

**WISCONSIN COUNTIES UTILITY TAX
ASSOCIATION BOARD MEETING
Friday, APRIL 9, 2021**

AGENDA

10:30 AM TO 12:30 PM (Lunch provided for those present)

Note: New office address:

Constituency Services is now housed inside the Wisconsin Professional Police Association (WPPA) 600 John Nolen Drive Suite 300A Madison, WI 53713 (Note: exit Beltline John Nolen Drive, turn into Sheraton Hotel on Rimrock Road and John Nolen Drive. Turn left. Go half block. Office building on the right Side that houses WEA Insurance, WI Builders Association, WI Professional Police Assn. Plenty of surface parking. Come up to 3rd floor.

RSVP: clarify if you are joining by zoom or plan to attend in person (* up to six)

M. Alice O'Connor is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89992058082?pwd=Q2NxOFUwK2k5dTJiNDA3aU1N>

Meeting ID: 899 9205 8082

Passcode: 192665

One tap mobile

+13017158592,,89992058082#,,,,*192665# US (Washington DC)

+13126266799,,89992058082#,,,,*192665# US (Chicago)

Dial by your location

+1 301 715 8592 US (Washington DC)

+1 312 626 6799 US (Chicago)

+1 646 558 8656 US (New York)

+1 253 215 8782 US (Tacoma)

+1 346 248 7799 US (Houston)

+1 669 900 9128 US (San Jose)

Meeting ID: 899 9205 8082

Passcode: 192665

Find your local number: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/keioklaf39>

I. Call to Order/Introductions - President William Goehring

- Roll Call/ Welcome/ Introductions
- Reintroduce: Kelly McDowell addition for budget efforts
- Update New Resolutions / letters to governor & lawmakers
- Change By laws- not require \$500 minimum (By laws attached)
- Current members with lawmaker contacts (attachment)
- Summary of DOR meeting March 15, 2021
- Open meetings record request and 990 pages of Utility Tax 144 Forms shared

**2021 WISCONSIN
COUNTIES UTILITIES TAX
ASSOCIATION
PO Box 5126
Madison WI 53705**

President

WILLIAM GOEHRING
(920) 994-4749
Sheboygan County

Vice President

WALT CHRISTENSEN
(920)723-1320
Jefferson County

Secretary-

LEE ENGLEBRECHT
920-755-4042
Manitowoc County

Treasurer

ROBERT KEENEY
Grant County
(608) 723-2711

Executive Director

ALICE O'CONNOR
Direct (608) 225-9391

Member Counties

ASHLAND
BUFFALO
CHIPPEWA
COLUMBIA
CRAWFORD
DOUGLAS
DUNN
FOREST
GRANT
GREEN
JACKSON
JEFFERSON
JUNEAU
KENOSHA
KEWAUNEE
LA CROSSE
MANITOWOC
MARATHON
MARINETTE
MARQUETTE
OCONTO
OZAUKEE
PEPIN
ROCK
SAUK
SHEBOYGAN
TREMPEALEAU
VERNON
WASHBURN
WASHINGTON
WAUSHARA
WOOD

- o Create work group to analyze DOR Utility Tax 144 forms
- o Create work group to begin to craft all issues for some sort of Study Committee
- Adjustment- Constituency Services retainer during budget process cycle

II. Approve Minutes from February 5, 2021 meeting (attachment)

III. Treasurer's Report- Supervisor Robert Keeney (attachments)

- Treasurer' s report
- Updated 2021 dues chart (attachment)

IV. Executive Director REPORT - Alice O'Connor

- Impact of COVID funds (\$3.1 BILLION) on our state budget amendment efforts
- Status report 2021 separate bill draft and budget motion (Tittl/Kurtz)
- Discuss New proposal Senator Rob Cowles
- INVITED SPEAKER Rep. Loren Oldenburg 10-year step down legislation
- Joint Finance committee timing, budget buddies and process
- Fiscal note request impact of utility tax changes by local jurisdiction-Status
- NCSL request- what are other states doing as coal fired power plants shut down
- Legislative visits to date and feedback landscape
- Grassroots contacts by WCUTA members. ANY FEEDBACK?

V. UPDATE: Kyle Christiansen, WCA tax and Finance lobbyist

VI. Any Other Business

VII. Next Meeting Date

VIII. Adjourn

Please RSVP. Questions call Alice 608-225-9391 or

aoc@constituencyservices.org

Feb 5, 2021 Minutes of the Board of Directors –VIA ZOOM

The meeting was called to order at 10:30 AM by Board Chair Supervisor Bill Goehring. Roll call was taken.

PRESENT: William Goehring- Sheboygan County, Alice O’Connor - WCUTA

Via zoom: Robert Keeney - Grant County Board Chair, Walt Christensen - Jefferson County Supervisor, Lance Leonhard – Marathon County Administrator, Thomas Rosenberg , Marathon County Supervisor, ogre Call ,Vernon County Supervisor , Don Kriefall, Washington County Board Chair, Vern Gove, Columbia County Board Chair, Kevin Hamann, Oconto County Administrator, Supervisor, Bob Yeomans - Rock County Supervisor, LaCrosse County Board Chair Monica Kruse, Roberts Sivick- Waushara County administrator, Stan Gruszyinski, Marinette County Supervisor, Vern Koch, Sheboygan County Board Supervisor, Monica Kruse, LaCrosse County , Don Kriefall, Washington County , Bob Koch, Columbia County Vice Chair, Brad Cook, Lois Schepp, Columbia County Comptroller ; James Foley, Columbia County; Clark Schroeder - Ashland County Administrator, Ray Ransom Jackson County Board

Via ZOOM GUESTS: Mark Wadium- Outagamie County Lobbyist; Kyle Christiansen – WCA Tax and Finance Lobbyist. Jolene Plautz, WI Utility Tax Association Shawn Pfaff, Pfaff Public Affairs Agribusiness Council, Kris Andrews, CSI, David Danzinger, Jamie Henricksen.

Chairman’s Report Supervisor William Goehring

Chairman Goehring indicated that the WCUTA office had received 12 letters and resolutions from counties with LaCrosse and Rock county board actions coming. He encouraged anyone who has not yet taken the time to pass a resolution or have your finance committee chair or county board chair send a letter to Governor Evers as well as your own lawmakers, to do so. The goal is to make this happen by February 16, the date the governor plants introduce his budget bill. He referred to an attachment that has the name of the primary state senator and state representative to contact for each county and reminded everyone samples of all resolutions had been previously sent multiple times.

He said that the Dept of Revenue had been continuing to promise written materials since our July 14th meeting. Alice reported that this same morning the Dept of Revenue finally responded by sending an email saying they could no longer provide handouts after all, but they wanted to offer to do a slide show for the organization explaining how they calculate the utility tax formula. Alice stated that she has repeatedly asked the Dept of Revenue to reference why they cannot share information that has been requested by pointing to a statute, administrate code reference, internal DOR policy or to just say because we want to do it this way. She has never received anything so the mystery of why counties villages, towns and counties only receive on average about \$70 million per year when the state collects between \$350 to \$370 million annually, remains. Alice was directed to inform the DOR that WCUTA would accept their offer for a slide presentation on how utility works if they prepare an agenda so we do not regurgitate the information we already know.

