

Notice of Public Meeting
Thursday, August 13, 2020
1:00 p.m.

**LEGISLATIVE
 COMMITTEE**

Door County Government Center
County Board Room/Chambers Room, 1st floor
421 Nebraska Street, Sturgeon Bay, WI

AGENDA

1. Call Meeting to Order
2. Establish a Quorum ~ Roll Call
3. Adopt Agenda / Properly Noticed
4. Approve Minutes of June 11, 2020 Legislative Committee Meeting
5. Communications
6. Public Comment
7. Supervisor Response
8. Old Business
9. New Business
 - A. Duties of the Legislative Committee
 - B. Consideration of Statement on the Potawatomi State Park Tower
 - C. Social Justice and Racial Equity
 - D. Review Resolutions from Other Counties and Refer to Appropriate Committees for Recommendation as to Action of the County Board
 1. Wood County, Juneau County, Adams County – Request the State Senate to Convene in Session to Address the 13 Water Bills Passed in the Assembly Earlier this Year
 2. Waushara County, Winnebago County – Support the Commitment to Veterans Support and Outreach (CVSO) Act
 3. Crawford County, Dunn County, Bayfield County – Advisory Referendum on Redistricting Plans and Maps
10. Next Meeting Date: tbd
11. Meeting Per Diem Code
12. Adjourn

In light of the declared state of emergency and to mitigate the impact of COVID-19 this meeting will be conducted by teleconference or video conference. Members of the public may join the meeting remotely or in-person in the Peninsula Room (C121) 1st Floor Government Center (*please note public in-person has limited capacity and is on a first come, first served basis*).

To attend the meeting via computer:

Go to:

<https://doorcounty.webex.com/doorcounty/onstage/g.php?MTID=ec0e942adcdeac917db08e27408569b3c>

Event Password: Aug13leg2020

To Connect via phone:

Call: 1-408-418-9388

Access Code: 146 739 1064

Deviation from the order shown may occur

MINUTES

Thursday, June 11, 2020

**LEGISLATIVE
COMMITTEE**

*Door County Government Center
County Board Room/Chambers Room, 1st floor
421 Nebraska Street, Sturgeon Bay, WI*

"These minutes have **not** been reviewed by the oversight committee and are subject to approval at the next regular committee meeting."

Call Meeting to Order

Chairman Bob Bultman called the June 11, 2020 Legislative Committee meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. at the Door County Government Center.

Establish a Quorum ~ Roll Call

Members present: Bob Bultman, Vinni Chomeau (virtual), Kara Counard, Alexis Heim Peter, and Erin Tauscher.

Others present: Supervisor Laura Vlies Wotachek, Administrator Ken Pabich, Assistant CC Karyn Behling (virtual), County Clerk Jill Lau, and public.

Adopt Agenda / Properly Noticed

Motion by Heim Peter, seconded by Counard to adopt the agenda. Motion carried by voice vote.

Election of Vice Chairperson

Tauscher nominated Kara Counard, seconded by Bultman.

Motion by Heim Peter, seconded by Chomeau to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Kara Counard for Vice Chairperson. Motion carried by voice vote.

Approve Minutes of January 20, 2020 Legislative Committee Meeting

Motion by Heim Peter, second by Tauscher to approve the minutes of the January 20, 2020 meeting. Motion carried by voice vote.

Communications

- Letter from Supervisor Susan Kohout re: non-partisan redistricting

Public Comment

No one from the public commented.

Supervisor Response

n/a.

Old Business**Consideration of a November Advisory Referendum for Creation of Nonpartisan Procedure for the Preparation of Legislative and Congressional Redistricting Plans and Maps**

Chairman Bultman read aloud the letter received from Supervisor Kohout. Mike Brodd, representing the Door County Fair Maps Task Force, explained the group is asking for the County Board to pass a resolution authorizing an advisory referendum on non-partisan redistricting. Pat Scieszinski representing the League of Women Voters of Door County, urged the County to hold a referendum on non-partisan redistricting. Further details were provided on the Iowa redistricting model.

