Status on an Operator's License or Identification Card

WHEREAS, passage of 2013 Senate Bill 45 (SB 45) would allow veterans to have their veteran status indicated on their state-issued operator's license or identification card; and

WHEREAS, SB 45 would grant authority to the Wisconsin Department of Transportation (DOT) to promulgate rules establishing veteran disability codes to assist in identifying persons that are eligible for benefits programs and requiring that a license or identification card that includes a veteran indication also include a veteran disability rating code; and

WHEREAS, indicating veteran status on a veteran's operator's license or identification card would assist the veteran and diminish the need for veterans to carry their DD-214, which contains sensitive information; and

WHEREAS, passage of SB 45 would provide those who have served their country the option of designating their veteran status on their state-issued operator's license or identification card.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Wisconsin Counties Association, in conference assembled, does hereby support passage of 2013 Senate Bill 45 relating to allowing veterans the option of having their veteran status indicated on their operator's license or identification card and granting rule-making authority to the Wisconsin DOT for establishing veteran disability rating codes.

STEERING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION TO THE RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE:
Adopt.

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE ACTION: Motion by RUSSELL, second by BATES, to adopt. Motion withdrawn by unanimous consent. Motion by GOODING, second by DJUMADI, to indefinitely postpone. Motion carried.

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Indefinitely postpone.

2013 CONFERENCE ACTION:

2013 Conference Resolution 7

Caption:

County Organization and Personnel

Wisconsin Counties Association

2013 Conference Resolution 8

Offered for consideration this 22nd Day of September, 2013 by

Dane County

Relating to

Advocating a Local Government Option to Engage in Collective Bargaining

WHEREAS, in February 2011, the Dane County Board of Supervisors approved a resolution supporting the right of Wisconsin workers to organize and to collectively bargain and on April 3, 2012 all the voters in Dane County decided by a two-thirds vote to support collective bargaining. Dane County remains committed to bargaining in good faith with our employees; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature has essentially eliminated the ability of public sector employers to collectively bargain for new contracts with most of their employees. While aspects of the legislation remain contested in court, the intent of the legislation is to prohibit local government from bargaining almost all topics and to deny the benefits of collective bargaining to both the local governments and most of their employees; and

WHEREAS, collective bargaining provides some benefits to public sector managers – promoting labor peace, increasing individual employee satisfaction and providing a structure and conduit for the workers on the frontlines to provide input to improve the workplace and the services provided to the public; and

WHEREAS, local government employees, including highway workers, social workers, and public health nurses are some of the most talented, skilled and hard working employees in the state. These workers provide a vital service in making our communities good places to live, work, and raise our families; and

WHEREAS, many in public life hold dear the value of local control. One aspect of local control is the ability of counties to choose how they interact with their workforces. Local governments should have the option to engage in collective bargaining with unions representing public sector workers.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Wisconsin Counties Association, in conference assembled, does hereby urge the Wisconsin Legislature to enact legislation allowing local government the option to engage in collective bargaining with all their public sector employees.

2013 Conference Resolution 8

STEERING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION TO THE RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE:

Refer to the Board of Directors.

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE ACTION: Motion by HAUKOHL, second by WOLF, to indefinitely postpone. Motion carried.

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Indefinitely postpone.

2013 CONFERENCE ACTION:

Caption:

County Organization and Personnel

Wisconsin Counties Association

2013 Conference Resolution 9

Offered for consideration this 22nd Day of September, 2013 by

La Crosse County

Relating to

Supporting Clean Energy Choice for Wisconsin

WHEREAS, La Crosse County has pursued the goal of becoming more sustainable in its planning, operations, management, and policymaking by implementing numerous projects, initiatives, and policies that save energy, reduce waste, and conserve natural resources while supporting a healthy economy; and

WHEREAS, the County has formally adopted sustainability principles, including a commitment to reduce and eventually eliminate our community's contribution to fossil fuel dependence and to wasteful use of scarce metals and minerals; and

WHEREAS, such recent County initiatives include converting county landfill gas to electricity, which generates approximately \$210,000.00/year in gross revenues for the gas to energy project for the County, and the installation of solar water systems on the roofs of the County Law Enforcement Center and Lakeview Health Center facility; and

WHEREAS, Clean Energy Choice will expand market opportunities for La Crosse County and Wisconsin companies and their employees who are part of the state's vast renewable energy supply chain by integrating locally available renewable energy into our economy and by engaging local manufacturers, distributors and installs, farmers, builders, entrepreneurs, and related professional workers; and

WHEREAS, La Crosse County urges the State of Wisconsin to adopt a policy expressly allowing customers to enter into contracts with third parties who install, own, and operate a renewable energy system at the customer's premises by supporting Clean Energy Choice, which will help households and businesses overcome the diminishing supply of renewable energy incentive dollars available from Wisconsin's Focus on Energy program and utilities at no extra cost to ratepayers and taxpayers; and

WHEREAS, current ambiguities in state law make it difficult for customers to access directly clean renewable energy produced on their premises from systems owned by third parties, and more than 20 states have adopted policies expressly authorizing these types of arrangements with third parties; and

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WHEREAS, the businesses, residents, schools and local governments in La Crosse County desire to exercise responsibility over their long-term energy choices and integrate clean energy into their daily lives.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Wisconsin Counties Association, in conference assembled, does hereby join the other Wisconsin citizens, businesses, and local governments to endorse Clean Energy Choice as a policy for Wisconsin residents.

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

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

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Refer to the Board of Directors.

2013 CONFERENCE ACTION:

Caption:

Environment and Land Use

Wisconsin Counties Association

2013 Conference Resolution 10

Offered for consideration this 22nd Day of September, 2013 by

Eau Claire County

Relating to

Supporting Clean Energy Choice for Wisconsin

WHEREAS, Eau Claire County has pursued the goal of becoming more sustainable in its planning, operation, management, and policymaking by implementing numerous projects, initiatives, and policies that save energy, reduce waste and conserve natural resources while supporting a healthy economy; and

WHEREAS, the county has formally adopted sustainability principles including a commitment to reduce and eventually eliminate our community's contribution to fossil fuel dependence and the wasteful use of scarce metals and minerals; and

WHEREAS, Clean Energy Choice will expand market opportunities for Eau Claire County and Wisconsin companies and their employees who are part of the state's vast renewable energy supply chain by integrating locally available renewable energy into our economy and by engaging local manufacturers, distributors and installs, farmers, builders, entrepreneurs, and related professional workers; and

WHEREAS, Eau Claire County urges the State of Wisconsin to adopt a policy expressly allowing customers to enter into contracts with third parties who install, own, and operate a renewable energy system at the customer's premises by supporting Clean Energy Choice which will help households and businesses overcome the diminishing supply of renewable energy incentive dollars available from Wisconsin's Focus on Energy program and utilities at no extra cost to ratepayers or taxpayers; and

WHEREAS, current ambiguities in state law make it difficult for customers to access directly clean renewable energy produced on their premises from systems owned by third parties, and more than 20 states have adopted policies expressly authorizing these types of arrangements with third parties; and

WHEREAS, the businesses, residents, schools, and local governments in Eau Claire County desire to exercise responsibility over their long-term energy choices and integrate clean energy into their daily lives.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Wisconsin Counties Association, in conference assembled, does hereby join other Wisconsin citizens, businesses and local governments to endorse Clean Energy Choice as a policy for Wisconsin residents.

2013 Conference Resolution 10

STEERING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION TO THE RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE:

Refer to the Board of Directors.

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

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Refer to the Board of Directors.

2013 CONFERENCE ACTION:

Caption:

Environment and Land Use

Wisconsin Counties Association

2013 Conference Resolution 11

Offered for consideration this 22nd Day of September, 2013 by

Eau Claire County

Relating to

Supporting Northern Wisconsin Counties in Urging the National Forest Service to Harvest Forest Products at the Allowable Sale Quantity (ASQ) from the Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest

WHEREAS, Eau Claire County recognizes the tremendous importance of the lands contained within the 1.6 million acres of the Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest (CNNF) as an exceptional natural resource capable of producing a sustainable supply of timber products on an annual basis to provide economic, social and biological benefits to Northern Wisconsin Counties and the State of Wisconsin, as well as the nation; and

WHEREAS, for the most part, these lands were purchased from counties where said lands are located under the pretext and commitment that these lands would be returned to a forested condition and that these lands would again provide a sound base for the local and regional economy and that local governments would play a major role in the management and operation of the Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest; and

WHEREAS, the United States Forest Service has failed to consider the negative impact of reduced employment and loss of local and state tax generation created by the National Forest Service refusal to manage the forest as a sustainable timber resource; and

WHEREAS, the United States Forest Service has failed to recognize the importance of operating the national forests as a sustainable resource that greatly contributes to the wood, papermaking, packaging, furniture and building material industries throughout Wisconsin. This has forced these industries to secure raw materials from outside of the United States, and also caused numerous wood industries to either close or relocate outside of Wisconsin; and

WHEREAS, since there has been a forest plan on the CNNF, the forest service has never sold the allowable sale quantity (ASQ) in the forest plan because of the complex analysis process the forest service must go through; and

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WHEREAS, the CNNF has significantly reduced the amount of timber available for sale in the past ten years. Last year the CNNF harvested less than one-half of the timber required to maintain forest health. Harvesting levels on the national forest lands in both softwood and hardwood stands has been reduced significantly nationwide. For example, on the CNNF in Wisconsin with an ASQ of 134 million board feet per year, they have averaged harvesting only 75 million board feet per year or approximately 58% of the ASQ. This is down substantially from the average harvested annually in the previous ten years of 115 million board feet per year or approximately 88% of the ASQ. This translates into reduced revenue to local communities from direct forest service payments and a significant reduction of raw materials needed to sustain our forest industry and local economy, not to mention the long term impact on forest health and wildlife; and

WHEREAS, every 20,000 board feet of timber harvested provides enough raw material to sustain one job in our forest industry. Last year the CNNF failed to harvest 88 million board feet of timber sailable to harvest which could sustain 4,400 Wisconsin jobs; and

WHEREAS, Wisconsin loses one job for every 100 acres of productive forestland that is excluded from sustainable forest management practices. The CNNF has already excluded 446,000 acres of the forest from timber production which equates to a permanent loss of 4,460 jobs; and

WHEREAS, Wisconsin has lost both paper mills and sawmills and a large number of logging contractors and trucking firms, as well as associated employment in our important forest products industry infrastructure. There are a variety of factors that have influenced these losses, but it is evident that the declining harvest on our national forests has played a major role in these losses. Private forests, state forests and county forests have felt ever-increasing pressure to supply raw forest products to replace the void created by declining harvests on our national forests. We must see immediate changes to shift the source of raw material supply to the CNNF soon, or we may lose our remaining forest products industry here in Wisconsin which will result in our inability to practice sound forest management on all of our forestlands; and

WHEREAS, the declining harvest and lack of proper forest management on our national forestlands leads to an array of forest health concerns. Forest health issues on national forests in Wisconsin often spread to adjacent lands including state forests, county forests, and privately owned forestlands; and

WHEREAS, with the exception of the Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest, all public forests including state forests, county forests and most private forestlands in Wisconsin have received third-party certification as being managed on a sustainable basis.

2013 Conference Resolution 11

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Wisconsin Counties Association, in conference assembled, does hereby recognize that the Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest is an exceptional natural resource that has the capacity to provide recreational, social, and economic benefits on a sustainable basis provided that the lands within the Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest are properly managed as a sustainable, renewable timber resource, and are managed with consideration to the local units of government that contain the national forests; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the CNNF manage their forestland at the ASQ level as identified in the 2004 Forest Plan, as well as manage the backlog of unharvested timber (approximately 42% per year) that has not been harvested since implementation of the 2004 Forest Plan or revert back to the counties where said forestlands are located for proper management.

STEERING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION TO THE RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE:
Adopt.

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE ACTION: Motion by RUDOLPH, second by KITTLESON, to adopt. Motion carried.

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Adopt.

2013 CONFERENCE ACTION:

Caption:

- II.I.9. Support the management of the Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest at the ASQ level as identified in the 2004 Forest Plan, as well as manage the backlog of unharvested timber (approximately 42% per year) that has not been harvested since implementation of the 2004 Forest Plan or revert back to the counties where said forestlands are located for proper management.

