

# **JOURNAL OF THE MEETING OF THE SHEBOYGAN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

**May 18, 2021**

Pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 59.11, the May 18, 2021 session of the Sheboygan County Board was called to order by Chairperson Vern Koch at 6:00 p.m. Chairperson Koch noted that the notice of meeting was posted on May 14, 2021 at 11:00 a.m. in compliance with the open meeting law. The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance by all present.

The roll call was taken and recorded with 24 Supervisors present; (3) Supervisors attended remotely: Supervisors Bosman, Hilbelink, and Schobert; Absent: 1, Supervisor Kulow.

**Resolution No. 06 (2021/22) Re: Honoring the Life of Former County Board Supervisor Allen S. Raeder.**

**Pursuant to County Board Rule 2.13, this Resolution was on the floor for immediate action and was unanimously adopted by the Board on a rising vote and a pause in its deliberations.**

Chairperson Vern Koch and Vice Chairperson Robert Ziegelbauer presented a signed copy of the resolution to his children Perry Raeder, and Deborah Sippel.

**Resolution No. 07 (2021/22) Re: Honoring the Life of Former County Board Supervisor Steven H. Bauer.**

**Pursuant to County Board Rule 2.13, this Resolution was on the floor for immediate action and was unanimously adopted by the Board on a rising vote and a pause in its deliberations.**

Chairperson Vern Koch and Vice Chairperson Robert Ziegelbauer presented a signed copy of the resolution to his wife Rosie Bauer.

**Supervisor Wegner moved for approval of the April 20, 2021 Journal, which was distributed to all supervisors prior to the meeting.** The motion was seconded by Supervisor Brauer and carried on unanimous roll call vote of the board.

## **APPOINTMENT**

The Chairperson announced that the next order of business was the consideration of the reappointment by the County Administrator of Pete Scheuerman to the Board of Adjustments.

**Supervisor Wegner moved to concur with the reappointment from the County Administrator.** The motion was seconded by Supervisor Abler and carried on unanimous roll call vote of the board.

## **PRESENTATION**

Matthew Strittmater, Health & Human Services Director – Child Welfare Update

## **PUBLIC ADDRESS**

Suzanne Speltz, 3917 Mendocino Lane, Sheboygan – Transparency in government.  
Judi Pool, 18 Ashwood Drive, Sheboygan – Vaccination and mask policies.

## **LETTERS AND COMMUNICATIONS**

The Clerk presented resolutions from the Washington and Waupaca County Boards of Supervisors supporting legislation to provide an increase in criminal and ordinance violation surcharge. By Chairperson referred to the Law Committee.

The Clerk presented resolutions from the Washington and Waupaca County Boards of Supervisors supporting legislation to remove requirement for duplicate copies of a transcript for application of a search warrant. By Chairperson referred to the Law Committee.

The Clerk presented a resolution from the Wood County Board of Supervisors opposing changes to the wildlife damage and claims program. By Chairperson referred to the Planning, Resources, Agriculture and Extension Committee.

The Clerk presented a resolution from the Wood County Board of Supervisors requesting Wisconsin to strengthen its hate crime Wis. Stat. § 939.645. By Chairperson referred to the Law Committee.

### **COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

County Administrator Adam Payne thanked Chris Lewinski and Alayne Krause for their help in setting up the new technology for the meeting and also thanked Matt Strittmater for his presentation. Mr. Payne reviewed his power point presentation which included COVID comparative statistics from March 2020 to May 2021, the new CDC guidelines that were communicated to all supervisors and employees today, the United Way Outstanding Essential Worker award and the Sheboygan County Chamber for Best Young Professional award that was presented to County Public Health Officer Starlene Grossman last week, the American Rescue Plan Act, and also reviewed a high end U.S. Department of Treasury coronavirus funds article. Mr. Payne concluded with himself, Chairperson Koch and Vice Chairperson Ziegelbauer presenting service awards to Brian Hilbelink and Henry Nelson for 5 years and Keith Abler for 20 years of dedicated service to Sheboygan County.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

The Clerk read the report of the Executive Committee regarding **Resolution No. 01 (2021/22) Disallowance of Roe Claim Against Sheboygan County** recommending adoption.

**Supervisor Goehring moved to adopt the resolution.** The motion was seconded by Supervisor Te Stroete and carried on unanimous roll call vote of the board.