Motion by Tauscher, seconded by Counard to send a resolution to hold an advisory referendum on to the full County Board. Administrator Pabich explained the County's philosophy has historically been to not hold advisory referendums as the County Board is a non-partisan board elected by the people to represent them and speak on their behalf. The Committee and Board needs to decide what the philosophy will be going

forward regarding holding advisory referendums; what is ok to move forward, what won't move forward, what criteria will the Board use to determine holding an advisory referendum on a topic? Further discussion was

held regarding holding an advisory referendum. Discussion regarding reaffirming the 2014 adopted non-partisan redistricting resolution. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

New Business

Committee Overview

Ambassador Overview

Administrator Pabich reviewed the Ambassador Program. The County started the 3 member Ambassador Program last year. The AP was developed by the Wisconsin Counties Association and works on issues to lobby State Representatives for legislation/resolve. There will be no Ambassador meetings with WCA at this time unless something pops up with the Governors budget. Next year it is anticipated there will be four meetings with the AP and WCA. It was noted the Ambassador Program can work outside of the WCA meetings.

The committee responsibilities/duties were discussed along with the functions and roles of the Ambassador Program. It was discussed adding an agenda item to oversight committee agendas regarding referring issues to the Legislative Committee. The Ambassadors responsibilities should be 1. to implement the agenda through WCA and 2. to work with the Department Heads to communicate when they have issues that arise that need legislative action; the Ambassadors can be used to assist them with reaching out to our legislators; and 3. follow-up for Door/Kewaunee Legislative Days. The Committee duties would be 1. involved with Door/Kewaunee Legislative Days, 2. sending priorities to and communicating with WCA, 3. reviewing initial resolutions from other counties and taking action, if needed, and 4. be the co-sponsor or sponsor of new resolutions created.

Review Resolutions from Other Counties and Refer to Appropriate Committees for Recommendation as to Action of the County Board

Outagamie County – Support of Pending Legislation that Would Change any Act of Sexual Misconduct that is Currently a Second Degree Sexual Assault to a First Degree Sexual Assault
Reviewed. The Committee referred this resolution to the Health and Human Services Board.

Outagamie County – Support Pending Legislation CHIPS

Reviewed. The Committee referred this resolution to the Health and Human Services Board.

Outagamie County, Eau Claire County, Wood County – Supporting the Commitment to Veterans Support and Outreach (CVSO) Act

Reviewed. The Committee referred this resolution to the Veterans Service Office.

LaCrosse County – Supporting Wisconsin Opportunity Acts

Reviewed. The Committee referred this resolution to the Health and Human Services Board.

Eau Claire County – Requesting the WI Legislature Act to Protect Refugees Living in the State of Wisconsin

Reviewed. The Committee referred this resolution to the County Administrator to research further.

Portage County – Nonpartisan Procedure for the Preparation of Legislative & Congressional Redistricting Plans & Maps – Conduct Referendum

Reviewed.

WCA Submission of Resolutions for Consideration at Annual Meeting (Deadline June 22, 2020)

The following resolutions were discussed for submission: 2019-41 – Urging the Legislature to Revise the Statutes for Court Fees and Costs in Probate and Juvenile Cases, 2019-50 – Public Health Resolution Requesting the Wisconsin Legislature End the Use of Personal Conviction Waivers for School and Day Care Center Immunizations, 2019-68 – A Resolution Asking Governor Evers and the WI State Legislature to Apply for a Waiver from Federal Rules Excluding Institutional Stays from Medicaid Coverage, and 2020-04 – Support of Assembly Bill 544 – Workforce Housing Tax Credits, Resolution 2014-05 – Support of a Non-Partisan

Motion by Heim Peter, seconded by Counard to forward Resolutions 2019-41, 2019-50, 2019-68, 2020-04, and Resolution 2014-05, Resolution on Levy Limits, and Resolution 2018-88 on to the Wisconsin Counties Association for consideration at the Annual Meeting. Motion carried by voice vote.