Mark Wadium, Outagamie County lobbyist said his county had sent letters to all their reps and senators and as a result Senator Rob Cowles said he might be interested in being our lead senate author on separate legislation. Alice and Mark will follow-up.

MINUTES

The minutes from the December 4, 2020 were approved on a motion from Kevin Hamann, second by Walt Christensen after the following corrections were made: Kevin Hamann is from Oconto County, Mark Wadium, Outagamie County lobbyist name corrected, and date of next board meeting year corrected to February 5, 2021.

Supervisor Yeoman motion, seconded by Administrator Sivick, directed Alice to follow-up with DOR to agree to an on line meeting as long as there is an agenda and our specific questions can be answered. If DOR is merely going to regurgitate what we can find on their website by ourselves, we do not want a meeting like this.

Treasurer's Report -Supervisor Robert Keeney

Supervisor Keeney reported the checkbook balance as of balance as of December 31,2020 was \$25,052.32. Four counties paid dues during this time- Marathon, Ashland, Grant and Rock, bringing the check book balance with .61 cents interest as of January 31, 2021 to \$30,396.38. The CD balance as of November 27, 2020 was \$ 41,031.76. Interest of \$25.86 resulted in a balance as of February 2, 2021 in the amount of \$41,057.62. The total assets as of February 2, 2021 were \$71,454.01.

AUDIT COMMITTEE REPORT- Chairman - Supervisor Keeney

The Audit Committee was comprised of Chair- Supervisor Robert Keeney, Supervisor Walt Christensen, and Administrator Robert Sivick. They met via e-mail prior to the board meeting. The board approved moving the fiscal year to a calendar year at the December 2020 meeting so the audit covers calendar year 2020. The bank records were electronically distributed to the Audit Committee and Board Chair, Supervisor Goehring. The Audit reflects January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020.

A motion to change the bylaws to update our fiscal year was made by Supervisor Bob Yeomans seconded by Supervisor Vern Gove. Motion carried.

The bank records were electronically distributed to the Audit Committee and Board Chair, Supervisor Goehring. The Audit reflects January 2020 through December 31, 2020. One additional change to the by-laws is required and will be put on the next agenda. WCUTA current bylaws say to be a member, the minimum payment is \$500. Several counties pay less than \$500. This must be removed.

WCUTA dues for 2021 were continued at the rate of .0020 % of the total County Utility Aid to provide sustainability of Association funds to support additional efforts during state budget deliberations. The Board also increased the monthly retainer paid to our Executive Director by \$100 per month with that fee set to \$2300 per month starting in December 2020.

The prior Audit approved the Association's fiscal year through April 1, 2020 ended with the business money market checking account balance of \$33,386.03. After that, April 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020, our organization collected \$23,923.20 in dues which covered some 2020 dues and some 2021 dues, depending on the budgeting structure and preference of timing by the County. The previous Audit discovered an over payment in the amount of \$1000 to Constituency Services on a May 2019 invoice which was repaid by CSI on September 2, 2020 for an additional \$1000 of revenue. Total interest accrued in the checking account from April 1 to December 31, 2020 was \$10.53.

Expenses during the current audit period of April 1 through December 31 include invoices paid to Constituency Services Inc that totaled \$32,268.44. It is noted by the Audit Committee that the same check number was used on two occasions, but this did not affect the bank account balance. Check #995029 was used on payments that cleared the bank for payments to CSI in early September and October while Check #995030 was used on payments that cleared the bank for payments to CSI in late September and November.

WCUTA holds a Certificate of Deposit that had a balance on March 31, 2020 of \$40,929.09. May 30, 2020 interest of \$51.02 and Aug 30, 2020 interest of \$51.65 were added to the CD that matured on August 30, 2020 with a balance of \$41,031.76. The CD was rolled over for another 12 months at an interest rate of 0.25%. November 30, 2020 interest of 25.86 was added leaving a balance at year's end of \$41,057.62.

Applying the revenue and expenses the Wisconsin Counties Utility Tax Association's bank balance as of December 31, 2020 was \$25,051.32. WCUTA also holds a Certificate of Deposit that was valued at \$41,057.62 on December 31, 2020. Adding these two account balances show the Association's total assets to be \$66,108.94. The Audit committee found these figures to be true and accurate. The motion was approved on a motion by Supervisor Vern Gove, seconded by Supervisor Yeomans. Audit approved.

GUEST SPEAKER JOLENE PLAUTZ JOINED BY PHONE representing the Wisconsin Utility Tax Association (WUTA) comprised of villages and towns. She also lobbies for the Towns Association but is not representing them at this meeting today. She said her board approved supporting our motion for a cost of living increase going forward. Their motion did not include a look back provision going back to 2005 which is what we seek in this budget bill. She said she will ask for another vote at their April meeting to support our look back financing but she says this will be a tall ask to achieve. She said the Fiscal Bureau told her board the governor would not include our request. She reminded us that the GOP majority won't work from Governor Evers budget bill. They will create their own budget bill and work from last year's base budget. They will cherry pick what they want to from Governor Evers budget bill, but call it their own. She also said the bill they were successful in passing last session the office year step down of utility tax funds instead of a cliff when a plant shuts down. Funds dry up immediately.

Because of the news this week that Alliant Energy was shutting down their Portage County power plant by 2025, Lois Schepp, Columbia County comptroller said that they have had little to no communication Alliant who has also been unable or unwilling to answer specific questions asked by Columbia County officials. Unit one will shut down in 2023 and unit 2 will shut down in 2024. Columbia County does not feel they have sufficient time to find a tax base to replace the utility taxes.

Separate concerns are related to how ratepayers will receive their power source since there isn't enough wind or solar to replace all coal fired power plants. Ms. Schepp said that although the PSC and DNR had been involved in this decision, they had not yet talked to Columbia County. What is confusing Columbia County is the millions put in by Alliant for polluting abatement equipment.

Columbia County can adjust their Levy limit 20 percent, but getting the necessary clearance for decommissioning can take years. Chairman Gove said Columbia County is also seeking answers from Senator Ballweg and Rep. Plumer to clarify when they can exceed levy limits with reduced utility tax funds and for how long.

Columbia County wants to know if Alliant stores energy elsewhere for Columbia County use and to know how taxes would then be calculated. What's increase in the levy limits while allowed outside step down payments. They do not have clear answers yet. Columbia County receives \$1.7 million for utility taxes currently.

Lance Leonhard - said Marathon County has been hearing rumors about the Weston plant shutting down too. Marathon County, like Columbia County receives \$1.8 million per year and they are on heightened alert.

Should the step-down formula be lengthened to 10 or 15 years? What would the impact be? We need a Fiscal Bureau paper to determine the impact. Alice will follow-up.

Supervisor Walt Christensen said in Jefferson County, there are 3 different solar projects on 2000 acres. Aid is important. Farmers will get their monthly payment from utilities and they will pay property taxes on their land. It is still not clear how the formula is affected if the utility owns the land. Supervisor Yeoman said currently there are about 96 different solar projects on deck with 30 percent subsidies. He pointed out the utility tax was designed to make local government whole and this has not happened.