The Clerk read the report of the Executive Committee regarding **Resolution No. 03 (2021/22) Adoption of the Sheboygan County Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation & Open Space Plan 2021** recommending adoption.

**Supervisor Clarke moved to adopt the resolution.** Supervisor Abler seconded the motion which carried on unanimous roll call vote of the board.

The Clerk read the report of the Executive Committee regarding **Resolution No. 05 (2021/22) Approving First Amendment to Sheboygan County Airport Ground Lease with Sheboygan County Aviation Corp.** recommending adoption.

**Supervisor Goehring moved to adopt the resolution.** The motion was seconded by Supervisor Te Stroete and carried on unanimous roll call vote of the board.

The Clerk read the report of the Finance Committee regarding **Resolution No. 02 (2021/22) Authorizing Application to Department of Natural Resources for Grant to Control Agricultural or Urban Storm Runoff Pollution Sources** recommending adoption.

**Supervisor Wegner moved to adopt the resolution.** Supervisor Montemayor seconded the motion which carried on unanimous roll call vote of the board.

The Clerk read the report of the Planning, Resources, Agriculture, and Extension Committee regarding **Resolution No. 04 (2021/22) Approving Easement for Location and Replacement of Drain Tile in the Town of Sheboygan Falls, Sheboygan County Memorial Airport (Parent Parcel 59026383321)** recommending adoption.

**Supervisor Abler moved to adopt the resolution.** The motion was seconded by Supervisor Brauer and carried on unanimous roll call vote of the board.

(Vice-Chairperson Ziegelbauer presiding)

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

**Supervisor Te Stroete moved to adjourn.** Supervisor Immel seconded the motion which carried on unanimous roll call vote of the board. The meeting was adjourned at 7:10 p.m. **The next scheduled meeting is Tuesday, June 15, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.**

**Resolution No. 6 (2021-22)**

**Advisory Resolution Supporting Legislation to  
Provide an Increase in Criminal and Ordinance Violation Surcharge**

**WHEREAS**, County government implements a broad range of essential services, most of which are required by state law; and

**WHEREAS**, underfunded and unfunded state mandates are continually placing an increasing financial hardship on local property taxpayers; and

**WHEREAS**, as the portion of collected fees paid by counties to the state and retained by the county continues to be insufficient to keep pace with inflation and ever growing costs associated with the many mandated programs within the county court system; and

**WHEREAS**, the County's portion of the statutory clerk fees have not increased since at least 1991, traffic/forfeiture cases are set at \$20.00 and criminal court cases are set at \$163 while the clerk only retains \$9.99 of the total amount.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Waupaca County Board of Supervisors hereby supports legislation that would increase court costs in the amount of \$20 to be retained by the Clerk of Court for criminal and ordinance violations to align with a portion of the actual cost for courts to operate. This will ensure services implemented on behalf of the state at the circuit court level will more adequately provide resources and protect public safety.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this Board hereby directs the Waupaca County Clerk to forward a copy of this Resolution to all Wisconsin Counties, the Wisconsin Counties Association, and all state senators and assembly members representing Waupaca County constituents.

Passed this 18 day of May, 2020  
23 Ayes 0 Nays

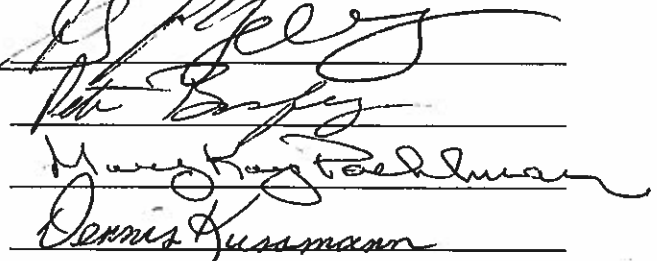
ATTEST:



Jill Lodewegen

Waupaca County Clerk

RECOMMENDED FOR INTRODUCTION BY  
THE WAUPACA COUNTY LEGISLATIVE,  
JUDICIAL, ETHICS, SAFETY & SECURITY  
COMMITTEE



APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Diane L. Meulemans, Corporation Counsel

**Resolution No. 7 (2021-22)**

**Advisory Resolution Supporting Legislation to Remove Requirement for Duplicate Copies of a Transcript for Application of a Search Warrant**

