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

# **September 15, 2015**

Pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 59.11, the September 15, 2015 session of the Sheboygan County Board was called to order by Chairperson Roger L. Te Stroete at 6:00 p.m. Chairperson Te Stroete noted that the notice of meeting was posted on September 11, 2015 at 4:45 p.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 25 Supervisors present.

Supervisor Winkel moved for approval of the August 18, 2015 Journal, which was distributed to all supervisors prior to the meeting. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Uraynar and carried on unanimous roll call vote of the board.

County Clerk, Jon Dolson announced that Henry Nelson was sworn in during his orientation as county board supervisor representing District #6.

# **APPOINTMENTS**

The Chairperson announced that the next order of business was the consideration of the appointments by the Executive Committee of **Henry Nelson** to the Health & Human Services and Property Committees to fill the unexpired term of Kris Wheeler through April 18, 2016.

Supervisor Glavan moved to concur with the appointments by the Executive Committee. Supervisor Marthenze seconded the motion which carried on unanimous roll call vote of the board.

Chairperson Te Stroete allowed Supervisor Epping to speak on the passing of former Law Enforcement coworker John Webb and requested a moment of silence.

### **PRESENTATIONS**

Sharon Abel, LTC – Inmate Art Exhibit Series: Windows of Black & White Chris Lewinski, Information Technology Director – Ring of Fiber Project Overview

# **PUBLIC ADDRESS**

Maryadele Revoy, 1500 Douglas Drive, Plymouth – Recovery Rocks event to fight heroin addiction.

### LETTERS AND COMMUNICATIONS

The Clerk presented a resolution from the Jefferson County Board of Supervisors supporting the funding of pay progression for Assistant District Attorneys and the creation and funding of additional Assistant District Attorneys. By Chairperson received for information.

The Clerk presented a resolution from the St. Croix County Board of Supervisors in support of the new Social Security supplemental security income asset limits and implementation of the Achieving a Better Life Experience Act. By Chairperson referred to the Health & Human Services Committee.

The Clerk presented a resolution from the Polk County Board of Supervisors to repeal statutory provisions enacted in the State's 2015-2017 budget concerning shoreland zoning standards. By Chairperson referred to the Planning, Resources, Agriculture and Extension Committee.

The Clerk presented a resolution from the Green Lake County Board of Supervisors in support of the proposed legislation relating to child welfare and juvenile justice workers. By Chairperson received for information.

The Clerk presented a resolution from the City of Sheboygan Common Council authorizing the fiber optic network intergovernmental agreement between the City, County and Sheboygan Area School District. By Chairperson received for information.

The Clerk presented a copy of a letter from Wisconsin County Mutual Insurance Corporation regarding their property insurance program and the Local Government Property Insurance Fund. By Chairperson referred to the Finance Committee.

# COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

County Administrator Adam Payne complimented UW-Extension and the 4-H youth so actively involved at the Sheboygan County Fair, and also acknowledged Plymouth Review Editor, Reporter, and Photographer, Mr. Emmitt Feldner for his excellent coverage. Mr. Payne also thanked IT Director Chris Lewinski for his leadership and update on the Ring of Fiber project. Mr. Payne briefly discussed the role of County Department's involved in responding to people in crisis, and reviewed an article that Health and Human Services Director Tom Eggebrecht wrote on National Suicide Week. Mr. Payne thanked Tom Eggebrecht, Sheriff Todd Priebe and SASD Superintendent Joe Sheehan for their support, and encouraged people to participate in the upcoming Suicide Awareness and Prevention Walk scheduled for September 19, 2015.

# **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

The Clerk read the report of the Executive Committee regarding Resolution No. 07 (2015/16) 2016 Five-Year Capital Plan recommending adoption.

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

The Clerk read the report of the Executive Committee regarding Resolution No. 09 (2015/16) Entering into Water Main Conveyance Agreement with City of Sheboygan and Sheboygan Water Utility recommending adoption.

Supervisor Glavan moved to adopt the resolution. Supervisor Goehring seconded the motion which carried on unanimous roll call vote of the board.

The Clerk read the report of the Finance Committee regarding Resolution No. 08 (2015/16) Reauthorization of Self-insurance Status for Worker's Compensation recommending adoption.

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

The Clerk read the report of the Finance Committee regarding Ordinance No. 07 (2015/16) Changing Composition of Eastern Shores Library System Board recommending enactment.

**Supervisor Goehring moved to enact the ordinance.** Supervisor Abler seconded the motion which carried on unanimous roll call vote of the board.