Wisconsin Counties Association

2013 Conference Resolution 12

Offered for consideration this 22nd Day of September, 2013 by

La Crosse County

Relating to

Requesting the Wisconsin DNR Continue PM 2.5 Monitoring in the Wisconsin 2014 Air Monitoring Network Plan

WHEREAS, fine particle air pollution, known as particulate matter (PM 2.5), is present in high levels in some areas of Wisconsin; and

WHEREAS, there are many sources emitting PM 2.5 air pollution, including motor vehicles, power plants, residential wood burning, forest fires, agricultural burning, and industrial sand mining; and

WHEREAS, PM 2.5 air pollution consists of microscopic particles that can be inhaled deeply into the lung and circulatory system and is a known cause of serious acute and chronic human illnesses, such as bronchitis, asthma attacks, heart attacks, and premature deaths; and

WHEREAS, there is currently an established fine particulate air monitor located at 3550 Mormon Coulee Road in La Crosse, Wisconsin, that continuously monitors fine particulate air pollution for the region and provides the basis for periodic public advisories; and

WHEREAS, the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources has introduced an Air Monitoring Network Plan for 2014 that discontinues monitoring fine particle air pollution because federal grant funding now requires 40% matching state funds.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Wisconsin Counties Association, in conference assembled, does hereby support requiring the State of Wisconsin and Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources to continue fine particle air pollution monitoring in the Air Monitoring Network Plan 2014.

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

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

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Refer to the Board of Directors.

2013 Conference Resolution 12

2013 CONFERENCE ACTION:

Caption:

Environment and Land Use

Wisconsin Counties Association

2013 Conference Resolution 13

Offered for consideration this 22nd Day of September, 2013 by

Walworth County

Relating to

Opposing the Proposed Modification to the Medical Assistance Purchase Plan (MAPP)

WHEREAS, the Governor's proposed budget has modified the Medical Assistance Purchase Plan (MAPP) eligibility criteria and its premium structure so that an individual will have to provide documentation that he or she is paying, or having withheld, taxes on earned income to enroll/maintain MAPP eligibility; and

WHEREAS, the Walworth County Health and Human Services Department has 345 individuals currently receiving MAPP; and

WHEREAS, only 99 of those individuals currently on MAPP have eligible employment, based on modified criteria; and

WHEREAS, without benefits, many of these individuals will not be able to afford medications or treatments related to their current disability; and

WHEREAS, these changes in eligibility will severely affect our most vulnerable consumers suffering from severe and persistent mental illness; and

WHEREAS, the lack of these medications and services will most likely require high cost treatment services to be provided by Health and Human Services; and

WHEREAS, access to Medical Assistance (MA) allows Health and Human Services to provide evidence based treatment services that improve quality of life in our community; and

WHEREAS, the proposed changes will prevent Health and Human Services from billing MA for community based services resulting in the loss of over \$215,000 in MA revenue.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Wisconsin Counties Association, in conference assembled, does hereby request that the Wisconsin State Legislature oppose the proposed modifications to the MAPP eligibility criteria included in the Governor's budget.

STEERING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION TO THE RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE:
Adopt.

2013 Conference Resolution 13

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE ACTION: Motion by BATES, second by RUSSELL, to adopt.
Motion carried.

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Adopt.

2013 CONFERENCE ACTION:

Caption:

III.C.3.k. Oppose changes to Medical Assistance Purchase Plan (MAPP) eligibility criteria that have the effect of reducing eligibility for the program.

Health and Human Services

Wisconsin Counties Association

2013 Conference Resolution 14

Offered for consideration this 22nd Day of September, 2013 by

Walworth County

Relating to

Urging Governor Walker to Re-Visit his Voucher Proposal as it Relates to Special Needs Education

WHEREAS, Governor Walker recently introduced a \$73 million special needs voucher expansion plan as part of his biennial budget proposal; and

WHEREAS, these vouchers would provide a stipend to parents of children with disabilities to attend a private school; and

WHEREAS, with Governor Walker's proposal, it is estimated that \$21 million in funding would leave public schools and go to private schools; and

WHEREAS, the loss of such funding in public schools often impacts the children with the most significant disabilities; and

WHEREAS, schools involved in the voucher programs are not required to provide specific services or supports, so children with disabilities may not receive the services they need as prescribed in their Individual Education Plans (IEPs); and

WHEREAS, similar voucher programs have simply proven to be unsuccessful in other states; and

WHEREAS, the Walworth County Children with Disabilities Education Board opposes the Governor's proposed voucher plan.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Wisconsin Counties Association, in conference assembled, does hereby go on record opposing Governor Walker's proposed special needs voucher program and urges our county's legislators to re-examine this portion of the Governor's Biennial Budget.

STEERING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION TO THE RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE:
Adopt.

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE ACTION: Motion by SINKULA, second by IDSVOOG, to adopt. Motion carried.

2013 Conference Resolution 14

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Adopt.

2013 CONFERENCE ACTION:

Caption:

I.B.6.h. Support state funding to meet the educational needs of children with disabilities, including special services and supports.

County Organization and Personnel
Health and Human Services

Wisconsin Counties Association

2013 Conference Resolution 15

Offered for consideration this 22nd Day of September, 2013 by

Eau Claire County

Relating to

Urging Wisconsin to Use Federal Medicaid Funding to Improve BadgerCare

WHEREAS, the governor has rejected billions of new federal dollars for Medicaid which would have improved the state's BadgerCare program; and

WHEREAS, the federal Affordable Care Act encourages innovation in states with the goal of a greater level of health care coverage; and

WHEREAS, the decision to turn down federal funding for the State of Wisconsin will not increase health care coverage; it actually makes it harder for people to qualify for BadgerCare, with an estimated 88,000 adults who currently qualify for the program being dropped; and

WHEREAS, not only does the decision to reject federal Medicaid funding shrink the number of Wisconsin residents who have health care coverage, but it also increases the costs to the state for the program; and

WHEREAS, if Medicaid was fully expanded, Wisconsin would have received \$4.4 billion in federal support over six years. However, according to the Legislative Fiscal Bureau, the state budget will require \$100 million more this budget cycle by rejecting these federal funds; and

WHEREAS, in 2014 thousands of Medicaid recipients will be placed in private health insurance exchanges and required to pay premiums. The transition from Medicaid to private insurance and the premium cost could result in the loss of health care due to confusion and inability to pay; and

WHEREAS, being underinsured and uninsured impacts county human services departments because it can lead to untreated mental health or substance abuse and lack of preventive health care that can lead to loss of jobs, the inability to function, and loss of self-sufficiency; and

WHEREAS, Wisconsin Assembly Bill 53 and its companion, Senate Bill 38, require the state to take action to qualify for enhanced Medicaid funding.

2013 Conference Resolution 15

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Wisconsin Counties Association, in conference assembled, does hereby urge the Wisconsin Legislature to support Assembly Bill 53 and Senate Bill 38 and accept enhanced federal Medicaid funding to improve the state's BadgerCare program; ~~and~~

~~BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, as an alternative, the Wisconsin Counties Association encourages the governor and the Wisconsin Legislature to authorize and enable counties to enhance Medicaid funding at the county level, thereby ensuring that citizens in participating counties have access to affordable health coverage.~~

STEERING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION TO THE RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE:
Amend to strike the second resolved clause. Adopt as amended.

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE ACTION: Motion by BATES, second by IDSVOOG, to adopt. Motion by BATES, second by IDSVOOG, to amend to strike the second resolved clause. Motion carried. Resolution adopted as amended.

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Adopt as amended by the Resolutions Committee.

2013 CONFERENCE ACTION:

Caption:

- III.C.3.g. Support the continuation of Wisconsin's medical assistance program at current or expanded eligibility levels.

Wisconsin Counties Association

2013 Conference Resolution 16

Offered for consideration this 22nd Day of September, 2013 by

La Crosse County

Relating to

Supporting Assembly Bill 53 and Senate Bill 38 Requiring the State to Take Action to Qualify for Enhanced Federal Medicaid Funding

WHEREAS, the Governor's proposed 2013-15 Biennial Budget, by rejecting Medicaid expansion under the Affordable Care Act, forgoes billions of new federal dollars, which would have improved the state's BadgerCare program; and

WHEREAS, the Affordable Care Act encourages innovation in states, where the goal is to ensure a greater level of health coverage, and the decision to turn down federal funding for the State of Wisconsin will not increase health care coverage, but actually makes it harder for people to qualify for BadgerCare, with an estimated 88,000 adults (an estimated 3,600 adults in La Crosse County) who currently qualify for the program slated to be dropped; and

WHEREAS, the decision to reject federal Medicaid funding expansion not only shrinks the number of Wisconsin residents who have health care coverage, but also increases the cost to the state for the program. For example, if Medicaid were fully expanded, Wisconsin would have received \$4.4 billion in federal support over six years, while, according to the state Legislative Fiscal Bureau, rejection of these federal funds will require 100 million more state dollars in this budget cycle; and

WHEREAS, in 2014, thousands of Medicaid recipients will be placed in private health insurance exchanges and required to pay premiums, and the transition from Medicaid to private insurance and the premium cost involved could result in the loss of health care due to confusion and inability to pay; and

WHEREAS, being underinsured and uninsured impacts County Human Services Departments because it can lead to untreated mental health and substance abuse, loss of revenue due to an increase in uncompensated care, and lack of preventive health care that can result in loss of jobs, the inability to function and loss of self-sufficiency; and

WHEREAS, Wisconsin Assembly Bill 53, and its companion, Senate Bill 38, requires the state to take action to qualify for enhanced Medicaid funding.

2013 Conference Resolution 16

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Wisconsin Counties Association, in conference assembled, does hereby urge the Wisconsin Legislature to support Assembly Bill 53 and Senate Bill 38 and accept enhanced federal Medicaid funding to improve the state's BadgerCare program; ~~and~~

~~BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, as an alternative, the Wisconsin Counties Association encourages the Governor and the Wisconsin Legislature to authorize and enable counties to enhance Medicaid funding at the county level, thereby ensuring that citizens in participating counties have access to affordable health coverage.~~

STEERING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION TO THE RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE:
Amend to strike the second resolved clause. Adopt as amended.

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE ACTION: Motion by BATES, second by IDSVOOG, to adopt. Motion by BATES, second by IDSVOOG, to amend to strike the second resolved clause. Motion carried. Resolution adopted as amended.

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Adopt as amended by the Resolutions Committee.

2013 CONFERENCE ACTION:

Caption:

- III.C.3.g. Support the continuation of Wisconsin's medical assistance program at current or expanded eligibility levels.

Wisconsin Counties Association

2013 Conference Resolution 17

Offered for consideration this 22nd Day of September, 2013 by

Washington County

Relating to

Family Care Responsibility for State Institutional Placements

WHEREAS, as of January 2013, the Wisconsin Department of Health Services has made Family Care available in 57 Wisconsin counties; and

WHEREAS, as a part of the Family Care expansion in 2008, Washington County became obligated to make a substantial annual financial contribution of county levy to the State of Wisconsin for the Family Care program; and

WHEREAS, once an individual is deemed eligible for Family Care benefits, the Family Care participant is provided services, treatment and coordination of the benefit by a Managed Care Organization (MCO); and

WHEREAS, if a Family Care participant requires mental health crisis intervention, services, treatment, and/or placement in one of the State Mental Health Institutes, the participant is disenrolled from Family Care and becomes the financial and case management responsibility of the county; and

WHEREAS, once a participant is disenrolled, there is no financial or other incentive for the MCO to resume coordination of services for the individual, develop a transition plan or return the individual to the community, and the county remains burdened with the financial obligations of the mental health care, services, and/or placement of the individual.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Wisconsin Counties Association, in conference assembled, does hereby support legislation that would modify Wisconsin Statutes to require MCOs to assume the financial risks and responsibilities for serving individuals with mental health treatment needs, including placement at the state mental health institutes, or in the alternative, allow counties to reduce, dollar for dollar, the amount of the county-required annual contribution made to the State of Wisconsin for the institute's daily rate and other costs of mental health services; and

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that such legislation include a requirement that individuals placed at a State Mental Health Institute be provided with a periodic independent review to determine the appropriateness of continuing the placement and upon discharge be automatically re-enrolled in Family Care.

STEERING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION TO THE RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE:
Adopt.

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE ACTION: Motion by WOLF, second by GOODING, to adopt.
Motion carried.

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Adopt.