**WHEREAS**, County Government is continually looking at improving efficiency in managing county operations; and

**WHEREAS**, legislation is being offered to remove a duplicate requirement in Wisconsin Statute § 968.12(3)(d) governing the recording, certification and retention of telephone search warrant records between the Sheriff's Office and the Clerk of Courts; and

**WHEREAS**, telephone-sworn search warrant requests must be recorded then transcribed by a certified court reporter and the original voice recording kept on file with the clerk of courts for a duration of 20 to 50 years, depending on the violation, further resulting in storage issues for the clerk of courts; and

**WHEREAS**, a court reporter's transcript is considered as an official record of the court and a certified transcript of the original recording would be filed with the Clerk of Courts;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Waupaca County Board of Supervisors hereby supports legislation that would allow for efficiency in court proceedings by removing the requirement that the original recording be filed along with a certified transcript of the testimony that forms the basis of an application for a search warrant.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this Board hereby directs the Waupaca County Clerk to forward a copy of this Resolution to all Wisconsin Counties, the Wisconsin Counties Association, and all state senators and assembly members representing Waupaca County constituents.

Passed this 18 day of May, 2021  
23 Ayes 0 Nays


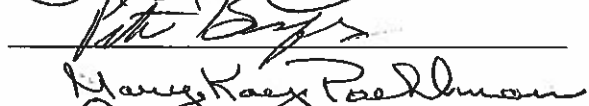

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Diane L. Meulemans, Corporation Counsel

## WOOD COUNTY



ITEM# 5-1

DATE May 18, 2021

Effective Date May 18, 2021

## RESOLUTION# 21-5-3

Introduced by Judicial and Legislative Committee  
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Motion: Adopted: ☒ X

1<sup>st</sup> LaFontaine Lost: ☐

2<sup>nd</sup> Hamilton Tabled: ☐

No: 0 Yes: 18 Absent: 1

Number of votes required:

☒ Majority ☐ Two-thirds

Reviewed by: PAK, Corp Counsel

Reviewed by: \_\_\_\_\_, Finance Dir.

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INTENT & SYNOPSIS: To go on record in requesting the State of Wisconsin to strengthen its hate crime statute, Wis. Stat. s. 939.645, so as to provide enhanced security to members of Wisconsin's marginalized communities.

FISCAL NOTE: None.

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

**WHEREAS**, the people of the state of Wisconsin are as diverse as anywhere in the United States, be they indigenous, Asian, Pacific Islander, Latin X, Black, LGBTQ, or any combination thereof, or other; and

**WHEREAS**, on a national, state, and local basis, the number of hate crimes committed against marginalized communities is increasing at exponential rates; and

**WHEREAS**, people from all walks of life deserve to be treated with dignity and respect; and

**WHEREAS**, people from all communities contribute to making Wisconsin a healthy and thriving environment for families and businesses; and

**WHEREAS**, hate crimes pose an immediate threat to the sanctity and security of every citizen and present a security risk to both the State of Wisconsin and the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, Wisconsin's current hate crime statute is by and large used by prosecutors as a bargaining or negotiation tool; and

**WHEREAS**, Wis. Stat. s. 939.645, the current "hate crimes" statute, needs an update to strengthen it and provide enhanced security to members of Wisconsin's marginalized communities.

**NOW, THEREFORE, THE WOOD COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS HEREBY RESOLVES** to request that the legislature and the governor of the state of Wisconsin enact legislation to modify Wis. Stat. s. 939.645, as set forth below, by making the following changes:

939.645 (1) If a person does ~~at~~ any of the following, the penalties for the underlying crime are increased as provided in sub. (2):

939.645 (1) (b) Intentionally selects the person against whom the crime under par. (a) is committed or selects the property that is damaged or otherwise affected by the crime under par. (a) in whole or in part because of the actor's belief, values, or perception regarding the race, religion, color, disability, sexual orientation, national origin or ancestry, gender, gender identity, gender expression, age, or veteran's status of that person or the owner or occupant of that property, whether or not the actor's belief, values, or perception was correct.

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Adopted by the County Board of Wood County, this 18<sup>th</sup> day of May 2021

\_\_\_\_\_  
County Clerk

\_\_\_\_\_  
County Board Chairman

BILL CLENNING (Chair) \_\_\_\_\_  
BILL LEICHTNAM \_\_\_\_\_  
KENNETH CURRY \_\_\_\_\_  
ED WAGNER \_\_\_\_\_  
JOSEPH ZURFLUH \_\_\_\_\_

WOOD COUNTY



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939.645 (1) (c) The use of gay/transgender panic defenses is forbidden.