(Vice-Chairperson Wegner presiding)

Pursuant to Rule IV of the Rules of Order, the following resolutions and ordinances were introduced by the Clerk and referred by the Vice-Chairperson as indicated:

**Resolution No. 10 (2015/16)** Re: Authorizing County Aid for Bridge/Culvert Construction in the Town of Wilson referred to the Finance Committee.

**Resolution No. 11 (2015/16)** Re: Waiving Rights in Red Cross Building and Parcel referred to the Executive Committee.

Supervisor Marthenze moved to pull Resolution No. 11 from committee for immediate action. Supervisor Winkel seconded the motion which carried on roll call vote of the board of Ayes: 22; Noes: 3, Supervisors Baumgart, Epping, and Procek.

Supervisor Marthenze moved to adopt the resolution. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Winkel and carried on roll call vote of the board of Ayes: 22; Noes: 3, Supervisors Baumgart, Hoffmann, and Procek.

**Resolution No. 12 (2015/16)** Re: Adoption of the Sheboygan County Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation & Open Space Plan 2015 referred to the Executive Committee.

Ordinance No. 08 (2015/16) Re: Amending Capital Bonding Limitation Ordinance referred to the Executive Committee.

# **ADJOURNMENT**

Supervisor Bemis moved to adjourn to 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 20, 2015. Supervisor Winkel seconded the motion which carried on unanimous roll call vote of the board. The meeting was adjourned at 7:08 p.m.

# **RESOLUTION NO. 2015-39**

# Resolution Supporting the Funding of Pay Progression for Assistant District Attorneys and Creation and Funding of Additional Assistant District Attorney Positions

# **Executive Summary**

The LaFollette School of Public Affairs published a report in 2011 outlining the significant turnover rate in Wisconsin of prosecutors in the District Attorneys' offices due to low pay and limited pay progression. The study showed a pattern of prosecutors leaving the District Attorneys' office after gaining experience due to lack of financial incentive. This resolution supports increasing financial incentives for Assistant District Attorney positions and hiring additional Assistant District Attorneys through funding from the state budget.

WHEREAS, in 2014, the Wisconsin Legislature addressed the issue of financial incentives for Assistant District Attorneys by adopting a pay progression scale which is codified in Wis. Stat. §230.12. This pay scale progression must be funded biannually in the State budget in order to continue, and

WHEREAS, the Wisconsin District Attorneys Association and the Jefferson County District Attorney support implementing financial incentives for Assistant District Attorneys and the hiring of additional Assistant District Attorneys through funding from the state budget, and

WHEREAS, the Administration and Rules Committee supports this resolution,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Jefferson County Board of Supervisors supports the implementation of financial incentives for Assistant District Attorneys and the hiring of additional Assistant District Attorneys through funding from the state budget.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Jefferson County Clerk is directed to transmit a copy of this resolution to the Governor of the State of Wisconsin, Jefferson County's state legislative delegation, all Wisconsin Counties, and the Wisconsin Counties Association.

STATE OF WISCONSIN	)	
	) ss	
COUNTY OF JEFFERSON	)	

I, Barbara A. Frank, County Clerk of Jefferson County, Jefferson, Wisconsin, do hereby certify that the attached is a true and correct copy of Resolution No. 2015-39, adopted at the September 8, 2015, Session of the County Board of Supervisors at the County Courthouse in the City of Jefferson.

WITNESS MY HAND AND SEAL this 10<sup>th</sup> day of September 2015.

Barbara A. Frank Jefferson County Clerk Jefferson, Wisconsin

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# Resolution No. 28 (2015) RESOLUTION SUPPORTING NEW SOCIAL SECURITY SUPPLEMENTAL SECURITY INCOME (SSI) ASSET LIMITS AND IMPLEMENTATION OF THE ACHIEVING A BETTER LIFE EXPERIENCE ACT