Next Meeting Date:

Thursday, August 13, 2020 at 1:00 p.m.

Meeting Per Diem Code

151.

Adjourn

Motion by Counard, seconded by Tauscher to adjourn. Time: 2:48 p.m. Motion carried by voice vote.

Respectfully submitted by Jill M. Lau, Door County Clerk

(5) Legislative Committee

(Created per Resolution 32-99; Duties established by Resolution 41-99)

1. Study all matters of potential legislative nature by County Board members, departments and/or community sources;
2. Draft any Resolutions deemed to be of merit to the County, provide notice to potentially affected boards and committees, and submit to County Board for determination of action to be taken;
3. Review all Resolutions received from other counties and refer to appropriate committees for recommendation as to action of the County Board;
4. Review legislative material received through WI Counties Association and recommend to County Board the position of Door County on the same;
5. Meet as often as necessary to review all matters received and present items for County Board action.
6. Annually forward resolutions to be considered by the WI Counties Association.
7. Serve as a liaison to our state and federal legislators on positions which the Door County Board may choose to take.

Modified Wording

1. Study all matters of legislative nature submitted by County Board members, departments and/or community sources;
2. Draft resolutions deemed to be of merit to the County, provide notice to potentially affected boards and committees, and submit to County Board for determination of action to be taken;
3. Review all Resolutions received from other counties and refer to appropriate committees for recommendation as to action of the County Board;
4. Review legislative material received through WI Counties Association and recommend to County Board the position of Door County on the same;
5. Review and/or submit legislative material for the Door/Kewaunee Legislative Days.
6. Meet as often as necessary to review all matters received and present items for County Board action.
7. Annually forward resolutions to be considered by the WI Counties Association.
8. Serve as a liaison to our state and federal legislators on positions which the Door County Board may choose to take.

(3) County Ambassadors

(Created per)

1. Serve as County Ambassadors for the Wisconsin Counties Association Ambassador Program;
2. Work with the Legislative Committee and Department heads on issues the impact the County at the State and Federal level.
3. Help promote the issues developed as part of Door / Kewaunee Legislative Days.



RESOLUTION# 20-6-1

ITEM# 4-1

DATE June 16, 2020

Effective Date June 16, 2020

Conservation, Education & Economic Development and Judicial & Legislative Committees

Introduced by
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Motion: Adopted: LAD

1st Hamilton Lost:

2nd LaFontaine Tabled:

No: 0 Yes: 19 Absent: 0

Number of votes required:

Majority Two-thirds

Reviewed by: PAK, Corp Counsel

Reviewed by: _____, Finance Dir.

INTENT & SYNOPSIS: The Wood County Board of Supervisors requests the State Senate to convene in "extraordinary session" to address the 13 "Water Bills" passed in the Assembly earlier this year.

FISCAL NOTE: No immediate fiscal impact on the County, but long term the proposed legislation will have significant impact on the finances of the County and the health of its citizens.

		NO	YES	A
1	LaFontaine, D		X	
2	Rozar, D		X	
3	Feirer, M		X	
4	Wagner, E		X	
5	Fischer, A		X	
6	Breu, A		X	
7	Ashbeck, R		X	
8	Hahn, J		X	
9	Winch, W		X	
10	Thao, L		X	
11	Curry, K		X	
12	Valenstein, L		X	
13	Hokamp, J		X	
14	Polach, D		X	
15	Clendenning, B		X	
16	Pliml, L		X	
17	Zurfluh, J		X	
18	Hamilton, B		X	
19	Leichtnam, B		X	

WHEREAS, a clean, plentiful supply of rural drinking water is necessary for the health and well-being of roughly 70% of Wisconsinites, and