939.645 (4) This section does not apply to any crime if proof of race, religion, color, disability, sexual orientation, national origin or ancestry, gender, gender identity, gender expression, age, or veteran's status, or proof of any person's perception or belief regarding another's race, religion, color, disability, sexual orientation, national origin or ancestry, gender, gender identity, gender expression, age, or veteran's status is required for a conviction for that crime.

939.645 (5) This section mandates that hate crime data be collected, retained, and made publicly available based on demographic statistics by the Attorney General of the State of Wisconsin and the Wisconsin Department of Justice.

939.645 (6) This section requires law enforcement officers and officials to receive specialized hate crime training and continuing education on a biennial basis.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Wood County Board of Supervisors directs the County Clerk to forward a copy of this resolution to the Office of the Governor of the State of Wisconsin, the Office of the Attorney General for the State of Wisconsin, members of the Wisconsin Assembly and Senate, the county clerk for every county in the state of Wisconsin, as well as to the Wisconsin Counties Association.

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Adopted by the County Board of Wood County, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 20 \_\_\_\_\_.

County Clerk

County Board Chairman

## WOOD COUNTY

RESOLUTION# 21-5-2Introduced by  
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CEED and Judicial &amp; Legislative Committees

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Motion:	Adopted:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
1 <sup>st</sup> <u>Hamilton</u>	Lost:	<input type="checkbox"/>
2 <sup>nd</sup> <u>Feirer</u>	Tabled:	<input type="checkbox"/>
No: <u>1</u> Yes: <u>17</u> Absent: <u>1</u>		
Number of votes required:		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Majority	<input type="checkbox"/> Two-thirds	
Reviewed by: <u>PAK</u>	Corp Counsel	
Reviewed by: <u>EN</u>	Finance Dir.	

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INTENT & SYNOPSIS: To oppose changes in the Wildlife Damage Abatement and Claims program through Senate Bill 63 and Assembly Bill 49, which eliminates any local County control of the program and instead gives all authority to the State government officials.

FISCAL NOTE: None

		NO	YES	A
1	LaFontaine, D		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
2	Rozar, D			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
3	Feirer, M		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
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WHEREAS, the Wildlife Damage Abatement and Claims program, fully funded by a surcharge on hunting licenses, is a voluntary Department of Natural Resources program to assist producers with agricultural losses caused by deer, bears, geese, and cougars, as well as elk and sandhill cranes if hunting those animals is authorized; and,

WHEREAS, Wood County has participated in the program since its inception in 1983 and has administered the program through the Conservation, Education, and Economic Development (CEED) Committee; and,

WHEREAS, the Wisconsin State Legislature is proposing making changes to the Wildlife Damage and Claims program through Senate Bill 63 and Assembly Bill 49 by eliminating the administration of these programs from the Land Conservation Committee and changing the administration to these programs to the DNR instead; and,

WHEREAS, by eliminating any local authority, when landowners have issues and appeals concerning harvest objectives or management of the program, they will no longer appear before the (CEED) Committee, but would instead have to travel to Madison to appear before DNR officials who don't necessarily have local concerns in mind when rendering a decision.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Wood County Board of Supervisors oppose the changes to the Wildlife Damage and Claims program through Senate Bill 63 and Assembly Bill 49 which eliminates any local County control of the program and instead gives all authority to the State government officials.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the County Clerk is directed to send a copy of this resolution to Governor Evers, the members of the State Legislature, the Wisconsin Counties Association and the other counties of the State of Wisconsin.

Kenneth Curry, Chair	<u>Kenneth Curry</u>	Bill Clendenning, Chair	<u>Bill Clendenning</u>
Robert Ashbeck	<u>Robert Ashbeck</u>	Ed Wagner	<u>Ed Wagner</u>
Jake Hahn	<u>Jake Hahn</u>	Joseph Zurfluh	<u>Joseph H. Zurfluh</u>
Dave LaFontaine	<u>Dave LaFontaine</u>		
Bill Leichtnam	<u>Bill Leichtnam</u>		
Carmen Good - Citizen Member			

Adopted by the County Board of Wood County, this 18<sup>th</sup> day of May 20 21

Heather A. Smith