2013 CONFERENCE ACTION:

Captions:

- III.I.3.g. Support legislation that modifies Wisconsin Statutes to require MCOs to assume the financial risks and responsibilities for serving individuals with mental health treatment needs, including placement at the state mental health institutes; in the alternative, allow a county to reduce its required annual contribution made to the State of Wisconsin for long-term care services in an amount equal to the county's costs for providing mental health services to disenrolled members of an MCO.
- III.I.3.h. Support legislation requiring: (1) that individuals placed at a State Mental Health Institute be provided with a periodic independent review to determine the appropriateness of continuing the placement, and (2) automatic re-enrollment of disenrolled Family Care members into an MCO upon discharge from a State Mental Health Institute.

Wisconsin Counties Association

2013 Conference Resolution 18

Offered for consideration this 22nd Day of September, 2013 by

La Crosse County

Relating to

Opposing Legislation Allowing Bail Bondsmen in Wisconsin

WHEREAS, the present biennial state budget includes legislation that allows the return of commercial bail bondsmen to the State of Wisconsin; and

WHEREAS, under the current system, bond is set by a court, which can be a cash or surety bond for a specific monetary amount, or a signature bond; and

WHEREAS, Wisconsin Statutes allow the Clerk of Circuit Court to apply the entire bond to pay victim restitution, fines, and costs once a defendant is sentenced; and

WHEREAS, in 2012, the Clerk of Circuit Court applied bond amounts to certain costs, which include \$25,637 for restitution, \$29,011 for victim witness surcharges, and \$34,082 for bail forfeitures for La Crosse County; and

WHEREAS, commercial bail bondsmen in Wisconsin were removed by legislative action 32 years ago; and

WHEREAS, defendants under a commercial bail bond system need only pay a small portion of the bail and then are released, and there is a concern that amounts available to pay victim witness program, restitution, the county and other surcharges will not meet the amounts that have been collected for these purposes in the past if a bail bondsmen system is utilized in Wisconsin; and

WHEREAS, commercial bail bondsmen do not provide supervision or monitoring while the cases are pending.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Wisconsin Counties Association, in conference assembled, does hereby oppose legislation in the biennial state budget that allows commercial bail bondsmen in the State of Wisconsin.

STEERING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION TO THE RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE:

Adopt.

2013 Conference Resolution 18

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE ACTION: Motion by IDSVOOG, second by KOTTKE, to adopt. Motion carried.

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Adopt.

2013 CONFERENCE ACTION:

Caption:

IV.C.14. Oppose legislation that allows commercial bail bondsmen to operate in the state of Wisconsin.

Judicial and Public Safety

Wisconsin Counties Association

2013 Conference Resolution 19

Offered for consideration this 22nd Day of September, 2013 by

Walworth County

Relating to

Opposing State Legislation Re-Introducing the Use of Bail Bondsmen in Wisconsin

WHEREAS, during the pre-trial process, bond is set by the court, which bond may be a combination of cash or surety for a specific monetary amount; and

WHEREAS, Wisconsin Statutes allow Clerks of Circuit Court to apply bond money toward victim restitution, fines and costs (assessments and surcharges), including any portion of fines and fees due to the county; and

WHEREAS, Clerks of Circuit Court collect these fines and costs and submit approximately 75% of the total costs to the State; and

WHEREAS, once a defendant is sentenced in court, any remaining balance from bond posted is returned to the individual who posted the bond after the above-stated costs have been paid; and

WHEREAS, Wisconsin Statutes provide that bonds may be forfeited if there are violations of bond conditions set by the court; and

WHEREAS, if the court forfeits a surety/signature bond, that judgment is entered into the lien docket by the Clerk of Court, who pursues collection through payment plans, tax intercepts and collection agencies; and

WHEREAS, cash bail forfeiture amounts for Walworth County average \$72,000 per year over the past 18 years, ranging from \$16,000 to \$192,000 per year; and

WHEREAS, commercial sureties were outlawed in Wisconsin 32 years ago; however, the use of commercial bail bondsmen may be considered in the current biennial 2013-2015 budget; and

WHEREAS, there are many unanswered questions relating to enforcement and regulation of commercial bond surety companies, which are not bound by public enforcement restrictions; and

2013 Conference Resolution 19

WHEREAS, commercial bail bond surety companies in several other states accumulated over \$100 million in unpaid bond forfeitures in recent years, leading to license revocation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Wisconsin Counties Association, in conference assembled, does hereby oppose the State Legislature re-introducing the use of bail bondsmen and commercial sureties in Wisconsin.

STEERING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION TO THE RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE:
Adopt.

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE ACTION: Motion by IDSSVOOG, second by KOTTKE, to adopt. Motion carried.

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Adopt.

2013 CONFERENCE ACTION:

Caption:

IV.C.14. Oppose legislation that allows commercial bail bondsmen to operate in the state of Wisconsin.

Judicial and Public Safety

Wisconsin Counties Association

2013 Conference Resolution 20

Offered for consideration this 22nd Day of September, 2013 by

Walworth County

Relating to

Urging the State Legislature to Adopt 2013 Assembly Bill 9 to Permit Law Enforcement Officials and Qualified Former Officers to Carry a Firearm on School Grounds and on Certain Posted Private Properties

WHEREAS, current state law allows law enforcement officers or former law enforcement officers to carry a concealed weapon if he or she has a license issued by the Department of Justice, or if he or she carries photographic identification issued by the law enforcement agency that employs/employed him or her; and

WHEREAS, current state law prohibits a licensee from carrying a firearm on school grounds and certain posted private properties; and

WHEREAS, passage of 2013 Assembly Bill 9 (AB 9) would exempt from the aforementioned prohibition, law enforcement officers who are acting in their official capacity; qualified law enforcement officers, without regard to whether they are on duty; qualified former law enforcement officers.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Wisconsin Counties Association, in conference assembled, does hereby support passage of 2013 Assembly Bill 9 exempting law enforcement officials and qualified former officers from current state law prohibiting licensees from carrying firearms on school grounds and certain posted private properties.

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

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

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Refer to the Board of Directors.

2013 CONFERENCE ACTION:

Caption:

Wisconsin Counties Association

2013 Conference Resolution 21

Offered for consideration this 22nd Day of September, 2013 by

Walworth County

Relating to

Urging the State Legislature to Re-Examine Section 968.255 of the Wisconsin Statutes Regarding Strip Searches and to Clarify the Language Therein in Consideration of the Recent United States Supreme Court Decision Pertaining to this Matter

WHEREAS, a recent United States Supreme Court decision granted the authority to jails to strip search anyone arrested who will be placed in general population; and

WHEREAS, Wisconsin Statute Section 968.255 related to strip searches is more stringent and puts difficult limitations on who can be strip searched and why; and

WHEREAS, jails need the ability to strip search new inmates for the safety and security of the facility and its staff; and

WHEREAS, in light of the recent U.S. Supreme Court decision, the State Legislature should consider permitting strip searches of newly incarcerated inmates who have been taken into custody on existing warrants, probation holds or who are returning from work release resulting from arrests or convictions for any felony or misdemeanor.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Wisconsin Counties Association, in conference assembled, does hereby urge the State Legislature to re-examine Section 968.255 of the Wisconsin Statutes regarding strip searches and to clarify the language therein in consideration of the recent United States Supreme Court decision pertaining to this matter.

STEERING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION TO THE RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE:
Adopt.

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE ACTION: Motion by MILLER, second by RUSSELL, to adopt.
Motion carried.

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Adopt.

2013 CONFERENCE ACTION:

2013 Conference Resolution 21

Caption:

- IV.F.21. Support a re-examination of Section 968.255 of the Wisconsin Statutes regarding strip searches and clarify the language therein in consideration of the recent United States Supreme Court decision (*Florence v. County of Burlington*, No. 10-945) pertaining to this matter.

Judicial and Public Safety

Wisconsin Counties Association

2013 Conference Resolution 22

Offered for consideration this 22nd Day of September, 2013 by

Walworth County

Relating to

Supporting 2013 Assembly Bill 33 Extending the Time Period Counties May Seek Reimbursement by Civil Action for Certain Expenses Incurred in Relation to Crimes for Which a Person was Sentenced or Confined in Jail

WHEREAS, current state law allows counties to seek reimbursement for certain expenses that are incurred from a person sentenced to a county jail or placed on probation and confined to jail; and

WHEREAS, such expenses include the daily cost of maintaining the person in jail, costs incurred to investigate the person's financial status and other moneys spent in attempting to collect payment of those expenses from the person; and

WHEREAS, the current law allows counties 12 months after the person is released from jail to commence a civil action in circuit court for the reimbursement of expenses; and

WHEREAS, passage of 2013 Assembly Bill 33 (AB 33) would extend said time period from 12 to 24 months.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Wisconsin Counties Association, in conference assembled, does hereby support the passage of 2013 Assembly Bill 33, extending the time period counties may seek reimbursement by civil action for certain expenses incurred in relation to crimes for which a person was sentenced or confined in jail.

STEERING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION TO THE RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE:
Adopt.

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE ACTION: Motion by HAUKOHL, second by KITTLESON, to adopt. Motion carried.

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Adopt.

2013 CONFERENCE ACTION:

2013 Conference Resolution 22

Caption:

IV.F.20. Support legislation extending the time period counties may seek reimbursement by civil action for certain expenses incurred in relation to crimes for which a person was sentenced or confined in jail.

Judicial and Public Safety

Wisconsin Counties Association

2013 Conference Resolution 23

Offered for consideration this 22nd Day of September, 2013 by

Eau Claire County

Relating to

Supporting Increased State Funding for Local Alternatives to Incarceration for Nonviolent and Low Risk Offenders

WHEREAS, Eau Claire County and a small number of other Wisconsin counties have created alternative treatment courts for nonviolent criminal offenses with the financial help of grants from the Wisconsin Office of Justice Assistance, and such courts have been a success in terms of giving defendants opportunities to solve underlying problems to avoid lengthy incarceration. The district attorney, judges, public defender, sheriff and other law enforcement agencies, state probation and parole, and local providers have joined together to make these courts viable solutions for reducing crime and redirecting lives. The Eau Claire County treatment courts, including the Drug Court, the Veterans' Court, the Mental Health Treatment Court, and AIM Court all have a direct effect of saving tax dollars by providing a practical option to prison terms for nonviolent crimes; and

WHEREAS, it would benefit both the counties and the State of Wisconsin to continue such alternative treatment courts once the initial grants expire; and

WHEREAS, it has been demonstrated that providing treatment to suitable nonviolent individuals in lieu of incarceration saves substantial tax resources. Both the existing juvenile court operations and the existing alternative treatment courts save taxpayers money. Studies have shown that expenses of keeping a person in Wisconsin prisons cost the taxpayers approximately \$32,000 per year per inmate. Without treatment, nonviolent offenders with drug-alcohol addiction or mental health issues tend to become repeatedly incarcerated; and

WHEREAS, the cost of corrections in Wisconsin has risen from under \$200 million per year in 1990 to more than \$1.3 billion in 2011, which is a staggering tax burden; and

WHEREAS, establishing a state fund to allow counties to apply for assistance to run treatment courts would be a prudent and cost-savings measure, as a joint study by the Wisconsin Department of Corrections, Wisconsin Department of Health Services, and Wisconsin Office of Justice Assistance has shown that \$1.00 spent on treatment alternative programs saves approximately \$2.00 in criminal justice costs.

2013 Conference Resolution 23

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Wisconsin Counties Association, in conference assembled, does hereby urge our elected state officials and governor to make changes that will result in a substantial reduction in the number of mentally ill, chemically dependent and low-risk people in our jails and prisons, and that these changes should include significant financial incentives for counties to send fewer nonviolent people to state prisons ~~and a redeployment of \$75 million or more in dedicated funding from the state to counties to enable continuation of, and significant growth of, cost effective, innovative and proven local alternatives for nonviolent and low risk offenders.~~

STEERING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION TO THE RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE:
Amend to strike “and a redeployment of \$75 million or more in dedicated funding from the state to counties to enable continuation of, and significant growth of, cost effective, innovative and proven local alternatives for nonviolent and low risk offenders” from the resolved clause. Adopt as amended.

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE ACTION: Motion by IDSVVOOG, second by KRAFT, to adopt. Motion by BATES, second by KRAFT, to amend to strike “and a redeployment of \$75 million or more in dedicated funding from the state to counties to enable continuation of, and significant growth of, cost effective, innovative and proven local alternatives for nonviolent and low risk offenders” from the resolved clause. Motion carried. Resolution adopted as amended.