WHEREAS, keeping Wisconsin's rural drinking water free of pollutants, especially nitrogen and phosphorus, benefits not only citizens but also Wisconsin's tourism industry as well as rural economic development, and

WHEREAS, the 2019 Speaker's Task Force on Water Quality brought attention to state legislators and the state's residents, as a whole, the immensity of this problem, and

WHEREAS, the Wisconsin Assembly took a step in addressing the problem by passing (most unanimously) 13 "Water Bills" on February 18, 2020, and

WHEREAS, the State Senate never had the opportunity to consider these "Water Bills" when its last scheduled session on March 24, 2020, was

postponed by the COVID-19 pandemic.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE WOOD COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS HEREBY RESOLVES to request the State Senate to convene in "extraordinary session" to address the 13 "Water Bills" passed in the Assembly earlier this year, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Wood County Clerk is directed to send a copy of this resolution to all 72 Wisconsin counties, members of the Assembly who represent Wood County, all State Senators, the WCA, and the WTA.

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KEN CURRY (Chair) Kenneth Curry

ROBERT ASHBECK Robert Ashbeck

JAKE HAHN Jake Hahn

DAVE LAFONTAINE David LaFontaine

CARMEN GOOD _____

BILL CLENNENNING (Chair) William F. Clendenning

BILL LEICHTNAM Bill Leichtnam

JOSEPH ZURFLUH Joseph H. Zurfluh

ED WAGNER Ed Wagner

Adopted by the County Board of Wood County, this 16th day of June 20 20.

[Signature] County Clerk

[Signature] County Board Chairman

Juneau County Board of Supervisors

Courthouse, 220 East State Street
Mauston, Wisconsin 53948



RESOLUTION No. 20 – 21

DATE: June 16, 2020

INTRODUCED BY: Land & Water Conservation Committee

SYNOPSIS: Supporting a State Senate Special Session on Water Quality

WHEREAS, a clean, plentiful supply of groundwater is necessary for the health and well-being of roughly 70% of Wisconsinites; and

WHEREAS, keeping Wisconsin's rural drinking water free of nitrogen and phosphorus pollutants benefits Wisconsin's tourism industry in particular and rural economic development in general; and

WHEREAS, last summer the Speaker's Task Force on Water Quality brought attention to state legislators and the state's population as a whole the immensity of the problem; and

WHEREAS, the Wisconsin Assembly addressed the problem by passing 13 "Water Bills" (most of them unanimously) on February 18, 2020; and

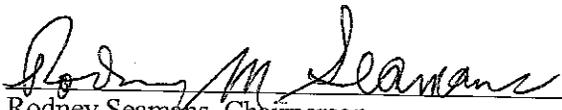
WHEREAS, the State Senate never had the opportunity to consider these "water bills" when its last scheduled session on March 24, 2020 was postponed due to the COVID-19 epidemic;

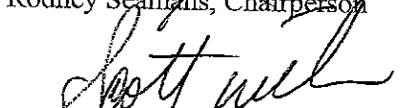
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Juneau County Board of Supervisors shall and hereby does request the State Senate to convene in "extraordinary session" to address the 13 "Water Bills" passed in the Assembly earlier this year; and

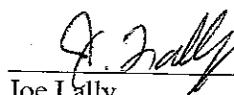
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of the resolution shall be sent to all 72 Wisconsin counties, members of the Assembly who represent Juneau County, all State Senators, the Wisconsin Counties Association, and the Wisconsin Towns Association.

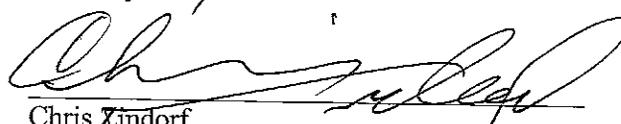
INTRODUCED AND RECOMMENDED FOR ADOPTION ON JUNE 16, 2020.