Speaker: Shawn Pfaff Representative of the Agribusiness Coalition discussed how our organization might work together would strengthen our coalition so that we can make headway obtaining a greater share of utility taxes for local governments. Mr. Pfaff said there are 15,000 dairy farms left in Wisconsin and they are all trying to find ways to make money. Key for them is funding broadband. Long time farm families are concerned about how land will be used. Solar companies are taking advantage of solar projects because they are not in the county plan. Technology has evolved quickly. WI Ag Coalition meets the second Monday of every month. They are very tight with Rep. Kurtz, Loudenbeck and Marklein, key members of Finance. We are invited to their March 8 meeting. Land use and tax diversity are big for these ag groups. If anyone wants to go to this meeting let chairman Goering or Alice know.

Kyle Christensen- WCA report.

The Governor's budget address happens February 16 and WCA has been doing webinars on what local governments can and cannot do. He discussed the differences in the Governor's COVID-19 bill and the Republican COVID relief bill. He is not sure the Governor will sign. The governor renewed another 60 day mask mandate after the republicans overturned it and said the governor was violating the constitution. Kyle said even with a positive fiscal report, Wisconsin has over \$1 billion in its rainy day fund. He said the fighting between the senate and the assembly, and both houses fighting with the governor, make this a challenging budget to track.

Executive Director's Report -Alice O'Connor

Alice reiterated the frustration despite prior good will offered by the Dept. of Revenue. She said despite two positive meetings with the Governor's office, she has been hearing he will not be inserting our cost of living increase into his budget. She has lined up Rep. Paul Tittl (R-Manitowoc) to be our lead Assembly author on separate legislation. Rep. Tittl is a former Board member before he was elected to the state legislature and he understands our issue well. She indicated she and Supervisor Keeney had met with Senator Marklein staff to engage him in possibly offering our budget amendment. It is really important everyone keep talking to your own lawmakers and if you have not yet gotten your letter to the governor

or your own lawmakers, it is not too late. She reminded folks all documents needed, have been previously sent along with information for each lawmaker to contact.

She indicated that the League of Municipalities, while supportive of what we are trying to accomplish along with the Towns Association have decided not to engage months issue during the budget process because of other priorities they have. They feel it might affect other funding increases they seek so they want to only get engaged after the budget.

Rep. Jessie Rodriguez, who has Oak Creek Power plant in her district and also a member of Finance committee, said she is supportive of the COLA budget increase but at this time does not want to lead the charge on it. She also said she would be happy to again push for a Legislative Council Study committee. Recall it was scrapped after it had been approved in spring 2020 because Covid hit. She said she let Senator Cowles and Rep. Kerkman know we are supportive of their “dashboard transparency bill introduced again. Last session, the bill numbers were SB90/AB137. It would be yet another way we could find out what actual tax dollars are collected by DOR and how exactly they are allocated. This would eliminate the ongoing secrecy we face getting any data from DOR. She reminded everyone about the new Legislative Fiscal Bureau Jan 27, 2021 Paper 7, that provides a thorough explanation of utility taxes and it was shared previously.

She will continue to reach out to lawmakers and seek board members to participate in these meetings as well. Utility taxes are finally being talked about in Wisconsin legislature. We just don't have any real clear leaders who are committed yet on the Joint Finance Committee to offer our one time catch up it cost of living increase, about \$23 million and going forward about \$1.8. She reminded everyone this would be a short term fix to a larger issue that needs further changes to state law.

She and Mark Wadium will do follow meetings with Senator Cowles and Rep. Kerkman Alice will also follow-up with those counties how have not yet paid their dues to determine the status o.

The next board meeting will be April 9, 2021 to be determined.

The meeting adjourned at 12:55 on a motion for Supervisor Walt Christensen and seconded by Supervisor Monica Kruse.

WISCONSIN COUNTIES UTILITY TAX ASSOCIATION BY LAWS
Update Approved December 8, 2017

ARTICLE 1 – OFFICES

The initial principal office shall be as stated in the Articles. Thereafter the principal office may be at any location in the State of Wisconsin designated by the Association.

The Association may also establish such other offices in the State as it deems necessary.

ARTICLE 2 – MEMBERSHIP

Membership shall be of one class and shall continue as long as the annual dues are paid.

Any county in Wisconsin having an interest in shared utility tax issues may be considered for membership in this Association. *The amount shall be 1.5% of the annual utility tax revenue determined by the Department of Revenue or as determined by the WCUTA board or a minimum of \$500, whichever is greater.* New members shall be approved by a two-thirds vote of the association.”

The annual dues shall be determined by the vote of the members, on the recommendation of the Executive Committee. Dues may vary according to the shared utility taxes received by each county, and minimum and maximum amounts of dues may be set.

If any member shall be in arrears in payment of dues for three months after they are due and payable, the member shall be deemed delinquent and shall be dropped from the membership. Such member may be reinstated by the payment of dues.

ARTICLE 3 – MEETINGS

There shall be an annual meeting during the month of May unless otherwise ordered by the Executive Committee for the purpose of electing officers, receiving a report from the Auditing Committee and transacting such other business as may come before the Association. Notice of these meetings shall be communicated to each member at least ten days before the time appointed for the meeting or sent electronically at least 10 days before the meeting.

Other meetings shall be held at such time and place as determined by the membership or by the Executive Committee.

Six members of this Association, when present at any meeting, shall constitute a quorum. In case there is less than this number, the presiding officer may adjourn from time to time until a quorum is present.

ARTICLE 4 – VOTING

Each member county shall be entitled to one vote on questions coming before the Association. *Each vote shall be cast by the person designated to represent his county or that person's representative.*

It shall not be necessary that the person designated to vote, or his representative, be a member of the County Board of the County he represents; but such person shall be authorized by such County Board to cast such vote.

ARTICLE 5 – OFFICERS

The elected officers of this Association shall be President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. Their duties shall be as follows:

President – The President shall be the Chief Executive Officer of the Association and shall preside at all meetings of the general membership.

Vice President – The Vice President shall act in place of the President in his absence or in the event of his inability to act.

Secretary – The Secretary shall certify such corporate papers as require certification, and shall perform such other duties as may be assigned by the President.

Treasurer – The Treasurer shall be the custodian of the funds of the Association and shall receive and disperse the same. The Treasurer shall keep, or cause to have kept, a full and true account of all receipts and disbursements, and shall render a statement to the membership at each regular meeting.

ARTICLE 6 – EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

An Executive Director may be hired by the Association. The Executive Director shall have no vote, but shall perform the following duties:

- Record the minutes of the meeting of the membership and the Executive Committee.
- Keep all records of the Association.
- At the direction of the Treasurer, keep a full and true account of all receipts and disbursements.
- Consult with the President and the Executive Committee as to plans for future meetings and the general business of the Association.
- Perform such other duties as the Association shall direct.

ARTICLE 7 – EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

There shall be an Executive Committee consisting of no less than five voting members elected at each annual meeting, each from a different county. The four officials on the Executive Committee shall be the President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer. A fifth member shall be elected at the annual meeting. Officers of the Association shall be ex officio members of the committee, unless separately elected as voting members.

A majority of the elected members of the Executive Committee shall constitute a quorum at its meetings. The committee shall meet at such times and places as it deems necessary when it is convenient to call a meeting of the full membership.