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Adopt as amended by the Resolutions Committee.

2013 CONFERENCE ACTION:

Caption:

- IV.F.21. Support changes in state law that will result in a substantial reduction in the number of mentally ill, chemically dependent and low-risk people in our jails and prisons, and that these changes should include significant financial incentives for counties to send fewer nonviolent people to state prisons.

Wisconsin Counties Association

2013 Conference Resolution 24

Offered for consideration this 22nd Day of September, 2013 by

La Crosse County

Relating to

Supporting Legislation Expanding the Treatment Alternatives and Diversion Program

WHEREAS, 2005 Wisconsin Act 25 authorized the creation of the Treatment Alternatives and Diversion Grant Program (TAD) to provide alternatives to prosecution and incarceration for criminal offenders who abuse alcohol and other drugs; and

WHEREAS, in 2006 this grant program was implemented in seven counties in the State on a five-year trial study basis; and

WHEREAS, in December 2011, the Wisconsin Office of Justice Assistance, in collaboration with the State Department of Corrections and the State Department of Health Services, released a report on the effectiveness of this program from the period 2007-2010 and found that it was very effective in reducing the number of incarceration days spent in the State's jails and prisons, in significantly reducing recidivism, and in producing an average cost benefit of \$1.93 for every \$1.00 invested; and

WHEREAS, in La Crosse County in 2012, the average daily cost per inmate was \$90.75/day compared to the average daily cost of \$18.06/day per person on Chemical or Justice Sanctions alternatives to incarceration; and

WHEREAS, in 2012 La Crosse County saved 99,427 jail bed days by use of alternatives to incarceration; and

WHEREAS, the current biennial budget includes provisions expanding TAD to support and empower community-based intervention strategies and intermediate sanctions to expand judicial, prosecutorial, and corrections options that will address the needs of offenders who can be safely supervised in the community while providing a counter-factor for the increasing costs for confinement, which should be reserved for those who pose the greatest risk to the community; and

WHEREAS, the proposed TAD expansion allows for ongoing funding of the TAD grants and expands the scope of projects eligible to receive grant awards with an emphasis on evidence-based practices.

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Wisconsin Counties Association, in conference assembled, does hereby support the state legislation in the current biennial budget that expands the TAD program and maintains the underlying TAD grant programs.

STEERING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION TO THE RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE:
Adopt.

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE ACTION: Motion by DJUMADI, second by KRAFT, to adopt.
Motion carried.

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Adopt.

2013 CONFERENCE ACTION:

Caption:

IV.F.20. Support increased funding for, and the expansion of, the Treatment Alternatives and Diversion program.

Judicial and Public Safety

Wisconsin Counties Association

2013 Conference Resolution 25

Offered for consideration this 22nd Day of September, 2013 by

Walworth County

Relating to

Requesting State Officials and Governor Walker to Re-Examine the Policies that have Resulted in Historically High Incarceration Rates in Wisconsin

WHEREAS, the rate of incarceration and cost of corrections in Wisconsin has risen dramatically from under \$200 million per year in 1990 to more than \$1.3 billion in 2011; and

WHEREAS, modifications to the state's current correctional model that would return to 1995 incarceration levels could yield substantial cost savings and incarceration rates similar to neighboring states; and

WHEREAS, the Walworth County Board of Supervisors and the county's Criminal Justice Coordinating Committee have implemented programs, including OWI treatment courts, which are designed to reduce recidivism and improve public safety with the expenditure of fewer tax dollars.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Wisconsin Counties Association, in conference assembled, does hereby request State Legislators and Governor Walker re-examine the state's policies that have resulted in high incarceration rates in Wisconsin; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Wisconsin Counties Association requests State Legislators and the Governor to make changes that will result in a substantial reduction in the number that are jailed in Wisconsin and to offer incarceration alternatives for the low-risk population and those with mental illness and chemical dependency; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that changes should include significant financial incentives for counties to send fewer people to state prisons ~~and a redeployment of \$75 million or more in dedicated State funding to counties to enable significant growth in cost-effective, innovative, and proven local alternatives for non-violent and low-risk offenders.~~

STEERING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION TO THE RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE:

Amend to strike "and a redeployment of \$75 million or more in dedicated State funding to counties to enable significant growth in cost-effective, innovative, and proven local alternatives for non-violent and low-risk offenders" from the third resolved clause. Adopt as amended.

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RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE ACTION: Motion by IDSSVOOG, second by KRAFT, to adopt. Motion by BATES, second by KRAFT, to amend to strike “and a redeployment of \$75 million or more in dedicated State funding to counties to enable significant growth in cost-effective, innovative, and proven local alternatives for non-violent and low-risk offenders” from the third resolved clause. Motion carried. Resolution adopted as amended.

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Adopt as amended by the Resolutions Committee.

2013 CONFERENCE ACTION:

Caption:

- IV.F.21. Support changes in state law that will result in a substantial reduction in the number of mentally ill, chemically dependent and low-risk people in our jails and prisons, and that these changes should include significant financial incentives for counties to send fewer nonviolent people to state prisons.

Wisconsin Counties Association

2013 Conference Resolution 26

Offered for consideration this 22nd Day of September, 2013 by

Walworth County

Relating to

Requesting the State to Enhance Cell Phone Emergency Response Funding

WHEREAS, under current state law, counties contract with local telephone companies and service carriers to provide 911 service as provided in Wis. Stat. Sec. 256.35; and

WHEREAS, 911 service is funded through a surcharge the telephone companies charge of up to 40 cents per month on each landline served by the company; and

WHEREAS, in recent years, the use of landline phones has declined, thus the revenue from the charges assessed to landlines has declined leaving counties to make up the shortfall in revenue; and

WHEREAS, the State Joint Finance Committee, as part of its action regarding the State 2009-2011 biennial budget bill, voted to create a grant program administered by the Public Service Commission, which grant program was to be funded by a surcharge of up to 75 cents per month on landline phones, cellular phones and other devices capable of dialing 911 for emergency service; and

WHEREAS, under the above-stated program, grant funding would have been made available to one designated Public Service Answering Point (PSAP) in each county, to be used to reimburse the actual costs of complying with enhanced 911 service, including designing, upgrading, programming, installing, testing, maintaining or leasing all necessary data, hardware and software required to provide enhanced 911 service; and

WHEREAS, the State's financial shortfall was greater than anticipated, and the proposed grant program funding of 75 cents per month per device was instead renamed as the Police and Fire Protection Fee and directed to be deposited into a segregated fund; and

WHEREAS, these funds were subsequently transferred to the State's general fund for shared revenue payments to counties, and the State has maintained this transfer of funds generated by the Police and Fire Protection Fee to the general fund for State shared revenue payments; and

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WHEREAS, the shared revenue payments do not cover actual costs of maintaining 911 emergency services so counties must continue to pay for enhanced 911 telecommunications services with property tax dollars.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Wisconsin Counties Association, in conference assembled, does hereby request that the State restore 911 surcharge funds, currently called the Police and Fire Protection Fee, and use the funds for their original purpose of providing funding to counties for update and maintenance of equipment and services that will enable county PSAPs to identify the location of all 911 calls, including those made from cellular phones, landlines and other devices; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Wisconsin Counties Association requests that the State remove the current 40 cents per landline per month cap used to fund 911 services to PSAPs provided by phone companies; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Wisconsin Counties Association requests the State enact legislation that would allow county PSAPs to appropriately assess 911 emergency service surcharges to any device capable of making a 911 emergency call, including landlines, cellular phones or other devices.

STEERING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION TO THE RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE:
Adopt.

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE ACTION: Motion by GOODING, second by RUDOLPH, to adopt. Motion carried.

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Adopt.

2013 CONFERENCE ACTION:

Captions:

- IV.B.5. Support the return of the police and fire protection fee to its original purpose while maintaining current shared revenue funding levels.
- IV.B.7. Support the removal of the current cap of 40 cents per landline per month used to fund 911 service to PSAPs provided by phone companies.
- IV.B.8. Support legislation that would allow county PSAPs to appropriately assess 911 emergency service surcharges to any device capable of making a 911 emergency call, including landlines, cellular phones or other devices.

Wisconsin Counties Association

2013 Conference Resolution 27

Offered for consideration this 22nd Day of September, 2013 by

Eau Claire County

Relating to

Restoring 911 Surcharge Funds (Police and Fire Protection Fee) to its Original Purpose and Maintain Current Funding Levels for Shared Revenue

WHEREAS, in the 2009-2011 state budget bill, a grant program was proposed to support enhanced 911 systems within counties and was funded by a 75-cent surcharge per month on any device capable of dialing 911; and

WHEREAS, in the adopted 2009-2011 state budget, the 75-cent monthly per device fee was renamed the police and fire protection fee to be placed in a segregated fund and thereafter transferred to the state general fund to make payments under the shared revenue program; and

WHEREAS, the police and fire protection fee is projected to generate \$51.8 million in FY12 and \$54.1 million in FY13 and without this revenue, counties must pay for enhanced 911 telecommunications with property tax dollars; and

WHEREAS, current law funds 911 service through a surcharge of 40-cents per landline per month collected by phone companies, and as the number of landlines is decreasing, revenues have been decreasing.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Wisconsin Counties Association, in conference assembled, does hereby request that the state return the police and fire protection fee to its original purpose while maintaining current shared revenue funding levels; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Wisconsin Counties Association also requests that the state retain current law on the phone landline fee until a statewide telephone contract can be established.

STEERING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION TO THE RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE:
Adopt.

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE ACTION: Motion by GOODING, second by RUDOLPH, to adopt. Motion carried.

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Adopt.

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2013 CONFERENCE ACTION:

Captions:

- IV.B.5. Support the return of the police and fire protection fee to its original purpose while maintaining current shared revenue funding levels.
- IV.B.6. Support the retention of the current landline fee until a statewide telephone contract can be established.

Judicial and Public Safety

Wisconsin Counties Association

2013 Conference Resolution 28

Offered for consideration this 22nd Day of September, 2013 by

Eau Claire County

Relating to

Restoring Funding for Circuit Court Support, Guardian Ad Litem, and Interpreter Reimbursement to the 2006-2007 Funding Levels

WHEREAS, circuit court funding reimbursement includes guardian ad litem payments to counties, reimbursing counties for this mandated expense; reimbursement for county expenses for state-mandated interpreters; and essential services provided by the clerk of courts including case management, jury management, fine collection, interpreter services, pro se litigant assistance, all of which are state mandated or constitutionally required; and

WHEREAS, the governor's budget passed by the legislature in 2011 reduced circuit court support payments and guardian ad litem payments to counties by more than 10%; and

WHEREAS, the budget also included a 10% reduction in reimbursement to counties for expenses incurred in providing interpreters for persons with limited English proficiency; and

WHEREAS, the guardian ad litem payment to counties was originally designed to reimburse counties for this mandated expense; now it no longer comes close to covering the amount expended; and

WHEREAS, the proposed 2013-2015 state biennial budget further reduces funding for circuit court support.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Wisconsin Counties Association, in conference assembled, does hereby support restoring funding of essential services in the circuit court system to the 2006-2007 funding levels.

STEERING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION TO THE RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE:
Adopt.

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE ACTION: Motion by KITTLESON, second by KOTTKE, to adopt. Motion carried.

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Adopt.

2013 CONFERENCE ACTION:

2013 Conference Resolution 28

Caption:

IV.C.14. Support restoration of state funding to counties in the circuit court support and guardian ad litem payment programs, as well as the interpreter reimbursement program, to at least FY 07 funding levels.

Judicial and Public Safety

Wisconsin Counties Association

2013 Conference Resolution 29

Offered for consideration this 22nd Day of September, 2013 by

Walworth County

Relating to

Requesting that the State of Wisconsin Restore Circuit Court Funding for Guardian Ad Litem and Court Support Programs

WHEREAS, an annual report of actual costs is submitted by the Clerk of Circuit Court of each county by May 15 of each year to the Director of State Courts' office; and

WHEREAS, calculations are made for payments for the Court Support Payment Program and the Guardian ad Litem Payment Program using the statutory formulas under s.758.19, Wis. Stats., which are due to counties; and

WHEREAS, Court Support Payment is paid in January and July of each year, and one payment is made for the GAL payment in July of each year; and

WHEREAS, the Director of State Courts is requesting that the State Legislature consolidate both programs into one as a new Circuit Court Financial Support Program (CCFS) with a semi-annual payment as currently structured, and payment would be made semi-annually to the counties using the following formula:

1. The amount determined by dividing the number of circuit court branches in the county by the total number of circuit court branches in the state, and multiplying that result by one-third of the total amount paid.
2. The amount determined by dividing the judicial need for the county as measured by the court's weighted caseload methodology for the previous calendar year by the total judicial need for all counties and multiplying the result by one-third of the total amount to be paid.
3. The amount determined by dividing the amount of court fines, forfeitures, and surcharges collected in the county in the previous calendar year by the total amount of court fines, forfeitures, and surcharges collected in the state in the previous calendar year and multiplying that result by one-third of the total amount paid; and

WHEREAS, the Director of State Courts is also requesting a Bifurcated Small Claims Clerk of Circuit Court Fee that will be collected for the counties.