LAND & WATER CONSERVATION COMMITTEE:

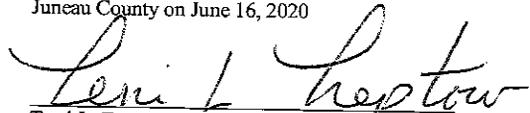

Rodney Seamans, Chairperson


Scott Wilhorn


Joe Lally


Chris Zindorf

Adopted by the County Board of Supervisors of
Juneau County on June 16, 2020


Terri L. Treptow, Juneau County Clerk

1 **ADAMS COUNTY**

RESOLUTION 21 -2020

DATE: _____

EFFECTIVE DATE: _____

5 **RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE STATE SENATE TO CONVENE TO ADDRESS 13 "WATER BILLS"**
6 **PASSED BY ASSEMBLY EARLIER THIS YEAR**

8 **INTRODUCED BY:** Land & Water and UWEX Committee

9 **INTENT & SYNOPSIS:** The Adams county Board of Supervisors requests the State Senate to convene in
10 "extraordinary session" to address the 13 "Water Bills" passed in the Assembly earlier this year.

11 **FISCAL NOTE:** No immediate fiscal impact on the County, but long term the proposed legislation will have a
12 significant impact on the finances of the County and the health of its citizens.

13 **WHEREAS,** a clean, plentiful supply of rural drinking water is necessary for the health and well-being of
14 roughly 70% of Wisconsinites; and

15 **WHEREAS,** keeping Wisconsin's rural drinking water free of pollutants, especially nitrogen and phosphorus,
16 benefits not only citizens but also Wisconsin's tourism industry as well as rural economic development; and

17 **WHEREAS,** the 2019 Speaker's Task Force on Water Quality brought attention to state legislators and the
18 state's residents, as a whole, the immensity of this problem; and

19 **WHEREAS,** the Wisconsin Assembly took a step in addressing the problem by passing (most unanimously) 13
20 "Water Bills" (AB 789 through AB 801) on February 18, 2020; and

21 **WHEREAS,** the State Senate never had the opportunity to consider these "Water Bills" when its last scheduled
22 session on March 24, 2020, was postponed by the COVID-19 pandemic.

23 **NOW, THEREFORE, The Adams County Board of Supervisors hereby resolves** to request the State
24 Senate to convene in "extraordinary session" to address the 13 "Water Bills" passed in the Assembly earlier
25 this year, and

26 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that the Adams County Clerk is directed to send a copy of this resolution to all
27 72 Wisconsin counties, members of the Assembly who represent Adams County, all State Senators, the WCA,
28 and the WTA.

29 Recommended for adoption by the Land & Water and UWEX Committee this 14th day of July, 2020.

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33 Adopted X by the Adams County Board of Supervisors this 21st day of July, 2020.

34 Defeated _____

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37 County Clerk

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39 Cheryl Kroening
County Board Chair

39 Reviewed by Corporation Counsel

40 Reviewed by County Manager/Administrative Coordinator

RESOLUTION NO. 14-06-20
SUPPORTING THE COMMITMENT TO VETERANS SUPPORT
AND OUTREACH (CVSO) ACT

WHEREAS, the number of veteran suicides has continued to rise nationwide. Approximately 14 of the 20 veterans who die by suicide are not under Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) care. This is a public health crisis that requires a national approach where the veterans are located; and

WHEREAS, County Veterans Service Officers (CVSOs) are often the first point of contact in the community for veteran's services and they provide assistance on a wide range of benefits, including service-connected benefits, enrollment in VA health care, VA home loans, education benefits and available job placement assistance; and

WHEREAS, veterans are not always aware of available benefits, and CVSOs are often the first to inform veterans of their eligibility. CVSOs are county employees who are nationally accredited by the VA to prepare, present and prosecute VA claims. Currently there is no federal funding available for CVSOs; and