The Executive Committee shall have the power to act on all matters which would normally come before a regular meeting of the full membership, subject to ratification at the next regular meeting of the membership.

ARTICLE 8 – AUDIT COMMITTEE

Annually, prior to the annual meeting, the President shall designate an Audit Committee of three persons. The Audit Committee shall examine the books and records of the Association since the last previous audit and submit its report at the annual meeting. The financial year of the Association is a calendar year that runs from January 1 to December 31 of the same year. *Change Approved February 5, 2021.*

ARTICLE 9 – SEAL

The Association shall have no seal.

Notice of any proposed amendment to the bylaws shall be communicated to the members at least ten days before the time appointed for the meeting.

Changes approved December 8, 2017.

Change approval Feb 5, 2021 fiscal year is calendar year



Chippewa County Board

Dean Gullickson, County Board Chair
 dgullickson@co.chippewa.wi.us

December 18, 2020

The Honorable Tony Evers
 Governor of Wisconsin
 115 East, State Capitol
 Madison, WI 53703

RE: Including a Provision in the 2021-2023 Budget Plan for Equitable Return of Utility Tax Collections to Counties and Municipalities as Utility Aid

Dear Governor Evers,

We write to you on behalf of Chippewa County to ask that you **include a provision in your 2021-23 budget plan to provide for a fairer, more equitable return of utility tax collections to counties and municipalities as utility aid.**

Our Association, the Wisconsin Counties Utility Tax Association (WCUTA), comprised of 36 counties with utilities and the Wisconsin Counties Association (WCA) have already requested that you insert an inflationary increase to the state's utility tax aid formula in your budget bill.

This modest, but important action would serve every local government in the state and would give you an opportunity to provide more dollars to local municipalities outside of the revenue caps.

Any increase in the utility tax formula would go a long way to help defray costs that are never fully covered for the many unfunded mandates, ongoing EMS, police and fire protection services around power plants, road services and ongoing maintenance. For example, based off the last two years, our county received on average \$1,282,775.94 of utility taxes. This amount has been flat or reduced during the last 13 years while our local costs have increased. The increase in tax levy utilized has increased by \$6,561,542, but the tax levy compared to the total budget has increased by almost 6% as shown in the chart below. Under revenue caps, the added burden to local taxpayers has been grossly unfair.

	Tax Levy	Total Budget	Tax Levy % of Total Budget
2007	13,391,600	72,240,386	18.5%
2021	19,953,142	82,162,968	24.3%
Increased	6,561,542	9,922,582	6%

Via the 50 year old formula, the state has collected these utility taxes and only returned about 20 percent to local governments. We hope you feel that it is time to address the absence of **inflationary increases in utility aid formula components** that has contributed to stagnant utility aid payments.

Specifically, a **thirteen-year inflationary index** (2005-2018) would generate \$22.5 million more in utility aid payments (catch-up money from this revenue not being indexed for inflation). **Indexing formula components from 2018 onward** would cost less than \$2 million per year, ensuring that payments reflect the increased value of utility property.

Shared revenue utility aid payments are a crucial source of funds to help counties and municipalities pay for services provided to tax-exempt utility property. These payments-in-lieu of taxes are also viewed as partial compensation for the air pollution, noise, traffic congestion, property maintenance, emergency services and land use limitations caused by the presence of utility property.

Including this cost-of-living increase, albeit modest when spread across the state, would be a revenue boost because of our inability to increase our levy beyond net new construction. We remain concerned that the state collects utility taxes for use as General Purpose Revenue (GPR), rather than returning those dollars to counties and municipalities where the utilities are located. In 2019-2020, the state collected \$351.4 million in utility taxes, but only returned \$75.6 million to local governments as utility aid.

In Chippewa County we experience increases in local costs, unfunded mandates and flat or declining state revenue. A few examples include:

- Chippewa County road replacement cycle is currently at 60 years, but the recommended cycle is 25 years.
- Child/Youth out of Home Placements have sharply increased in the last five years. Our year-to-date out-of-home placement costs in 2020 reflect a 100% increase since 2016 as shown in the table below.

Child/Youth Out of Home Placements					
	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020 (YTD)
Foster Care and Youth out of home placements	\$ 1,027,528	\$ 1,352,467	\$ 1,866,793	\$ 1,691,801	\$ 2,052,190

- Adult/Youth Mental Health Stabilization has also increased in the last four years. In comparing 2016 costs to 2019 costs, we have seen almost a 195% increase. If 2020 is compared to 2016 as in the previous example, Chippewa County has seen an 85% increase as shown below.

Adult/Youth Mental Health Stabilization					
	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020 (YTD)
Institute for Mental Disease (IMD) Winnebago & Mendota	83,861	297,925	100,151	301,072	100,771
IMD Trempealeau County Health Care Center	63,787	92,970	112,548	134,272	172,706
Total IMD	147,648	390,895	212,699	435,344	273,477

We sincerely appreciate your ongoing support to lift revenue caps. This proposal regarding the utility tax formula would be one way to move much needed dollars to local communities. If you have any additional questions please feel free to contact us.

For additional information you may also contact either Kyle Christiansen, WCA Tax Lobbyist at christianson@wicounties.org (608-663-7120) or Alice O'Connor, the WCUTA Executive Director, at aoc@constituencyservices.org or (608-225-9391).

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Dean Gullickson
Chippewa County Board Chair
dgullickson@co.chippewa.wi.us



Randy Scholz
Chippewa County Administrator
rscholz@co.chippewa.wi.us

cc: Senator Kathy Bernier
Representative Rob Summerfield
Representative Jesse James
Kyle Christenson, WCA Tax Lobbyist
Alice O'Connor, WCUTA Executive Director
Chippewa County Board of Supervisors
Lori Zwiefelhofer, Chippewa County Finance Director

Resolution No. 05 - 21

RES. 05 - 21: RESOLUTION TO ENCOURAGE THE GOVERNOR TO PROVIDE INCREASED STATE FUNDING TO COUNTIES AND MUNICIPALITIES THROUGH THE USE OF A MORE EQUITABLE RETURN OF UTILITY TAX COLLECTIONS AS UTILITY AID

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

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

WHEREAS, the State of Wisconsin has typically retained about 80% of utility tax collections for use as General Purpose Revenue (GPR), rather than return those dollars to the counties and municipalities where the utilities are located; and

WHEREAS, in 2019-20, the state collected \$351.4 million in utility taxes, but only returned \$75.6 million (21.5%) to local governments as utility aid; and

WHEREAS, payments generated through the current utility aid formula have largely been stagnant, both as a percentage of tax collections and in the actual dollars distributed to counties and municipalities; and

WHEREAS, stagnant or declining aid results in a burdensome shift in taxes to owners of the remaining taxable property; and

WHEREAS, any increase in the utility tax formula would go a long way to help defray costs that are never fully covered for the many unfunded mandates of local governments, including ongoing EMS, police and fire protection services around power plants, road services and ongoing maintenance; and

WHEREAS, adjusting the utility tax aid formula, to include an inflationary increase commencing with the 2021-2023 State Budget that is tied to the average rate of inflation, would help address the stagnation in the utility tax aid payments that has occurred and would provide a source of revenue for counties and municipalities that would be outside the constraints of revenue caps; and