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Wisconsin Counties Association, in conference assembled, does hereby support the request of the Director of State Courts for the CCFS Payments restructure; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Wisconsin Counties Association also supports the request of the Director of State Courts for a Bifurcated Small Claims Clerk of Circuit Court Fee that will be collected for the counties.

STEERING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION TO THE RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE:
Adopt.

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE ACTION: Motion by RUSSELL, second by KOTTKE, to adopt. Motion carried.

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Adopt.

2013 CONFERENCE ACTION:

Captions:

- IV.C.16. Support the Director of State Courts' proposal for the creation of a Circuit Court Financial Support Program.
- IV.C.17. Support the request of the Director of State Courts for a Bifurcated Small Claims Clerk of Circuit Court Fee that will be collected for the counties.

Wisconsin Counties Association

2013 Conference Resolution 30

Offered for consideration this 22nd Day of September, 2013 by

Eau Claire County

Relating to

Requesting an Adequate Level of Funding to Support Circuit Courts

WHEREAS, Wis. Stat. 758.19(5) is the statutory enactment providing for state assistance to the counties to help run the circuit courts and is essential for the fair administration of justice for all counties of the state; and

WHEREAS, since the 2006-2007 biennium, the court support payment for Eau Claire County has dropped \$68,361; and

WHEREAS, if funding would have remained at the 2006-2007 biennium level Eau Claire County would have received an additional \$181,835 to help defray the costs associated with operating the circuit courts; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 950 of the Wisconsin Statutes entitled "Rights of Victims and Witnesses of Crime" guarantees victims of crime speedy disposition of cases to minimize the length of time crime victims must endure the stress and responsibilities of the crime; and

WHEREAS, criminal cases are not being processed on a timely basis because of severe understaffing in the district attorney's office and the public defender's office and therefore the rights of crime victims as guaranteed by Chapter 950 of the Wisconsin Statutes are not being fulfilled.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Wisconsin Counties Association, in conference assembled, does hereby request that an adequate level of state assistance through the circuit court support grant be provided to ensure the fair administration of justice in all counties; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the state legislature adequately funds the district attorney and public defender offices to ensure speedy disposition of criminal cases as guaranteed to crime victims.

STEERING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION TO THE RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE:

Adopt.

2013 Conference Resolution 30

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE ACTION: Motion by HAUKOHL, second by BATES, to adopt. Motion by BRAULT, second by STANDAFER, to amend the resolved clauses to replace the word “adequate” with “fully fund.” Motion failed. Motion to adopt carried.

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Adopt.

2013 CONFERENCE ACTION:

Caption:

IV.C.15. Support an adequate level of state assistance through the circuit court support grant to ensure the fair administration of justice in all counties, as well as an adequate level of funding to the district attorney and public defender offices to ensure speedy disposition of criminal cases as guaranteed to crime victims.

Judicial and Public Safety

Wisconsin Counties Association

2013 Conference Resolution 31

Offered for consideration this 22nd Day of September, 2013 by

Rock County

Relating to

Urging the State of Wisconsin to Restore Victim/Witness Funding

WHEREAS, counties are mandated by the Wisconsin Constitution and Wisconsin Chapter 950 to provide certain services to crime victims and witnesses; and

WHEREAS, the State of Wisconsin originally reimbursed counties up to 90% of the cost of providing these services; and

WHEREAS, the reimbursement rate for January through December 2011 was 61.25%, and was reduced to 40% for July through December 2011; and

WHEREAS, a reduction in State funding requires additional county funding to provide the mandated level of service; and

WHEREAS, the Rock County Victim/Witness office is part of the District Attorney's Office and is included in the Rock County budget.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Wisconsin Counties Association, in conference assembled, does hereby urge the State of Wisconsin to restore Victim/Witness funding to a minimum of 60% of eligible costs.

STEERING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION TO THE RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE:
Adopt.

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE ACTION: Motion by MILLER, second by HAUKOHL, to adopt. Motion carried.

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Adopt.

2013 CONFERENCE ACTION:

2013 Conference Resolution 31

Caption:

IV.C.14. Support legislation that increases the funding allocated to counties for reimbursement of victim/witness services costs at a level no less than 60 percent of eligible costs.

Judicial and Public Safety

Wisconsin Counties Association

2013 Conference Resolution 32

Offered for consideration this 22nd Day of September, 2013 by

Eau Claire County

Relating to

Supporting Efforts to Protect our Children and our Communities and Urging Federal and State Elected Officials to Enact Common Sense Solutions to Protect Citizen's Life, Liberty and Pursuit of Happiness

WHEREAS, 20 innocent six and seven year olds and six adults lost their lives in the horrific school shooting in Newtown, Connecticut; and

WHEREAS, whether a mass shooting that creates horror for our entire nation or whether one of the 32 gun murders or 90 gun deaths that happen in our communities and homes every day, this issue needs to be addressed; and

WHEREAS, the president signed 23 executive actions aimed at reducing gun violence and announced a set of concrete actions Congress can take to fix our gun laws and help keep our families safe:

- Background checks for every single gun sold in America.
- Bans on military style assault weapons and high capacity magazines designed to end as many lives in as little time as possible.
- Tough penalties for gun traffickers who arm criminals and fuel gun violence in our communities.
- Making schools safer.
- Increasing access to mental health services; and

WHEREAS, guns are the only consumer product exempt from federal product safety regulations, so feasible safety features are not required; and

WHEREAS, department of health and human services agencies, including the National Institutes of Health and Centers for Disease Control, are prevented from studying guns as a public safety risk, so important public health data on policies and programs to prevent gun injury are unavailable; and

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WHEREAS, according to statistics reported by the U.S. News and World Report on April 3, 2013, 90% of the people expressed support for background checks for gun show and private gun sales, and 60% of our citizens believe that gun sales laws should be stricter and support an assault weapons ban; and

WHEREAS, it is becoming more and more evident that the U.S. federal government and Wisconsin state government do not seem inclined to be working toward any common ground solutions to gun violence or to protect the constitutional rights of the people to the peaceful pursuit of happiness and the right to assemble; and

WHEREAS, the Declaration of Independence states, “we hold these truths to be self evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights, that among these are life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness...;” and

WHEREAS, this same document proclaims that our government is to organize “its powers in such a form...” that is most likely to protect the people’s “...safety and happiness...”

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Wisconsin Counties Association, in conference assembled, does hereby applaud the president and others at the federal and state level who are leading a policy conversation based on our common goals and values, avoiding the usual, divisive political debate. The Wisconsin Counties Association supports and calls upon all locally elected leaders, community groups, the faith community, and citizens to speak up and promote favorable action on common sense actions to protect our children and our communities by reducing gun violence; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Congress act promptly to lift restrictions that have prevented research on gun violence prevention by the Centers for Disease Control, the National Institutes of Health, and other agencies and partners; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Wisconsin Counties Association that the Congress of the United States and the President of the United States are expected to work together to address gun violence with bills that protect the aforesaid expressed rights of the American people to put forth in both houses of the United States government and that these bills shall be voted upon in both houses of the U.S. Congress; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the legislators of both houses in our great State of Wisconsin shall also put forth similar bills and conduct votes upon such bills.

STEERING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION TO THE RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE:
Indefinitely postpone.

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE ACTION: Motion by RUDOLPH, second by SINKULA, to indefinitely postpone. Motion carried.

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RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Indefinitely postpone.

2013 CONFERENCE ACTION:

Caption:

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Wisconsin Counties Association

2013 Conference Resolution 33

Offered for consideration this 22nd Day of September, 2013 by

Walworth County

Relating to

Requesting the State Legislature Eliminate Antiquated Tax Rate Limits for Counties

WHEREAS, counties are required to adopt an operating levy that does not exceed the state-mandated limit imposed on counties in 1994; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Wis. Stat. Sec. 59.605, the operating levy may not increase by more than an amount equal to the previous year's levy adjusted for the percentage change in county equalized value; and

WHEREAS, the tax rate limits were suspended for property tax years 2011-12 and 2012-13 but are scheduled to be in effect again in 2013-14 and thereafter; and

WHEREAS, equalized value is a poor measure to limit tax increases; large increases or decreases in equalized value do not necessarily cause large increases or decreases in the demand for county services; and

WHEREAS, the tax levy limit imposed pursuant to Wis. Stat. Sec. 66.0602 already limits county tax levies; therefore, the state-imposed tax rate limit is unnecessary.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Wisconsin Counties Association, in conference assembled, does hereby request that the State Legislature repeal the 1994 law that imposed tax rate limits on local units of government.

STEERING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION TO THE RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE:
Indefinitely postpone.

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE ACTION: Motion by BATES, second by KRAFT, to indefinitely postpone. Motion carried.

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Indefinitely postpone.

2013 CONFERENCE ACTION:

Caption:

Taxation and Finance

Wisconsin Counties Association

2013 Conference Resolution 34

Offered for consideration this 22nd Day of September, 2013 by
Eau Claire County

Relating to

Supporting Efforts to Maintain the Tax Exempt Status of Municipal Bonds

WHEREAS, the tax exempt status of municipal bonds is nearly a century old and is vital to funding local infrastructure and economic development; and

WHEREAS, any move to change the current tax treatment of local government bonds would lead to higher borrowing costs for local governments; and

WHEREAS, without tax exempt financing, much needed infrastructure improvements would likely be delayed; and

WHEREAS, tax exempt bonds are a critical tool for Wisconsin counties that facilitates the budgeting and financing of long-term investments in the infrastructure and facilities necessary to meet public demand for government services; and

WHEREAS, at a time when infrastructure demands are great, increasing the cost of local government borrowing could have serious impacts on the national, state and local economies; and

WHEREAS, without the tax exemption, the effectiveness of the bond market would be significantly dampened, creating higher borrowing costs for county governments, less investment in infrastructure, and fewer jobs.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Wisconsin Counties Association, in conference assembled, does hereby support maintaining the current tax-exempt status of municipal bonds.

STEERING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION TO THE RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE:
Adopt.

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE ACTION: Motion by DJUMADI, second by KOTTKE, to adopt. Motion carried.

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Adopt.

2013 Conference Resolution 34

2013 CONFERENCE ACTION:

Caption:

IV.F.5. Support federal legislation to maintain the current tax-exempt status of municipal bonds.

Taxation and Finance

Wisconsin Counties Association

2013 Conference Resolution 35

Offered for consideration this 22nd Day of September, 2013 by

Eau Claire County

Relating to

Supporting Legislation Requiring Online-Only Retailers to Collect and Remit Wisconsin Sales Tax

WHEREAS, under current law many online-only retailers are refusing to collect and remit sales taxes in states where they do not have a physical presence; and

WHEREAS, this creates an unfair price advantage for online-only retailers over traditional brick-and-mortar Wisconsin businesses that provide Wisconsin-based jobs; and

WHEREAS, as the amount of unpaid tax by some people grows, more revenue needs to be collected from everyone else to compensate; and

WHEREAS, uncollected Wisconsin state and local sales tax revenue is estimated between \$100 million and \$200 million annually; and

WHEREAS, sales tax revenues are an important component of state and local government budgets; and

WHEREAS, this resolution supports all Wisconsin residents, businesses and units of government.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Wisconsin Counties Association, in conference assembled, does hereby support legislation requiring online retailers with subsidiaries or affiliates located in Wisconsin to collect and remit Wisconsin state and local sales taxes.

STEERING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION TO THE RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE:
Adopt.

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE ACTION: Motion by SINKULA, second by IDSVOOG, to adopt. Motion carried.

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Adopt.