WHEREAS, there is currently pending in Congress legislation known as the "Commitment to Veteran Support and Outreach Act" (CVSO Act) that authorizes the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to enter into contracts with States or to award grants to States to promote health and wellness, prevent suicide, and improve outreach to veterans. The CVSO Act will authorize \$50 Million annually for five years to expand and support CVSOs or similar local entities who currently assist veterans in obtaining over \$50 Billion in benefits annually.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Waushara County Board of Supervisors does hereby support pending legislation in the United States Congress known as the "Commitment to Veteran Support and Outreach Act (CVSO Act) which authorizes the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to enter into contracts with States or to award grants to States to promote health and wellness, prevent suicide, and improve outreach to veterans; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Waushara County Clerk is directed to forward a copy of this resolution to all Wisconsin Counties, The Waushara County Veterans Service Officer, The State of Wisconsin Department of Veteran's Affairs; The National Association of Counties (NaCo) and the National Association of County Veterans Service Officers (NACVSO).

Resolution No. 14-06-20

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Ayes ____ Nays ____ Abstain ____ Absent ____ ~~A~~ Voice Vote

Approved and adopted this 16th of June, 2020.

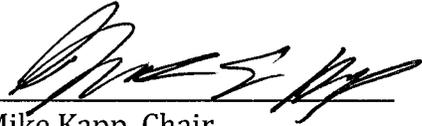
Denied this 16th day of June, 2020.

Approved as to Form:

Submitted by:



Ruth Zouski
Corporation Counsel



Mike Kapp, Chair
Veterans Service Committee

Attest:

Signed by:



Megan Kapp
Waushara County Clerk



Donna R. Kalata, Chair
Waushara County Board of Supervisors

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2 **RESOLUTION: Support the Commitment to Veterans Support and Outreach (CVSO) Act**

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TO THE WINNEBAGO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:

6 **WHEREAS**, the number of veteran suicides continues to rise nationwide. Approximately fourteen (14) of the
7 twenty (20) veterans who die by suicide each day are not under the care of the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA).
8 We must undertake a national approach to identify these veterans and where they live; and

9 **WHEREAS**, County Veterans Service Officers (CVSOs) are normally the first point of contact when a
10 veteran transitions from active duty status to civilian life. CVSOs provide assistance on a wide range of benefits,
11 including service-connected benefits, enrollment in the VA health care system, VA home loans, VA education
12 benefits, and assistance with job placement where available; and

13 **WHEREAS**, transitioning veterans are not always aware of benefits they may be eligible for, and CVSOs are
14 often the first to inform veterans of these available benefits; and

15 **WHEREAS**, CVSOs are employed by counties and are nationally accredited to prepare, present, and
16 prosecute these claims on behalf of veterans; and

17 **WHEREAS**, there is no direct federal funding currently available for CVSOs and TVSOs (Tribal Veterans
18 Service Officers); and

19 **WHEREAS**, there is legislation currently pending in both houses of Congress, known as the "Commitment to
20 Veteran Support and Outreach Act (SB-3020 / AB-5516), which would authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to
21 enter into contracts with the individual states, or to award grants to states to promote health and wellness, help
22 prevent veteran suicide, and improve outreach to veterans; and

23 **WHEREAS**, the CVSO Act would provide for \$50 Million annually for five (5) years to expand outreach and
24 support CVSOs, TVSOs, or similar entities who currently assist veterans in obtaining over \$50 Billion annually; and

25 **WHEREAS**, Winnebago County has been a front-runner in working with our federal legislators in the
26 development and presentation of said legislation since 2017.

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28 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors that it hereby
29 supports this pending legislation in both houses of Congress, known as the "Commitment to Veteran Support and
30 Outreach Act (SB-3020 / AB-5516) that authorizes the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to enter into contracts or award
31 grants directly to individual states to help prevent suicide, and to promote the health and wellness and improve
32 outreach to veterans.