WHEREAS, Chippewa County is a member of the Wisconsin Counties Utility Tax Association, which was created to provide representation of local units of government who host utility sites in their municipality; and

51 WHEREAS, the Utility Tax Association is a lobby organization that fights to
52 ensure that fair compensation is being returned to the hosting municipalities such as
53 Chippewa County; and
54

55 WHEREAS, the Utility Tax Association has requested that its member counties and
56 municipalities send a letter to Governor Tony Evers to urge the Governor to include a provision
57 in the 2021-2023 Budget Plan for an equitable return of Utility Tax collections to counties and
58 municipalities; and
59

60 WHEREAS, the attached proposed letter to Governor Tony Evers and other
61 documents show how the proposed changes to the utility tax aid formula would benefit
62 Chippewa County and other units of local government; and
63

64 NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chippewa County Board of
65 Supervisors does hereby authorize the County Board Chair and the County
66 Administrator to sign the attached letter to Governor Evers to encourage the Governor
67 to include a provision in the 2021-23 budget plan to provide for a fairer, more equitable
68 return of utility tax collections to counties and municipalities as utility aid through an
69 inflationary increase built into the utility aid formula; and
70

71 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of the letter to Governor Evers be sent to
72 the parties as indicated to show Chippewa County's support for a change in the Utility
73 Tax Aid formula.
74

75 Forwarded to the County Board by the Executive Committee.
76

77 **FINANCIAL IMPACT:**

78 There is no fiscal impact to Chippewa County by passage of this resolution.
79

80 **01/12/2021 County Board**
81
82

83 History:

84 01/05/21 Executive Committee FORWARD TO COUNTY BOARD

1st Reading 4/12/2021 2nd Reading N/A
Board Action - Vote Required S/M
For 13 Absent 1
Against 0 Abstain 0
Clerk Signature: Judyn Sadler

85 Approved as to Form:

Todd A. Pauls
Todd A. Pauls, Corporation Counsel 12/21/2020

Lori Zwiefelhofer
Lori Zwiefelhofer, Finance Director 12/21/2020

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-39

Requesting Governor Tony Evers and the State of Wisconsin Legislature to include a provision in the State 2021-2023 Budget to increase state utility tax aid to counties and municipalities

Executive Summary

State utility aid is intended to compensate local governments for costs they incur in providing services to local utilities which cannot be recouped through property tax since utilities are exempt from property taxation. Jefferson County is a member of the Wisconsin Counties Utility Tax Association which is comprised of 36 counties with electric utility plants. Local governments hosting utility plants are entitled to a portion of utility taxes collected by the State of Wisconsin. The current formula for determining aid payments is 50 years old and no longer provides an equitable return of utility tax collections to counties and municipalities. The State of Wisconsin has returned approximately 20 percent of the revenue collected to local governments hosting utilities. In 2019-2020, the state collected \$351.4 million in utility taxes, but only returned \$75.6 million to local governments as utility aid. This resolution is requesting that Governor Evers and the Wisconsin legislature include an inflation-based adjustment to the state's utility tax aid formula in the next budget bill to create an improved, more equitable return of utility tax collections to counties and municipalities as utility aid.

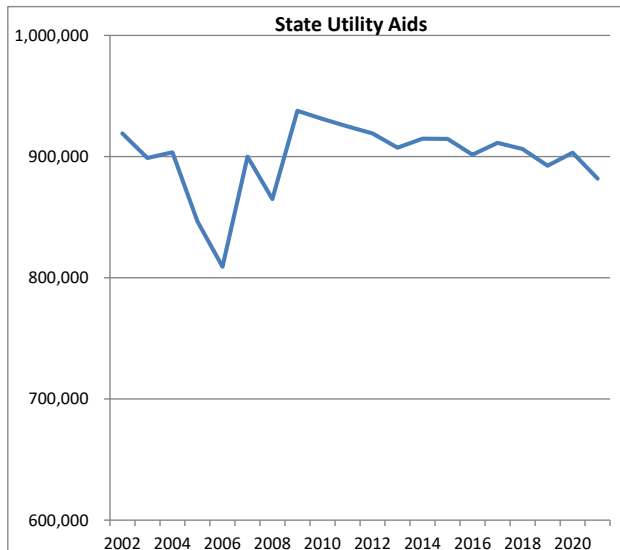
WHEREAS, a review of the current formula reveals that a thirteen-year inflationary index (2005-2018) would have generated \$22.5 million more in utility aid payments, and

WHEREAS, the indexing formula components from 2018 onward, would cost less than \$2 million per year, ensuring that payments reflect the increased value of utility property, and

WHEREAS, the modest but important action requested by this resolution would benefit local governments by providing much needed local revenue outside of revenue caps, and

WHEREAS, the additional revenue would defray the costs of state mandates such as emergency services, and road maintenance, and

WHEREAS, Jefferson County has received on average \$898,000 in shared utility taxes as shown below which has been declining against an average inflation rate of 1.96% over the last 13 years, and



WHEREAS, including this cost-of- living increase when averaged across the state, would be a boost to counter the strain of revenue caps and inability of counties and municipalities to raise their own property taxes, and

WHEREAS, Jefferson County remains concerned that the state collects utility taxes for use as General Purpose Revenue (GPR), rather than return those dollars to counties and municipalities where the utilities are located, and

WHEREAS, accepting the requests in this resolution would be one way to move much needed dollars to local communities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Jefferson County Board of Supervisors hereby requests Governor Tony Evers and the Wisconsin Legislature to include an inflation-based adjustment to the state's utility tax aid formula in the next budget bill to create an improved, more equitable return of utility tax collections to counties and municipalities as utility aid.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Governor Tony Evers and the Wisconsin Legislature include in the next State Budget a catch-up provision compensating counties and municipalities using a thirteen-year inflationary index (2005-2018) which would have generated \$22.5 million more in utility aid payments and further include indexing formula components from 2018 onward which would cost less than \$2 million per year to ensure that payments reflect the increased value of utility property.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Jefferson County Board Chair is authorized to sign the attached letter to Governor Tony Evers.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution and the attached letter to Governor Evers be forwarded by the County Clerk to Governor Tony Evers, the Wisconsin Counties Association and Jefferson County's Legislative Representatives for the purpose of requesting that they assist in this endeavor.

Fiscal Note: This resolution has no immediate fiscal impact.

Ayes: 27 Noes: 0 Abstain: 0 Absent: 3 Vacant: 0 .

Referred By:
Finance Committee

1-12-21

REVIEWED: County Administrator: BW; Corporation Counsel: JBS; Finance Director: MD .