2013 CONFERENCE ACTION:

2013 Conference Resolution 35

Caption:

VI.J.10. Support legislation requiring online retailers with subsidiaries or affiliates located in Wisconsin to collect and remit Wisconsin state and local sales taxes.

Taxation and Finance

Wisconsin Counties Association

2013 Conference Resolution 36

Offered for consideration this 22nd Day of September, 2013 by

La Crosse County

Relating to

Supporting Legislation Requiring Online-Only Retailers to Collect and Remit Wisconsin Sales Tax

WHEREAS, under current law many online-only retailers are refusing to collect and remit sales taxes in states where they do not have a physical presence; and

WHEREAS, this creates an unfair price advantage for online-only retailers over traditional brick-and-mortar Wisconsin businesses that provide Wisconsin-based jobs; and

WHEREAS, as the amount of unpaid tax by some people grows, more revenue needs to be collected from everyone else to compensate; and

WHEREAS, uncollected Wisconsin state and local sales tax revenue is estimated between \$100 and \$200 million annually; and

WHEREAS, sales tax revenues are an important component of state and local government budgets; and

WHEREAS, this resolution supports all Wisconsin residents, businesses and units of government.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Wisconsin Counties Association, in conference assembled, does hereby support legislation requiring online retailers with subsidiaries or affiliates located in Wisconsin to collect and remit Wisconsin state and local sales taxes.

STEERING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION TO THE RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE:
Adopt.

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE ACTION: Motion by SINKULA, second by IDSVOOG, to adopt. Motion carried.

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Adopt.

2013 CONFERENCE ACTION:

2013 Conference Resolution 36

Caption:

VI.J.10. Support legislation requiring online retailers with subsidiaries or affiliates located in Wisconsin to collect and remit Wisconsin state and local sales taxes.

Taxation and Finance

Wisconsin Counties Association

2013 Conference Resolution 37

Offered for consideration this 22nd Day of September, 2013 by

Eau Claire County

Relating to

Urging State Legislators to Vote in Favor of Transportation Dollars for Transportation

WHEREAS, Wisconsin's transportation infrastructure is a fundamental component of its ability to attract and retain business and produce jobs; and

WHEREAS, gas tax and vehicle registration fees comprise over 85% of the state's segregated transportation account. Revenues from these two user fees have been declining and are inadequate to meet the existing transportation needs in this state; and

WHEREAS, Wisconsin's past practice of transferring money from the segregated transportation fund to the general fund has eroded the public's confidence that the "user fees" they pay through the state gasoline tax and vehicle registration fees will be used for their intended purpose; and

WHEREAS, Wisconsin's practice of replacing the dollars transferred from the state's segregated transportation fund with general obligation (GO) bonds puts our state in the precarious position of bonding to fund ongoing operations; and

WHEREAS, the debt service for these bonds is being paid for out of the state's general fund which hinders its ability to fund other programs like shared revenue, youth aids, community aids, and courts in the future; and

WHEREAS, Eau Claire County placed an advisory referendum on the November 2010 ballot asking "Should the Wisconsin Constitution be amended to prohibit any further transfers or lapses from the segregated transportation fund?"; and

WHEREAS, the people of Eau Claire County voted overwhelmingly in favor of this constitutional amendment; approximately 70% "yes;" and

WHEREAS, 53 other counties in Wisconsin also asked the same advisory referendum question, and the support was similar across the state with an average "yes" vote of 70%; and

WHEREAS, first consideration of this constitutional amendment passed the Wisconsin State Legislature overwhelmingly last session, on a bipartisan basis; and

2013 Conference Resolution 37

WHEREAS, the 2012-13 session of the Wisconsin State Legislature has the opportunity to pass second consideration of this constitutional amendment and in so doing will give the citizens of the entire state the opportunity to vote for amending the state constitution to ensure transportation revenues are spent for transportation purposes; and

WHEREAS, providing constitutional protection for transportation user fees will align Wisconsin with our neighbors in Minnesota, Iowa and Michigan.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Wisconsin Counties Association, in conference assembled, does hereby strongly urge our state representatives to vote in favor of second consideration of the joint resolution to protect the transportation fund, thereby giving voters across this state the opportunity to vote on a binding referendum to amend the constitution and ensure the transportation user fees they pay will be spent for transportation purposes.

STEERING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION TO THE RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE:
Indefinitely postpone.

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE ACTION: Motion by SINKULA, second by BATES, to indefinitely postpone. Motion carried.

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Indefinitely postpone.

2013 CONFERENCE ACTION:

Caption:

Transportation and Public Works

Wisconsin Counties Association

2013 Conference Resolution 38

Offered for consideration this 22nd Day of September, 2013 by

La Crosse County

Relating to

Supporting Legislation to Amend the Wisconsin Constitution in Favor of Transportation Dollars for Transportation

WHEREAS, Wisconsin's transportation infrastructure is a fundamental component of its ability to attract and retain business and produce jobs; and

WHEREAS, revenues from gas tax and vehicle registration fees, which comprise over 85% of the state's segregated transportation account, have been declining and are inadequate to meet the existing transportation needs in this state; and

WHEREAS, Wisconsin's past practice of transferring money from the segregated transportation fund to the general fund has eroded the public's confidence that the "user fees" they pay through the state gasoline tax and vehicle registration fees will be used for their intended purpose; and

WHEREAS, Wisconsin's practice of replacing the dollars transferred from the state's segregated transportation fund with general obligation bonds puts our state in the precarious position of bonding to fund ongoing operations, and hinders the state's ability to fund other programs like Shared Revenue, Youth Aids, Community Aids and Courts in the future; and

WHEREAS, La Crosse County placed an advisory referendum on the November 2010 ballot asking, "Should the Wisconsin Constitution be amended to prohibit any further transfers or lapses from the segregated transportation fund?"; and

WHEREAS, the people of La Crosse County voted overwhelmingly in favor of this constitutional amendment by nearly 70% voting "yes" and 53 other counties in Wisconsin also asked the same advisory referendum question and the vote in favor was similar across the state; and

WHEREAS, first consideration of this constitutional amendment overwhelmingly passed the Wisconsin State Legislature on a bipartisan basis last session; and

2013 Conference Resolution 38

WHEREAS, the 2012-13 session of the Wisconsin State Legislature has the opportunity to pass second consideration of this constitutional amendment and, in so doing, will give the citizens of the entire state the opportunity to vote for amending the state constitution to ensure transportation revenues are spent for transportation purposes; and

WHEREAS, providing constitutional protection for transportation user fees will align Wisconsin with our neighbors in Minnesota, Iowa and Michigan.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Wisconsin Counties Association, in conference assembled, does hereby urge our state representatives to vote in favor of second consideration of the joint resolution for a constitutional amendment to protect the transportation fund, thereby giving voters across the state the opportunity to vote on a binding referendum to amend the constitution and ensure the transportation user fees they pay will be spent for transportation purposes.

STEERING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION TO THE RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE:
Indefinitely postpone.

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE ACTION: Motion by SINKULA, second by BATES, to indefinitely postpone. Motion carried.

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Indefinitely postpone.

2013 CONFERENCE ACTION:

Caption:

Transportation and Public Works

Wisconsin Counties Association

2013 Conference Resolution 39

Offered for consideration this 22nd Day of September, 2013 by

La Crosse County

Relating to

Requesting the Wisconsin DOT Increase the Level of Service Frequency for Mowing on the State Trunk Highway and Interstate Exit Areas

WHEREAS, the La Crosse County Board has received numerous complaints about the current level of service frequency permitted by Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) for mowing work performed by the County Highway Department under contract on State Trunk Highways and the Interstate Exits; and

WHEREAS, the increase in the State Budget for the next fiscal year will significantly increase the available funding for the Routine Maintenance Agreements (RMA) with counties, thereby providing additional funding that could permit an increase in the level of mowing service.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Wisconsin Counties Association, in conference assembled, does hereby urge the State Legislature and the WisDOT to significantly increase the level of mowing frequency for work performed by the County Highway Department under contract permitted by the WisDOT on State Trunk Highways, Interstate Exits and urban areas; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the appropriate level of mowing frequency as described in the State Highway Maintenance Manual Policy 74.10 Section C (effective Date May 1, 1996), which states to Shoulder Cut, "As often as necessary. Mow after the general plant height reaches 12 inches" "Minimum mowing height is six inches," and apply these standards equally to rural and urban areas.

STEERING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION TO THE RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE:
Indefinitely postpone.

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE ACTION: Motion by RUDOLPH, second by MILLER, to indefinitely postpone. Motion carried.

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Indefinitely postpone.

2013 CONFERENCE ACTION:

2013 Conference Resolution 39

Caption:

Transportation and Public Works

**2013 WCA
CONFERENCE
RESOLUTIONS 40~45
REAFFIRM CURRENT
POSITIONS OF THE
WISCONSIN
COUNTIES
ASSOCIATION**

Wisconsin Counties Association

2013 Conference Resolution 40

Offered for consideration this 22nd Day of September, 2013 by

Eau Claire County

Relating to

Requesting the Wisconsin Legislature Amend State Statutes to Allow Counties to Adjust Compensation for Elective Officials During their Four-Year Terms

WHEREAS, Wis. Stat. 59.22(1)(a)(1) states each county is required to “establish the total annual compensation for services to be paid” to county elective officials in Eau Claire County, the clerk of circuit court, county clerk, register of deeds, sheriff, and treasurer, prior to the earliest time for filing nomination papers; and

WHEREAS, Wis. Stat. 59.22(1)(a)(1) also states “the compensation established shall not be increased nor diminished during the officer’s term;” and

WHEREAS, the term for all county constitutional officers was two years until 2006 when the state legislature changed the term to four years, with the sheriff, clerk of courts, and coroner being elected concurrent with the gubernatorial election and the county clerk, treasurer and register of deeds being elected concurrent with the presidential election; and

WHEREAS, with the alternating terms, it has become increasingly difficult to set compensation fairly between the elective official positions; and

WHEREAS, compensation for other county positions are typically set for a one or two year period; and

WHEREAS, with the volatility of the current economy, it has become increasingly difficult for the County Board of Supervisors to set compensation for any position for four years; and

WHEREAS, counties normally do not know what funds they will have available until the two-year state budget is released; and

WHEREAS, compensation for elective officials must be set in April of their election year, and county board budgets are not adopted until November.

2013 Conference Resolution 40

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Wisconsin Counties Association, in conference assembled, does hereby request the Wisconsin State Legislature amend Wis. Stat. 59.22 to allow counties to review and adjust the compensation paid to elective officials during their four-year terms based on changing economic conditions.

STEERING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION TO THE RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE:
Adopt.

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE ACTION: Motion by RUDOLPH, second by GOODING, to adopt. Motion carried.

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Adopt.

2013 CONFERENCE ACTION:

Caption:

I.B.3.d.(5) Urge that legislation be introduced to allow county boards the option of setting elected county officials' compensation annually, in conjunction with the annual budget, and consistent with the process for establishing the compensation for general county employees.

County Organization and Personnel

Wisconsin Counties Association

2013 Conference Resolution 41

Offered for consideration this 22nd Day of September, 2013 by

Price County

Relating to

Requesting the Wisconsin State Legislature Reconsider Requirements for Counties to Set Constitutional Officer Salaries for Their Entire Four-Year Term

WHEREAS, per §59.22 of the Wis. State Statutes, *Compensation, fees, salaries and traveling expenses of officials and employees*, 59.22(1)(a)(1) states each county is required to “establish the total annual compensation for services to be paid to the officer;” and

WHEREAS, §59.22(1)(a)(1) also states “the compensation established shall not be increased nor diminished during the officer’s term;” and

WHEREAS, the term for all County Constitutional Officers was two years until 2006 when the State Legislature changed the term to four years, with the Sheriff, Clerk of Courts and Coroner being elected concurrent with the Gubernatorial Election and the County Clerk, Treasurer and Register of Deeds being elected concurrent with the Presidential Election; and

WHEREAS, with the alternating terms, it has become increasingly difficult to set compensation fairly between the elective official positions; and

WHEREAS, compensation for other county positions are typically set for a one- or two-year period; and

WHEREAS, with the volatility of the current economy, it has become increasingly difficult for the County Board of Supervisors to set compensation for any position for four years; and

WHEREAS, counties normally do not know what funds they will have available for their budget until the two-year State budget is released; and

WHEREAS, compensation for elective officials must be set in April of their election year and County Board budgets are not adopted until November.