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34 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors that it directs the Winnebago
35 County Clerk to forward a copy of this Resolution to all other Wisconsin counties, the Winnebago County Veterans
36 Service Officer, all tribal veterans service officers, the Secretary of the Wisconsin Department of Veteran Affairs, the
37 National Association of Counties (NACo), Veterans and Military Services Committee, the National Association of
38 County Veterans Service Officers (NAVCVSO), the County Veterans Service Officers Association of Wisconsin
39 (CVSOA-WI), and the Wisconsin State Association of County Veterans Service Commissions (WSACVSC)

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Respectfully submitted by:

VETERANS SERVICE COMMISSION

Committee Vote: _____

Vote Required for Passage: **Three-Quarters of Those Members Present**

Approved by the Winnebago County Executive this ____ day of _____, 2020.

Mark L Harris
Winnebago County Executive

RESOLUTION NO. 10-2020**RESOLUTION TO CONDUCT COUNTYWIDE ADVISORY REFERENDUM ON CREATION OF A NONPARTISAN PROCEDURE FOR THE PREPARATION OF LEGISLATIVE AND CONGRESSIONAL REDISTRICTING PLANS AND MAPS**

WHEREAS, the Crawford County Board of Supervisors on February 19, 2019 unanimously passed a resolution calling for nonpartisan legislative and congressional redistricting maps; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Article IV, Section 3 of the Wisconsin Constitution, the Wisconsin Legislature is directed to redistrict state legislative districts “according to the number of inhabitants” at its next session following the decennial federal census. The legislature also reapportions congressional districts at the same interval pursuant to federal law; and

WHEREAS, the current practice of redistricting by the majority party stifles political participation and competition, discourages collaboration and compromise, ensures continued control by the party in power, and lacks the fairness necessary to our democratic process, by undermining the principle of one-person-one vote;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Crawford County Board of Supervisors, in legal session assembled, does hereby approve that the following question be placed on the November 3, 2020 General Election ballot as an advisory referendum question:

Question: Should the Wisconsin legislature create a nonpartisan procedure for the preparation of legislative and congressional district plans and maps?

YES _____

NO _____

A YES vote indicates that you agree with creating a nonpartisan procedure for creating redistricting plans and maps.

A NO vote indicates that you disagree with creating a nonpartisan procedure for creating redistricting plans and maps.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Corporation Counsel prepare a Notice of Referendum to be published by the Crawford County Clerk in accordance with statutory requirements; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution and the referendum be filed with the Crawford County Clerk no later than 70 days prior to the November 3, 2020 election at which the question will appear on the ballot.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County Clerk is directed to send results of the referendum to the Governor of the State of Wisconsin, the Wisconsin Counties Association, the Wisconsin Towns Association, the Wisconsin League of Municipalities, all members of the state legislature and to each Wisconsin County Board.

FINANCE COMMITTEE:

Duane Rogers
Wayne Jerrett
Greg Russell

Gerry Krachey
Geri Kozelka

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DUNN COUNTY, WISCONSIN
RESOLUTION NO. 34

**To Conduct a Countywide Advisory Referendum on the Creation of a
Nonpartisan Procedure for the Preparation of Legislative and
Congressional Redistricting Plans and Maps**

WHEREAS, pursuant to Article VI, Section 3 of the Wisconsin Constitution, the Wisconsin Legislature is directed to redistrict state legislative districts “according to the number of inhabitants” at its next session following the decennial federal census. The legislature also reapportions congressional districts at the same interval pursuant to federal law; and

WHEREAS, because state and federal legislative redistricting is controlled by the majority party at the time of the redistricting, legislative and congressional plans in Wisconsin have been subject to partisan influence that puts the desires of politicians ahead of the electoral prerogative of the people. Redistricting to achieve partisan gains is improper, whether it is done by Republicans or Democrats; and

WHEREAS, the state and congressional districts belong to the citizens of Wisconsin and not to any legislator, interest group or political party. The redistricting process should not be a tool used by those in power to protect and bolster their power, but should be designed with the best interest of Wisconsin’s democracy and its citizens; and