2	whereas, Supplemental Security Income (SSI) is a Federal and State income supplement program funded by general tax revenues ( <i>not</i> Social Security taxes); and		
3	supplement program randed by general tax revenues (not social security taxes), and		
4 5	WHEREAS, the SSI program is designed to help aged, blind, and disabled people, who have little or no income; and		
6 7 8 9	WHEREAS, the SSI program provides cash to meet basic needs for food, clothing and shelter; and		
10 11	WHEREAS, the SSI program eligibility requirements are as follows:		
12	<ul> <li>Anyone who is 65 and over, blind or disabled.</li> </ul>		
13 14	<ul> <li>Has limited income, resources, and is a US citizen or national; and</li> </ul>		
15 16	WHEREAS, the SSI program asset limits are as follows:		
17	<ul> <li>Individual/Child is \$2,000/month.</li> </ul>		
18 19	• Couple is \$3,000/month; and		
20 21	WHEREAS, the SSI asset limit was set in 1989 and has never been adjusted; and		
22 23	WHEREAS, the asset level limits employment and savings options for recipients due to risk of losing Medicaid for health care coverage; and		
24	risk of iosing intedicate for health care coverage, and		
25 26	WHEREAS, the SSI asset limits can prevent SSI recipients from saving for post- secondary education, homeownership, and retirement; and		
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28	WHEREAS, per 2013 data collected by the Social Security Administration, there are 680		
29 30	SSI recipients in St. Croix County; and		
31	WHEREAS, in December of 2014, the Achieving a Better Life Experience (ABLE) Act		
32	was passed at the Federal level; and		
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34	WHEREAS, the ABLE Act allows individuals whose disability manifest before the age		
35	of 26 would be eligible to set up ABLE accounts that are tax-advantaged savings accounts where		
36 37	they can save \$14,000 per year and \$100,000 in total which will not affect eligibility for Medicaid, Wisconsin Long Term Programs and other public benefits; and		
38	WILLDEAS and state is responsible for establishing and a const.		
39 40	WHEREAS, each state is responsible for establishing and operating an ABLE program;		

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THEREFORE, be it resolved that the St. Croix County Board of Supervisors supports the implementation of the ABLE Act to reform the SSI asset limits in Wisconsin as soon as practicable.

WHEREAS, this resolution is supported by the Council on Aging and Disabilities and the

FURTHER be it resolved, that the St. Croix County Board of Supervisors directs the County Clerk to forward this resolution to the office of the governor, assembly members and senators representing St. Croix County, Disability Rights Wisconsin, all Wisconsin counties, and Wisconsin Counties Association.

# <u>Legal - Fiscal - Administrative Approvals:</u>

Health and Human Services Board.

Legal Note:

Fiscal Impact:

None

8/28/2015 Robert Mittet, Interim Finance

Patrick Thompson, County Administ 208/2015

08/11/15

Health & Human Services Board

**APPROVED** 

Next: 8/21/2015 9:00 AM

**RESULT:** 

APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]

MOVER:

Ron Kiesler, Supervisor

SECONDER:

Shaela Leibfried, Supervisor

AYES:

Babbitt, Logelin, Novotny, Kilber, Kiesler, Anderson, Leibfried, Rasmussen

ABSENT:

Lisa Ramsay

08/21/15

Council on Aging and Disabilities

APPROVED

**RESULT:** 

APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]

MOVER:

Paulette Anderson, Supervisor

SECONDER:

Mary Ellen Brue

AYES:

Adams, Ostness, Kiesler, Anderson, Brue, Drath, Jonas, Pelnar, Schrank,

Schreiber

**EXCUSED:** 

George Zaske

Vote Confirmation.

Christopher Babbitt, Supervisor 8/31/2015

# St. Croix County Board of Supervisors Action:

Roll Call - Vote Requirement - Majority of Supervisors Present

**RESULT:** 

**ADOPTED AS AMENDED [UNANIMOUS]** 

MOVER:

Christopher Babbitt, Supervisor

SECONDER:

Ron Kiesler, Supervisor

AYES:

Schachtner, Ring, Babbitt, Novotny, Sjoberg, Koch, Nelson, Berke, Ostness,

Larson, Hansen, Kiesler, Peterson, Anderson, Achterhof, Leibfried

ABSENT:

Chris Kilber, Andy Brinkman, William Peavey

This Resolution was Adopted as Amended by the St. Croix County Board of Supervisors on September 1, 2015 Cindy Campbell, County Clerk