2013 Conference Resolution 41

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Wisconsin Counties Association, in conference assembled, does hereby request the Wisconsin State Legislature reconsider Wisconsin State Statute §59.22 to allow counties to review and adjust the compensation paid to elective officials during their four-year term based on changing economic conditions.

STEERING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION TO THE RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE:
Adopt.

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE ACTION: Motion by RUDOLPH, second by GOODING, to adopt. Motion carried.

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Adopt.

2013 CONFERENCE ACTION:

Caption:

I.B.3.d.(5) Urge that legislation be introduced to allow county boards the option of setting elected county officials' compensation annually, in conjunction with the annual budget, and consistent with the process for establishing the compensation for general county employees.

County Organization and Personnel

Wisconsin Counties Association

2013 Conference Resolution 42

Offered for consideration this 22nd Day of September, 2013 by

Eau Claire County

Relating to

Requesting Restoration of Base-Level Funding to County Land Conservation Programs as Supported by the Wisconsin Counties Association, Wisconsin Farmers Union, and Wisconsin Farm Bureau Federation

WHEREAS, the state legislature and governor enacted into law in 1997 a new county-based system to protect our land and water resources from impacts associated with nonpoint source pollution that lead to soil loss and polluted runoff; and

WHEREAS, the county land conservation committee and the land conservation division of the department of planning and development is the necessary local delivery mechanism for a wide range of natural resource management programs; and

WHEREAS, Section 92.16(6)(b) of the Wisconsin Statutes states that the Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection shall attempt to provide funding for an average of three staff persons per county, with an average of \$100,000 per county for cost-sharing grants; and

WHEREAS, the Department's soil and water resource management program has not met the funding expectations related to this statutory staffing goal; and

WHEREAS, county land conservation staff supported by state grants has consistently decreased since the program began, from 219 in 1997 to 97 in 2012, under the 2011-2013 biennial budget and approved agency lapses; and

WHEREAS, counties have been asked to pick up the funding shortfalls to maintain necessary program implementation or reduce needed service to clients; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection has requested that additional reductions in base staff funding allocations be included in the 2013-2015 biennial budget reducing the funding from a 12-year average of \$9.3 million down to \$7.8 million in 2014 and \$8 million in 2015; and

2013 Conference Resolution 42

WHEREAS, the Wisconsin Counties Association (WCA), the Wisconsin Farmers Union, and the Wisconsin Farm Bureau Federation have all adopted 2013 statewide policy directives that recognize the value of the work county land conservation committees and staff provide to their membership by supporting directives that support maintaining this base level of funding; and

WHEREAS, county land conservation staff play a critical role in our local economy by assisting landowners to obtain needed state and federal funds to help implement nonpoint source pollution control best management practices for their operations and the proposed cuts will therefore have a rippling negative impact on our county's citizens and its resources.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Wisconsin Counties Association, in conference assembled, does hereby urge the governor of the State of Wisconsin and all elected representatives in the Wisconsin State Legislature to return to the \$9.3 million appropriation for state aid to counties, recognizing the invaluable service that county conservation employees provide in helping Wisconsin farmers and growing our state's agriculture industry.

STEERING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION TO THE RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE:
Adopt.

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE ACTION: Motion by FARREY, second by IDSVOOG, to adopt. Motion carried.

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Adopt.

2013 CONFERENCE ACTION:

Caption:

II.G.1.aa. Restore funding for county land conservation staffing and cost-sharing grants.

Environment and Land Use
Agriculture

Wisconsin Counties Association

2013 Conference Resolution 43

Offered for consideration this 22nd Day of September, 2013 by

Walworth County

Relating to

Requesting that the State Restore Base-Level Funding as Supported by the Wisconsin Counties Association and the Wisconsin Farm Bureau

WHEREAS, the State Legislature and Governor enacted into law in 1997 a new county-based system to protect our land and water resources from impacts associated with Non-Point Source Pollution that lead to soil loss and polluted runoff; and

WHEREAS, the county land conservation department is the necessary local delivery mechanism for a wide range of natural resource management programs; and

WHEREAS, Sec. 92.16(6)(b) of the Wisconsin Statutes states that the Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection shall attempt to provide funding for an average of three staff persons per county, with an average of \$100,000 per county for cost-sharing grants; and

WHEREAS, the Department's Soil and Water Resource Management program has not met the funding expectations related to this statutory staffing goal; and

WHEREAS, county land conservation staff supported by state grants have consistently decreased since the program began, from 219 in 1997 to 97 in 2012, under the 2011-2013 biennial budget and approved agency lapses; and

WHEREAS, counties have been asked to pick up the funding shortfalls to maintain necessary program implementation or reduce needed service to clients; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection has requested that additional reductions in base staff funding allocations be included in the 2013-15 biennial budget, reducing the funding from a 12-year average of \$9.3 million to \$7.8 million in 2014, and \$8 million in 2015; and

WHEREAS, the Wisconsin Counties Association (WCA) and the Wisconsin Farm Bureau Federation have both adopted 2013 statewide policy directives that recognize the value of the work county land conservation departments provide to their membership by supporting directives that support maintaining this base level of funding; and

2013 Conference Resolution 43

WHEREAS, county land conservation staff play a critical role to our local economy by assisting landowners obtain needed state and federal funds to help implement Non-Point Source Pollution control Best Management Practices for their operations, and the proposed cuts will, therefore, have a rippling negative impact on our county's citizens and its resources.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Wisconsin Counties Association, in conference assembled, does hereby urge the Governor of the State of Wisconsin and all elected representatives in the Wisconsin State Legislature to return to the \$9.3 million appropriation for state aid to counties, recognizing the invaluable service that county conservation employees provide in helping Wisconsin farmers and growing our state's agriculture industry.

STEERING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION TO THE RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE:
Adopt.

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE ACTION: Motion by FARREY, second by IDSVOOG, to adopt. Motion carried.

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Adopt.

2013 CONFERENCE ACTION:

Caption:

II.G.1.aa. Restore funding for county land conservation staffing and cost-sharing grants.

Environment and Land Use
Agriculture

Wisconsin Counties Association

2013 Conference Resolution 44

Offered for consideration this 22nd Day of September, 2013 by

La Crosse County

Relating to

Supporting Wisconsin's Acceptance of Federal Funding to Expand Coverage for the State Medicaid Program (BadgerCare), Guaranteeing Coverage to Low Income Adults

WHEREAS, if the State of Wisconsin agrees to accept Medical Assistance funding available through the US Affordable Care Act it would get \$12 billion to fill the holes in BadgerCare over the next ten years for the State or about \$240 million for La Crosse County residents; and

WHEREAS, the new federal money will extend BadgerCare to over 170,000 Wisconsin residents or about 3,400 La Crosse County residents per year or to over 211,000 Wisconsin residents or about 4,200 La Crosse County residents within ten years; and

WHEREAS, there are over 146,000 Wisconsin residents currently on the BadgerCare waiting list of which about 2,900 are La Crosse County residents; and

WHEREAS, the Medicaid (BadgerCare) provisions of the national health care reform law guarantee coverage to all citizens below 133% of the federal poverty level (\$14,856 annually, \$7.14 per hour for a single individual and \$20,123 annually, \$9.67 per hour for couples); and

WHEREAS, an estimated 10,000 jobs would be created with this expansion; and

WHEREAS, 100% of the cost will be paid by the Federal government for the first three years and 90% for all years following, compared to the 40% share Wisconsin currently pays; and

WHEREAS, Wisconsin would save an additional \$247 million in the cost of uncompensated medical care because more people would have health coverage.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Wisconsin Counties Association, in conference assembled, does hereby encourage Governor Walker and the Wisconsin State Legislature to support the \$12 billion expansion of Medicaid (BadgerCare) under the new health care law.

2013 Conference Resolution 44

STEERING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION TO THE RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE:
Adopt.

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE ACTION: Motion by KOTTKE, second by RUSSELL, to adopt. Motion carried.

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Adopt.

2013 CONFERENCE ACTION:

Caption:

III.C.3.g. Support the continuation of Wisconsin's medical assistance program at current or expanded eligibility levels.

Health and Human Services

Wisconsin Counties Association

2013 Conference Resolution 45

Offered for consideration this 22nd Day of September, 2013 by
Eau Claire County

Relating to

Supporting Local Control and Adjusting Statutory Property Tax Levy Limit

WHEREAS, Wisconsin Statute 66.0602 restricts a county's ability to increase its tax levy only by the increase in net new construction; and

WHEREAS, this restriction to generate tax revenue, coupled with limited ability to generate other revenue from fees, licenses and permits, hinders Eau Claire County's ability to address local needs, economic development opportunities, and increasing costs such as personnel, expenses for contracted goods and services, highway, human services, and law enforcement services; and

WHEREAS, current law does not reward local government for holding the line or reducing property taxes, but rather encourages local units of government to raise property taxes.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Wisconsin Counties Association, in conference assembled, does hereby support legislation that allows the county board to adjust property tax levies based on local needs.

STEERING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION TO THE RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE:
Adopt.

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE ACTION: Motion by STANDAFER, second by RUSSELL, to adopt. Motion carried.

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Adopt.

2013 CONFERENCE ACTION:

Caption:

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

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COUNTY OF RACINE
GOVERNMENT SERVICES COMMITTEE

Ronald Molnar, Chairman
Rusty Clark, Vice Chairman
Donnie Snow, Secretary

Supervisor Ken Hall
Supervisor Mike Dawson
Supervisor Kiana Johnson
Supervisor John Wisch

To: Governor Walker, Racine County State Legislators, and all Wisconsin Counties
Date: July 24, 2013
Subject: Prioritize road maintenance first, new construction second

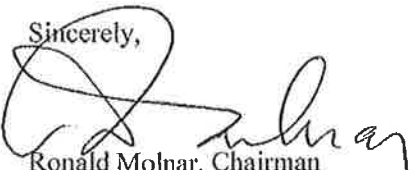
Some counties continue to pass resolutions that indicate their support for the use of transportation dollars exclusively for transportation projects.

We, too, support the idea that funds raised from transportation taxes of various kinds should not be used for other purposes and we look forward to hearing from the voters when they get a second chance to consider a constitutional change on this matter via referendum.

On a deeper level, we remain concerned that too often bold, new state construction and expansion projects are proposed and funded first, while necessary funding, including state support for county and local government road maintenance, is overlooked and shortchanged.

For example, the state recently proposed an unneeded and mega-million dollar expansion of Highway 38 in Caledonia to four lanes and only backed down when local opposition, including a resolution from Racine County, asked the state to do so. In contrast, for the past two years Racine County has had to make do with nearly 10% less state transportation aid for maintenance.

So, please know that we expect funds raised for transportation to be used for transportation and to be prioritized first to maintain existing systems. This may not please the road building lobby, but it will cement the partnership with counties and local governments that rely on the state to fully meet its maintenance obligations year in and year out.