WHEREAS, Wisconsin’s historical practice of redistricting by the majority party in each legislative chamber is an outdated practice that stifles political competition, discourages compromise, ensures continued control by the party in power, and lacks the transparency necessary to reinforce citizens’ faith in the democratic process; and

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

WHEREAS, there is a critical need at this time to restore trust, compromise and fair competition to Wisconsin politics;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Dunn County Board of Supervisors insists upon the creation of a nonpartisan procedure for the preparation of legislative and congressional redistricting plans.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Dunn County Board of Supervisors, in legal session assembled, does hereby approve and direct that the following question be placed on the November 3, 2020, Fall election ballot as an advisory referendum question:

Question: Should the Wisconsin Legislature create a nonpartisan procedure for the preparation of legislative and congressional district plans and maps?

YES _____ NO _____

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

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Committee on Administration is directed to transfer funds needed to conduct this referendum from the Contingency line item of the General Fund Budget to the appropriate line item(s) for expenditure.

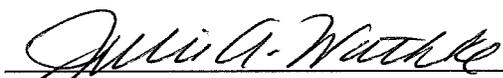
Offered this 17th day of June, 2020, at Menomonie, Wisconsin.

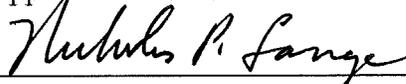
OFFERED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

Adopted on: June 17, 2020


David Bartlett, Chair

ATTEST:


Julie A. Wathke, County Clerk

Approved as to Form and Execution:

Nicholas P. Lange, Corporation Counsel

Budget Impact: Approval of this resolution will result in expenditures in the 2020 adopted budget that have not yet been appropriated. Costs for election equipment programming, ballot printing, and publication, are estimated at \$8,050.00.

Resolution

No. 2020-065

TO CONDUCT COUNTYWIDE ADVISORY REFERENDUM ON CREATION OF NONPARTISAN PROCEDURE FOR THE PREPARATION OF LEGISLATIVE AND CONGRESSIONAL REDISTRICTING PLANS AND MAPS

WHEREAS, the Bayfield County Board of Supervisors on October 31, 2017 passed a resolution calling for nonpartisan legislative and congressional redistricting maps; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Article IV, Section 3 of the Wisconsin Constitution, the Wisconsin Legislature is directed to redistrict state legislative districts "according to the number of inhabitants" at its next session following the decennial federal census. The legislature also reapportions congressional districts at the same interval pursuant to federal law; and

WHEREAS, there are numerous indicators that the citizens of Wisconsin are concerned about the practice of redistricting by whichever party holds the majority, because it may stifle political participation and competition, discourage collaboration and compromise, and lack the fairness necessary to our democratic process, by undermining the principle of one-person-one vote.

WHEREAS, the current procedure allows the legislature of the majority party to prepare redistricting plans and maps that may result in unfair partisan plans and maps, allowing the legislature to choose its voters rather than the voters choosing their representatives, which is commonly called gerrymandering.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Bayfield County Board of Supervisors, in legal session assembled, does hereby approve that the following question be placed on the November 3, 2020 ballot as an advisory referendum question:

Question: Should the Wisconsin legislature create a nonpartisan procedure for the preparation of legislative and congressional district plans and maps?

YES _____ NO _____

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Corporation Counsel prepare a Notice of Referendum to be published by the Bayfield County Clerk in accordance with statutory requirements;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution and the referendum shall be filed with the Bayfield County Clerk no later than 70 days prior to the November 3, 2020 election at which the question will appear on the ballot.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the County Clerk is directed to send results of the referendum to the Governor of the State of Wisconsin, the Wisconsin Counties Association, the Wisconsin Towns Association, the Wisconsin League of Municipalities, all members of the State Legislature, and to each Wisconsin County Board.

FISCAL NOTE: There will be minimal cost to the County depending on the size of the ballot.