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING INCREASED STATE UTILITY TAX PAYMENTS

TO THE MANITOWOC COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:

1 WHEREAS, public utilities are generally exempt from local property taxes and taxed
2 instead by the state of Wisconsin under Wis. Stat. ch. 76; and

3
4 WHEREAS, in lieu of payment through local property taxes, the state gives a portion of
5 the amounts it collects to counties and municipalities through a shared revenue utility aid payment;
6 and

7
8 WHEREAS, shared revenue utility aid payments help counties and municipalities pay for
9 services provided to the tax-exempt utility property; and

10
11 WHEREAS, these shared revenue utility aid payments are also viewed as partial
12 compensation for the air pollution, noise, traffic congestion, and land use limitations caused by the
13 presence of utility property; and

14
15 WHEREAS, the state has historically retained about eighty percent of utility tax collections
16 for use as General Purpose Revenue, rather than return those dollars to counties and municipalities
17 where the utilities are located; and

18
19 WHEREAS, in 2019-20, the state collected \$351.4 million in utility taxes, but only
20 returned \$75.6 million to local governments as utility aid, and

21
22 WHEREAS, payments generated through the current utility aid formula have largely been
23 stagnant, both as a percentage of tax collections and in the actual dollars distributed to counties
24 and municipalities; and

25
26 WHEREAS, stagnant or declining aid has resulted in a burdensome shift in taxes to owners
27 of the remaining taxable property in the county;

28
29 NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the county board of supervisors of the
30 County of Manitowoc hereby requests the Honorable Tony Evers to build in an inflationary
31 increase in the utility aid formula in the Governor's 2021-23 budget plan, which will result in a
32 fairer, more equitable return of utility tax collections; and

33
34 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County Clerk is directed to send a copy of this
35 resolution to Governor Evers and the legislators who represent Manitowoc County.

Dated this 19th day of January 2021.

Respectfully submitted by



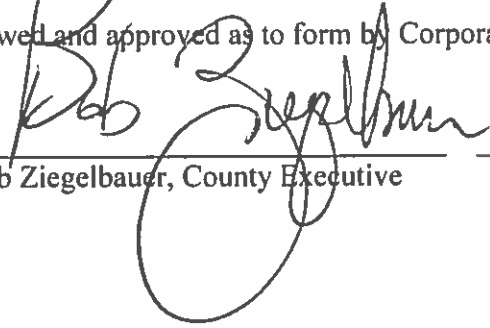
Jim Brey, County Board Chair

FISCAL IMPACT: None.

FISCAL NOTE: Reviewed and approved by Finance Director. 

LEGAL NOTE: Reviewed and approved as to form by Corporation Counsel. 

APPROVED:



Bob Ziegelbauer, County Executive

1/19/2021

Date

MANITOWOC COUNTY BOARD - 2020/2022 Session

DATE: January 19, 2021

DOCUMENT: Resolution 2020/2021-56 Supporting Increased State Utility Tax Payments

AYE	SUPERVISOR	NO	ABSTAIN	NOT PRESENT
X	AULIK, Jamie			
X	BAUMANN, James			
X	BEHNKE, Kevin			
X	BREY, James			
X	CAVANAUGH, Robert			
	DYZAK, David	X		
X	ENGELBRECHT, Lee			
X	FALKOWSKI, Jim			
X	GERROLL, Rick			
	HAGEN, Charles			X
	HANSEN, Paul			X
X	HENRICKSON, Rick			
X	LINSMEIER, Mark			
X	MARESH, Susie			
X	MARTELL, Tyler			
X	METZGER, Rita			
X	MUENCH, Nick			
X	NEILS, Jon			
	NICKELS, Dave			X
X	SHIMULUNAS, Bonnie			
X	SITKIEWITZ, Ken			
X	VOGT, Norbert			
X	WAGNER, Catherine			
X	WILLIAMS, Mike			
	ZIMMER, Don	X		

Aye: 20 No: 2 Abstain: 0 Not Present: 3

I certify that the above tally list is correct and true.

Jessica Backus, Manitowoc County Clerk



Legislative Fiscal Bureau

One East Main, Suite 301 • Madison, WI 53703 • (608) 266-3847 • Fax: (608) 267-6873
Email: fiscal.bureau@legis.wisconsin.gov • Website: <http://legis.wisconsin.gov/lfb>

March 22, 2021

TO: Senator Robert Cowles
Room 118 South, State Capitol

FROM: Noga Ardon, Fiscal Analyst

SUBJECT: Potential Changes to the Utility Aid Formula

At your request, this memorandum provides information on the fiscal effects of making certain changes to the utility aid formula. Utility aid is paid to counties and municipalities where utility property is located as compensation for the property being exempt from the property tax.

The utility aid formula is largely based on the net book value and generating capacity. Incentive aid is also provided, if the utility property has certain characteristics. Incentive aid payments are made for production plants which located on the site of or adjacent to a brownfield; for production plants which are baseload generating facilities; for production plants which derive energy from an alternative energy resource; or for production plants which are cogeneration facilities. Under current law, payments are calculated by multiplying the net book value of qualifying utility property by 9 mills, and multiplying the production plant's nameplate generating capacity (measured in megawatts) by \$2,000. The resulting figure is divided between the county and municipality in which the utility property is located. Cities and villages with utility property receive two thirds of this payment, while towns with utility property receive one third. The remaining amount is paid to the county. The net book value payment and the generating capacity payment are both subject to per capita limitations. The Department of Revenue has estimated that \$34.7 million will be paid in 2021 based on the net book value of qualifying utility property, and an additional \$34.1 million will be paid based on the generating capacity of qualifying utility property.

You asked about the fiscal effect of potential changes to the net book value and generating capacity components of the existing utility aid formula. Specifically, you asked about increasing the 9 mill payment to 12 mills, and increasing the generating capacity payment from \$2,000 to \$2,700 per megawatt. In 2020, the total net book value of all qualifying utility property in the state was \$3.9 billion, and the total generating capacity of all qualifying production plants in the state was 17,073.1 megawatts. These figures will be the basis of utility aid payments made in 2021. The attached table compares the calculation of net book value aid and generating capacity aid under current law and under the proposed changes. Net book value aid and generating capacity aid are both subject to per

capita limits of \$425 per capita for municipalities and \$125 per capita for counties. In 2021, these limits will decrease the amount of utility aid that would have otherwise been paid by \$965,000. The number of local governments subject to the per capita limitation, as well as the total payment reduction due to the limitation, would likely increase under the proposed changes to the formula. The amounts shown in the table are prior to the application of these limits, both under current law and under the proposed changes.

I hope this information is helpful. Please contact me with any further questions.