Sincerely,

Ronald Molnar, Chairman
Racine County Government Services Committee

County Administrator
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Date Ran 8/21/2013
Period 7
Year 2013

Revenues

Acct Number	Description	Current Period Actual	Current Period Budget	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	Prorated Variance	Total Budget	Annual Remaining	Percentage Of Budget
474023	DEPT VEHICLE CHARGES	-	(62.50)	(291.98)	(437.50)	145.52	(750.00)	(458.02)	#DIV/0! 38.93%
Totals		-	(62.50)	(291.98)	(437.50)	145.52	(750.00)	(458.02)	38.93%

Expenditures

Acct Number	Description	Current Period Actual	Current Period Budget	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	Prorated Variance	Total Budget	Annual Remaining	Percentage Of Budget
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511110	SALARY-PERMANENT REGULAR	9,467.03	10,100.33	56,808.88	70,702.33	(13,893.45)	121,204.00	64,395.12	46.87%
511210	WAGES-REGULAR	4,083.94	4,393.68	27,617.14	30,755.78	(3,138.64)	52,724.19	25,107.05	52.38%
511220	WAGES-OVERTIME	-	107.00	-	749.00	(749.00)	1,284.00	1,284.00	0.00%
511310	WAGES-SICK LEAVE	-	-	258.61	-	258.61	-	(258.61)	#DIV/0!
511320	WAGES-VACATION PAY	611.33	-	7,014.79	-	7,014.79	-	(7,014.79)	#DIV/0!
511330	WAGES-LONGEVITY PAY	-	19.50	-	136.50	(136.50)	234.00	234.00	0.00%
511340	WAGES-HOLIDAY PAY	638.00	-	3,025.25	-	3,025.25	-	(3,025.25)	#DIV/0!
511350	WAGES-MISCELLANEOUS(COMP)	-	-	1,259.65	-	1,259.65	-	(1,259.65)	#DIV/0!
512141	SOCIAL SECURITY	1,120.27	1,069.17	7,290.38	7,484.20	(193.82)	12,830.06	5,539.68	56.82%
512142	RETIREMENT (EMPLOYER)	983.95	968.65	5,977.17	6,780.53	(803.36)	11,623.77	5,646.60	51.42%
512144	HEALTH INSURANCE	3,577.02	1,271.08	14,663.35	8,897.58	5,765.77	15,253.00	589.65	96.13%
512145	LIFE INSURANCE	1.27	11.08	33.15	77.58	(44.43)	133.00	99.85	24.92%
512173	DENTAL INSURANCE	131.88	162.00	1,050.69	1,134.00	(83.31)	1,944.00	893.31	54.05%
531298	UNITED PARCEL SERVICE UPS	-	-	95.59	-	95.59	-	(95.59)	#DIV/0!
531311	POSTAGE & BOX RENT	-	2.08	2.53	14.58	(12.05)	25.00	22.47	10.12%
531312	OFFICE SUPPLIES	0.48	83.33	231.62	583.33	(351.71)	1,000.00	768.38	23.16%
531313	PRINTING & DUPLICATING	(129.44)	33.33	(4.91)	233.33	(238.24)	400.00	404.91	-1.23%
531314	SMALL ITEMS OF EQUIP	-	20.83	-	145.83	(145.83)	250.00	250.00	0.00%
531322	SUBSCRIPT NEWSPAPERS&PERIO	-	16.17	-	113.17	(113.17)	194.00	194.00	0.00%
531324	MEMBERSHIP DUES	-	30.00	1,888.50	210.00	1,678.50	360.00	(1,528.50)	524.58%
531351	GAS/DIESEL	-	66.67	360.32	466.67	(106.35)	800.00	439.68	45.04%
532325	REGISTRATION	305.00	64.58	305.00	452.08	(147.08)	775.00	470.00	39.35%
532332	MILEAGE	-	73.33	1.24	513.33	(512.09)	880.00	878.76	0.14%
532335	MEALS	-	25.83	-	180.83	(180.83)	310.00	310.00	0.00%
532336	LODGING	-	81.67	-	571.67	(571.67)	980.00	980.00	0.00%
532339	OTHER TRAVEL & TOLLS	-	8.33	-	58.33	(58.33)	100.00	100.00	0.00%
533225	TELEPHONE & FAX	22.88	33.33	191.28	233.33	(42.05)	400.00	208.72	47.82%
533228	INTERNET	-	-	170.70	-	170.70	-	(170.70)	#DIV/0!
535352	VEHICLE PARTS & REPAIRS	-	41.67	-	291.67	(291.67)	500.00	500.00	0.00%
571004	IP TELEPHONY ALLOCATION	39.73	30.17	278.11	211.17	66.94	362.00	83.89	76.83%
571005	DUPLICATING ALLOCATION	2.31	39.42	16.18	275.92	(259.74)	473.00	456.82	3.42%

571009	MIS PC GROUP ALLOCATION	375.57	274.92	2,617.35	1,924.42	692.93	3,299.00	681.65	79.34%
571010	MIS SYSTEMS GRP ALLOC(ISIS)	120.84	125.33	845.88	877.33	(31.45)	1,504.00	658.12	56.24%
591519	OTHER INSURANCE	78.26	83.33	573.70	583.33	(9.63)	1,000.00	426.30	57.37%
594813	CAP OFC EQUIP	-	345.83	-	2,420.83	(2,420.83)	4,150.00	4,150.00	0.00%

Totals		21,430.32	19,582.67	132,572.15	137,078.68	(4,506.53)	234,992.02	102,419.87	56.42%
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Other Financing Sources (Uses)

Acct Number	Description	Current Period Actual	Current Period Budget	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	Prorated Variance	Total Budget	Annual Remaining	Percentage Of Budget
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Total Business Unit		21,430.32	19,520.17	132,280.17	136,641.18	(4,361.01)	234,242.02	101,961.85	56.47%
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Revenues

Acct Number	Description	Current Period Actual	Current Period Budget	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	Prorated Variance	Total Budget	Annual Remaining	Percentage Of Budget
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Expenditures

Acct Number	Description	Current Period Actual	Current Period Budget	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	Prorated Variance	Total Budget	Annual Remaining	Percentage Of Budget
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511110	SALARY-PERMANENT REGULAR	2,145.00	2,145.00	15,015.00	15,015.00	-	25,740.00	10,725.00	58.33%
511210	WAGES-REGULAR	-	-	617.46	-	617.46	-	(617.46)	#DIV/0!
511240	WAGES-TEMPORARY	328.12	461.75	616.88	3,232.25	(2,615.37)	5,541.00	4,924.12	11.13%
512141	SOCIAL SECURITY	670.82	785.92	5,059.01	5,501.42	(442.41)	9,431.00	4,371.99	53.64%
512142	RETIREMENT (EMPLOYER)	98.00	129.58	770.18	907.08	(136.90)	1,555.00	784.82	49.53%
512144	HEALTH INSURANCE	-	-	42.90	-	42.90	-	(42.90)	#DIV/0!
512173	DENTAL INSURANCE	65.55	81.00	519.38	567.00	(47.62)	972.00	452.62	53.43%
514151	PER DIEM	6,845.00	7,666.67	53,845.00	53,666.67	178.33	92,000.00	38,155.00	58.53%
521296	COMPUTER SUPPORT	150.00	-	150.00	-	150.00	-	(150.00)	#DIV/0!
531298	UNITED PARCEL SERVICE UPS	6.28	-	6.28	-	6.28	-	(6.28)	#DIV/0!
531303	COMPUTER EQUIPMT & SOFTWARE	895.50	-	1,028.57	-	1,028.57	-	(1,028.57)	#DIV/0!
531311	POSTAGE & BOX RENT	65.72	91.67	392.25	641.67	(249.42)	1,100.00	707.75	35.66%
531312	OFFICE SUPPLIES	21.33	125.00	368.86	875.00	(506.14)	1,500.00	1,131.14	24.59%
531313	PRINTING & DUPLICATING	248.68	250.00	1,463.54	1,750.00	(286.46)	3,000.00	1,536.46	48.78%
531321	PUBLICATION OF LEGAL NOTICE	3,058.37	1,250.00	8,909.52	8,750.00	159.52	15,000.00	6,090.48	59.40%
531322	SUBSCRIPT NEWSPAPERS&PERIC	-	73.33	860.00	513.33	346.67	880.00	20.00	97.73%
531324	MEMBERSHIP DUES	-	1,200.92	14,311.42	8,406.42	5,905.00	14,411.00	99.58	99.31%
531326	ADVERTISING	-	-	20.80	-	20.80	-	(20.80)	#DIV/0!
531333	VIDEO SERVICES	650.00	704.17	3,900.00	4,929.17	(1,029.17)	8,450.00	4,550.00	46.15%
531349	OTHER OPERATING EXPENSES	60.00	-	60.00	-	60.00	-	(60.00)	#DIV/0!
532325	REGISTRATION	415.00	83.33	415.00	583.33	(168.33)	1,000.00	585.00	41.50%
532332	MILEAGE	1,281.51	1,416.67	10,643.92	9,916.67	727.25	17,000.00	6,356.08	62.61%
532335	MEALS	99.80	41.67	234.91	291.67	(56.76)	500.00	265.09	46.98%
532336	LODGING	-	100.00	-	700.00	(700.00)	1,200.00	1,200.00	0.00%
532339	OTHER TRAVEL & TOLLS	-	1.67	-	11.67	(11.67)	20.00	20.00	0.00%
533225	TELEPHONE & FAX	24.09	16.67	146.53	116.67	29.86	200.00	53.47	73.27%
533236	WIRELESS INTERNET	40.01	40.00	280.03	280.00	0.03	480.00	199.97	58.34%
535242	MAINTAIN MACHINERY & EQUIP	-	-	2.06	-	2.06	-	(2.06)	#DIV/0!
571004	IP TELEPHONY ALLOCATION	19.87	20.08	139.09	140.58	(1.49)	241.00	101.91	57.71%
571005	DUPLICATING ALLOCATION	573.99	1,090.58	4,017.92	7,634.08	(3,616.16)	13,087.00	9,069.08	30.70%

571009	MIS PC GROUP ALLOCATION	375.57	458.17	2,617.35	3,207.17	(589.82)	5,498.00	2,880.65	47.61%
571010	MIS SYSTEMS GRP ALLOC(ISIS)	1,812.53	1,880.00	12,687.71	13,160.00	(472.29)	22,560.00	9,872.29	56.24%
591519	OTHER INSURANCE	13.74	14.42	96.24	100.92	(4.68)	173.00	76.76	55.63%
594819	CAP OTHER EQUIP	-	208.33	-	1,458.33	(1,458.33)	2,500.00	2,500.00	0.00%

Totals		19,964.48	20,336.58	139,237.81	142,356.08	(3,118.27)	244,039.00	104,801.19	57.06%
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Totals		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	#DIV/0!
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Total Business Unit		19,964.48	20,336.58	139,237.81	142,356.08	(3,118.27)	244,039.00	104,801.19	57.06%
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**County Administrator's
Monthly Activity Report
August, 2013**

1. Department Head Meeting

There was a department head meeting held on 8/14. Discussion of current budget status was reviewed as well as an initial game plan for 2015. Group discussion on fleet management was reviewed with working groups anticipated in the future to review policy and how to best utilize the fleet. Departments provided updates to on-going projects.

2. Committee/Board, Staff and Other meetings

I will have attended 15 Committee/Board meetings by the end of this month. In addition, I will have had at least 15 meetings with staff and other officials this month. Significant amount of time was spent on budget with individual departments and the Finance Department. Final health insurance rates were published on August 28th and in line with what was budgeted.

3. Old Countryside Home Demolition

The County Board authorized the County Administrator to enter into a contract on August 13 with Symbiont. Several meeting with held with the firm to finalize scope of work and review of the contract language. Notice to bidder were publically published with the bid documents made available on the County's website. A walk through will take place on August 29th with bids due on September 9th.

4. Sheriff Annex

Final award of work has been approved by all required committees and the Board. A pre-construction meeting was held with a tentative start date of September 3rd. It is expected to be completed early November

5. Courthouse Security Entrance

Staff met with the architect and general contractor to review final outstanding design issues and current construction schedule. A lot of progress has been made with the focus moving to the interior of project next week. There are several issues outstanding, the primary issue being how to deal with the roof top units. Staff will work with the architect and contractor to find a plausible solution to the aesthetic view of the front entrance.

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6. Personnel Matters

On 8/20, the Human Resources Committee discussed the gap analysis concerning review of policy and procedures of protected information. Staff will be reviewing and making a final determination. In addition, a safety audit was approved to review policy, procedures and training that is in place. Based on the review of this audit, a way ahead will be discussed to cover areas of concerns.

The County Administrator has accepted the resignation of the Economic Development Director. Working with the HR Department, a profile was developed and posted on numerous websites with application being accepted until September 23. This process will be coordinated with the Board of Directors of the Consortium, primarily the Chair Mayor David.

7. Highway Department Facilities

Staff continues to meet with Barrientos concerning Design Development. In addition, we have contracted with The Sigma Group to serve as our Owner's Representative on this project. We have been working on getting the primary contact up to speed. Work is continuing on the Design Development phase which will be shown at the next Board meeting.

In addition, questions are being solicited concerning the programming. To date the following questions have been received for discussion:

- Pre-engineered/steel structure versus pre-cast concrete
- Size of vehicle storage
- Automated versus manual wash
- Utilization of energy solutions (Solar, geothermal, etc..)

8. Community Events

During the course of August, I attended several community events and meetings. This included meeting with the Chancellor and Vice Chancellor of Administrative Affairs for UW-Whitewater, Forum of Dementia at Fort Atkinson Hospital, met with the Watertown Economic Development Organization Executive Director, attended a County Economic Development Forum on manufacturing and a Glacier Heritage Area event.

9. Board/Commission Appointments

It is anticipated that there will not be any appointments submitted to the County Board for confirmation at its 8/14 meeting.

Ben Wehmeier
County Administrator