NA/lb
Attachment

ATTACHMENT

Effect of Changing Certain Components in the Public Utility Aid Distribution Formula

	<u>Current Law</u> <u>(9 Mills)</u>	<u>9.5 Mills</u>	<u>10 Mills</u>	<u>10.5 Mills</u>	<u>11 Mills</u>	<u>11.5 Mills</u>	<u>12 Mills</u>	
Net Book Value Aid	\$34,764,682	\$36,696,053	\$38,627,424	\$40,558,796	\$42,490,167	\$44,421,538	\$46,352,909	
Change from Current Law		\$1,931,371	\$3,862,742	\$5,794,114	\$7,725,485	\$9,656,856	\$11,588,227	
	<u>Current Law</u> <u>(\$2,000 per MW)</u>	<u>\$2,100</u>	<u>\$2,200</u>	<u>\$2,300</u>	<u>\$2,400</u>	<u>\$2,500</u>	<u>\$2,600</u>	<u>\$2,700</u>
Capacity Aid	\$34,146,200	\$35,853,510	\$37,560,820	\$39,268,130	\$40,975,440	\$42,682,750	\$44,390,060	\$46,097,370
Change from Current Law		\$1,707,310	\$3,414,620	\$5,121,930	\$6,829,240	\$8,536,550	\$10,243,860	\$11,951,170

County	First		Title	Address	Chippewa Falls	State	Zip	Phone	Email
Ashland	Clark	Schroeder	Ashland County Administrator	201 W Main St	Ashland	WI	54806	(715) 682-7015	clark.schroeder@co.ashland.wi.us
Ashland	Richard	Pufall	Ashland County Chair	1203 Main St East	Ashland	WI	54546	715 682 6116	none
Ashland	Gary	Mertig	Ashland County VC	82193 CTY Hwy F	Butternut	WI	54514	715 769 3660	gary.mertig@co.ashland.wi.us
Ashland	Heather	Schutte	Ashland County Clerk	201 W Main St	Ashland	WI	54806	(715)-682-7000	heather.schutte@co.ashland.wi.us
Buffalo	Sonya	Hansen	Buffalo County Assistant to the Administrator	407 S 2nd St	Alma	WI	54610	(608) 685-6234	sonya.hansen@co.buffalo.wi.us
Buffalo	David	Danzinger	Buffalo County Supervisor	407 S 2nd St	Alma	WI	54610	(715)495-2533	David.Danzinger@co.buffalo.wi.us
Buffalo	Dennis	Bork	Buffalo County Board Chair	S1678 County road U	Independence	WI	54747	608-323-07377	dennis.bork@co.buffalo.wi.us
Buffalo	Max	Weiss	Buffalo County Board VC	W988 French Valley road	Alma	WI	54610	715-4957532	max.weiss@co.buffalo.wi.us
Chippewa	Randy	Scholz	Chippewa County Administrator	711 N Bridge St	Chippewa Falls	WI	54729	(715) 726-4597	rscholz@co.chippewa.wi.us
Chippewa	Traci	Bremness	Assist to County Administrator	711 N Bridge St	Chippewa Falls	WI	54729	(715) 726-4597	tbremness@co.chippewa.wi.us
Chippewa	Charlene	Kervina	Chippewa County Board Supervisor	711 N Bridge St	Chippewa Falls	WI	54729	715-861-3723	ckervina@co.chippewa.wi.us
Chippewa	Dean	Gullickson	Chippewa County Board Chair	9924 County Hwy Q	Chippewa Falls	WI	54724	715 720-0810	dgullickson@co.chippewa.wi.us
Chippewa	Jackie	Sadler	Chippewa County Clerk	711 N Bridge St	Chippewa Falls	WI	54729	(715) 726-7980	jsadler@co.chippewa.wi.us
Chippewa	Lori	Zwiefelhofer	Chippewa County Finance Director	711 N Bridge St	Chippewa Falls	WI	54729	715-726-7947	LZwiefelhofer@co.chippewa.wi.us
Columbia	Vern E.	Gove	Columbia County Board Chair	PO Box 473	Portage	WI	53901	(608) 742-9904	michael.kelley@co.juneau.wi.us
Columbia	Lois	Schepp	Columbia County Comptroller	PO Box 473	Portage	WI	53901	(608) 742-9645	Lois.Schepp@co.columbia.wi.us
Douglas	Mark	Liebaert	Douglas County Board Chair	1316 N 14th Street, Suite 301	Superior	WI	54480	(715) 395-1493	mark.liebaert@douglascountywi.org
Dunn	Gary	Stene	Dunn County Vice Chair	505 High St	Colfax	WI	54730	715- 962 3572	gstene@co.dunn.wi.us
Dunn	David	Bartlett	Dunn County Board Chair	17123595 430th ST. Boyceville,	715 949-1619	WI	54725	715-949-1619	dbartlett@co.dunn.wi.us
Forest	Cindy	Gretzinger	Forest County Board Chair	7961 Maple St	Argonne	WI	54511	715 6493387	icindy.gretzinger@yahoo.com
Forest	Terry	Lukas	Forest County Board first Vice chair	5157 Spruce St	Laona	WI	54541	715-889-1394	TLukas1952@gmail.com
Forest	Nora	Matuszewski	Forest County Clerk Administrator	200 E Madison Ave.	Crandon	WI	54520	715-478-2422	nmatuszewski@co.forest.wi.us
Grant	Robert	Keeney	Grant County Board Chair	111 S Jefferson St, PO Box 529	Lancaster	WI	53813	(608) 723-2711	rkeeney@co.grant.wi.gov
Juneau	Alan K.	Peterson	Juneau County Board Chair	N3163 County Rd G	Mauston	WI	53948	(608) 847-7165	alanpeterson40@gmail.com
Juneau	Michael	Kelley	Juneau County Board 1st Vice Chair	113 W Monroe St	Mauston	WI	53948	608 847-6331	
Jackson	Ray	Ransom	Jackson County Board Chair	307 Main St.	Black River Falls	WI	54615	715-284-0258	ray.ransom@co.jackson.wi.us
Jackson	Jeff	Amo	Jackson County Board	20 East Adams St.	Black River Falls	WI	54615	715-284-9076	jeff.amo@co.jackson.wi.us
Jackson	Kyle	Deno	Jackson County Clerk	307 Main St.,	Black River Falls	WI	54615	715-284-0268	kyle.deno@co.jackson.wi.us
Jefferson	Steve	Nass	Jefferson County Board Chair	311 S Center Ave	Jefferson	WI	53549	920- 648- 8513	steven@jeffersoncounty.wi.gov
Jefferson	Tammie	Jaeger	Jefferson County Administrative Assistant	311 S Center Ave	Jefferson	WI	53549	(920) 674-8671	tammiej@jeffersoncounty.wi.gov
Jefferson	Walt	Christensen	Jefferson County Board Supervisor	W7057 Pond Road	Fort Atkinson	WI	53538	(920) 723-1320	WaltC@jeffersoncounty.wi.gov
Kenosha	John	O'Day	Kenosha County Board Chair	1010 56 St.	Kenosha	WI	53140	262 942-4100	john.oday@kenoshacounty.org
Kenosha	Jim	Kruiser	Kenosha County Executive	1010 56 Street	Kenosha	WI	53140	262-653-2600	
Kenosha	Monica	Yuhas	Kenosha County board 1st Vice chair		Bristol			2626532600	monica.Yuhas@kenoshacounty.org
Kenosha	Mary	Kubicki	Kenosha County Clerk	1010 56th St	Kenosha	WI	53104	(262) 653-2552	Mary.Kubicki@kenoshacounty.org
Kewaunee	Scott	Feldt	Kewaunee County Administrator	810 Lincoln St	Kewaunee	WI	54216	(920) 388-7164	feldts@kewauneeeco.org
Kewaunee	Daniel A.	Olson	Kewaunee County Board Chair	104 Woodview Lane		WI	54217	(920)845-5383	olson.daniel@kewauneeeco.org
Kewaunee	Gerald (Gary)	Paape	Kewaunee County Board Vice Chair	N8272 Maple Court	Luxemburg	WI	54201	920- 487 2292	paape.gerald@kewauneeeco.org
La Crosse	Steve	O'Malley	La Crosse County Administrator	212 6th Street North	Algoma	WI	54601	(608) 785-9789	omalley@lacrossecounty.org
La Crosse	Monica	Kruse	La Crosse County Board Chair	212 6th Street North	La Crosse	WI	54601	(608) 785-9563	mKruse@lacrossecounty.org
La Crosse	Sharon	Davidson	La Crosse County Finance Director	212 6th Street North	La Crosse	WI	54601	(608) 785-9580	sdavidson@lacrossecounty.org
Manitowoc	James	Brey	Manitowoc County Board Chair	809 S 25th Street	La Crosse	WI	54220	(920)683-4065	jimbrey@co.manitowoc.wi.us
Manitowoc	Lee	Englebrecht	Manitowoc County Supervisor	4928 Two Creeks road	Manitowoc	WI	54241	920-755-4042	leeengelbrecht@co.manitowoc.wi.us
Manitowoc	Bob	Ziegelbauer	ManitowocCounty Executive	1010 8th Street	Eagle River	WI	54220	920 683 5107	
Manitowoc	Jessica	Backus			Manitowoc				jessicabackus@co.manitowoc.wi.us
Marathon	Lance	Leonhard	Marathon County Administrator	500 Forest Street, Room 107	Wausau	WI	54403	(715) 261-1400	lance.leonhard@co.marathon.wi.us
Marathon	Thomas	Rosenberg	Marathon County Supervisor	500 Forst Sreef	Wausau	WI	54403	715 359-5221	Thomas.rosenberg@co.marathon.wi.us
Marathon	Kurt	Gibbs	Marathon County Board Chair	500 Forest Street	Wausau	WI	54403	(715) 370-7435	kurt.gibbs@co.marathon.wi.us
Marinette	John M.	Guarisco	Marinette County Supervisor	117 N Highway 141	Crivitz	WI	54114	715-732 7409	jguarisco@marinettecounty.com
Marinette	Stan	Gruyszynski	Marinette County Supervisor	W334 Twin Creek Road	Porterfield	WI	54159	(715) 732-4665	sgruszynski@marinettecounty.com
Marinette	Don	Pazynski	Marinette County Clerk	N2766 Stanley Lane	Marinette	WI	54143	(715) 735-5585	pazynskidb@gmail.com
Marinette	Kathy	Brandt	Marquette County Administrative Coordinator	1926 Hall Avenue	Marinette	WI	54143	(715)732-7406	mcclerk@marinettecounty.com
Marquette	Gary	Sorenson	Marquette County Administrative Coordinator	PO Box 129	Montello	WI	53949	(608)297-3100	gsorenson@co.marquette.wi.us
Oconto	Kim	Pytleski		301 Washington St.	Oconto	WI	54153-162	(920) 834-6806	kim.pytleski@co.oconto.wi.us
Oconto	Paul	Bednarik	Oconto County Board Chair	8304 W River Road	Lena	WI	54139	(920) 829-5557	county.board@co.oconto.wi.us
Oconto	Alan K.	Sleeter	Oconto County Board Vice Chair	1005 Madsen Road	Suring	WI		920-590-0198	alan.sleeter@co.oconto.wi.us
Oconto	Kevin	Hamann	Oconto County admin Coordinator	301 Washington St	Oconto	WI	54153	920-834-6811	kevin.hamann@co.oconto.wi.us

County	First		Title	Address	Chippewa Falls	State	Zip	Phone	Email
Ozaukee	Jason	Dzwiniel	Ozaukee County Administrative Coordinator	PO Box 994	Port Washington	WI	53704	(262) 238-8201	jdzwiniel@co.ozaukee.wi.us
Ozaukee	Lee	Schlenvogt	Ozaukee County Board Chair	4250 County Rd H	Port Washington	WI	53074	(262) 284-5728	lschlenvogt@co.ozaukee.wi.us
Richland	Marty	Brewer	Richland County Board Chair	26766 County Highway DD	Richland Center	WI	54664	6083830207	Marty.Brewer@co.richland.wi.us
Rock	Kara	Purviance	Rock County Board Chair	51 S Main St	Janesville	WI	53545		kara.purviance@co.rock.wi.us
Rock	Bob	Yeomans	Rock County Supervisor	2943 Timber Lane	Janesville	WI	53545	(608) 757-5540	bob.yeomans@co.rock.wi.us
Sheboygan	Bill	Goehring	Sheboygan County Board Supervisor	508 New York Avenue	Sheboygan	WI	53081	(608) 756-1755	william.goehring@sheboygancounty.com
Trempealeau	Timothy	Zeglin	Trempealeau County Board Chair	36245 Main St	Whitehall	WI	53810	(920) 459-3103	zeglint@co.trempealeau.co.wi.us
Vernon	Justin	Running	Vernon County Board Chair	1023 E Court St. Room 108	Viroqua	WI	54655	715 538 2311	(920) 994-4749
Vernon	Roger	Call	Vernon County Board supervisor	1023 E Court St room 108	Viroqua	WI	54655	608.606.1332	jrunning@vernoncounty.org
Washington	Joshua	Schoemann	Washington Administrator	1023 E Court St. Room 108		WI	54665	(262)284-8198	roger.call@vernoncounty.org
Washington	Don	Kriefall	Washington County County board Chair	Room 108 Courthouse Annex		WI	54665	608-606-1332	joshua.schoemann@co.washington.wi.us
Waushara	Donna	Kalata	Waushara County BoardChair	W7634 Cottonville Ln	Wautoma	WI	54665	(608)637-5380	don.kriefall@co.washington.wi.us
Waushara			Waushara County Administrator	209 South Saint Marie Street	Wautoma	WI	53095	(920) 787-3166	wcb1@co.waushara.wi.us
waushara	Michele A.	Oison	Exec. Assistant	209 S. Saint Marie Street	wautoma	WI	53076	(920)787-3166	
waushara	Megan	Knapp	waushara County Clerk	209 S. St Marie St?	wautoma	WI	53076	920-787-0424	michele.oison@co.waushara.wi.us
Washburn	Thomas	Mackie	Washburn county board chair	W9065 Lower McKenzie Rd	Spooner	WI	54982	(920) 787-0431	
wood	Lance	Piimi	wood County Board Chair	1323 E 17th Street	wisconsin Rapids	WI	54982-030	715 635 3656	tmackie@co.washburn.wi.us
wood	Adam G.	Fischer	Wood County Clerk Vice Chair	P.O. Box 8095	Marshfield	WI	54801	715-421-4001	lance1@charter.net
wood	Trent	Miner	wood County Clerk ?	1754 Winesap Ln	wisconsin Rapids	WI		715 207 5325	wcdistrict05@co.wood.wi.us
Ooutagamie	Jeff	Nooyen	Ooutagamie County Board Chair		Grand Chute	WI	54494	715-421-8461	tminer@co.wood.wi.us

RESOLUTIONS PASSED OR LETTERS SENT AS OF March 1 2021

Thank you to the counties of :

Ashland

Chippewa

Jackson

Jefferson

LaCrosse *(coming mid February- still need

Manitowoc

Oconto

Outagamie

Rock—coming mid February still need

Trempeleau

Sheboygan

Vernon

Waushara