1 2 3 4 5	Polk County Resolution No. <u>27</u> 15 Resolution to Repeal Statutory Provisions Enacted in the State of Wisconsin 2015-2017 Budget Concerning Shoreland Zoning Standards (Sections 1922am-1922L of 2015 Wisconsin Act 55)
6 7	TO THE HONORABLE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF POLK, WISCONSIN:
8	Ladies and Gentlemen:
9 10 11	WHEREAS, the State of Wisconsin has adopted NR 115 of the Wisconsin Administrative Code relating to Shoreland Zoning Standards, and Polk County has adopted and administered the minimum requirements of said standards since 1968; and
12 13 14	WHEREAS, Polk County's water resources include both Outstanding and Impaired ratings and existing regulations are in place to protect the Outstanding Resources and restore the impaired resources; and
15 16 17 18 19	WHEREAS, Polk County's Land Information Department and the Polk County Land and Water Resource Department, along with other county and state agencies, are charged with administering and enforcing State and County regulations to protect water resources and to educate the public in best management practices, stormwater and erosion control, land conservation, shoreland and wetland zoning, and long-range planning; and
20 21 22 23	WHEREAS, when acting on the 2015-17 State Biennial Budget, enacted as 2015 Wisconsin Act 55, the Wisconsin Legislature adopted into law Paragraph 23 of Motion Number 520 of the Joint Finance Committee, resulting in significant changes of the standards for regulation of existing non-conforming structures in Shoreland areas, contrary to the adopted standards of NR 115; and
24 25 26 27 28	WHEREAS, Polk County has a substantial number of nonconforming structures existing in its Shoreland areas that no longer will be subject to any oversight which will cause development near County waterways to go completely unchecked relative to its compliance with other state and county regulations, such as sanitary zoning, storm water/erosion control, and floodplain/wetland standards; and
29 30 31 32 33	WHEREAS, with no oversight, property owners that rebuild or remodel nonconforming structures in Shoreland areas may unknowingly be in violation with the aforementioned state and county regulations causing after-the-fact enforcement by the County and therefore potentially placing a significant burden (financial, development delays, etc.) on Shoreland property owners to come into compliance; and
34 35 36 37	WHEREAS, with no oversight, neighboring property owners and the general public may be negatively impacted, specifically as it relates to property values, erosion & runoff from the site, substandard sanitary impacts, increased flooding issues, and overall enjoyment of the County's waterways; and
38 39	WHEREAS, the statutory provisions resulting from Paragraph 23 of Motion Number 520 also removes the ability of the DNR to appeal any action of a County Board of Adjustment decision

- which diminishes state support for the Shoreland program and its goals of protecting the waterways of the state; and
- 42 WHEREAS, State organizations including the Wisconsin Counties Association, Wisconsin County
- 43 Code Administrators, Wisconsin Land and Water Conservation Association, and Wisconsin County
- 44 Planning and Zoning Directors have gone on record supporting the repeal of the statutory provisions
- 45 created in the 2015-17 budget bill that concern the regulation of shorelands, specifically found in
- 46 Sections 1922am through 1922L of 2015 Wisconsin Act 55, and request that these issues be
- 47 addressed through the normal legislative process to allow for important input from the general public
- 48 regarding managing development activity around our state waterways.
- NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Polk County Board of Supervisors that it hereby
- requests the State of Wisconsin to repeal the statutory provisions of Wisconsin Statute Sections 59.69
- and 59.692 created or amended pursuant to Sections 1922am through 1922L of 2015 Wisconsin Act
- 52 55, commonly known as the 2015-17 State Budget Bill (SB 33 21 and AB 21), and requests the State
- of Wisconsin to discuss any changes to the Shoreland zoning provisions of Wisconsin Statutes
- 54 through the normal legislative process to allow for open public discussion and input on such issue.
- 55 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Polk County Clerk is directed to send a copy of this
- Resolution to members of the State's Joint Finance Committee, Governor of the State of Wisconsin.
- 57 State Senators and Representatives serving Polk County constituents, the Wisconsin Counties
- 58 Association, and each County in the State of Wisconsin.

Funding Source/ Funding Amount:	Not Applicable
Date Reviewed as to Appropriations:	Not Applicable
Committee Recommendation as To	Not Applicable
Appropriation:	
Effective Date:	Upon Passage 2
Dated Submitted To County Board	August 18, 2015
Submitted upon Recommendation of the Polk	
County Conservation, Development,	1:21/1/1
Recreation and Education Committee	Kim O'Connell, Committee Chairperson
Review By County Administrator:	Review By Corporation Counsel:
☐ Recommended	X Approved as to Form
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N-3 4	Jeffrey B. Fuge, Corporation Counsel
Dana Frey, County Administrator	

į	Acknowledgement of County Board Action				
ĺ	Mark As Appropriate:				
	At its regular business meeting on the 18 <sup>th</sup> day of August, 2015, the Polk County				
I	Board of Supervisors considered and acted on the above resolution, Resolution No. 29-15:				
	Resolution to Repeal Statutory Provisions Enacted in the State of Wisconsin 2015-2017 Budget Concerning Shoreland Zoning Standards (Sections 1922am-1922L of 2015 Wisconsin Act 55), as follows:				
	Adopted by simple majority of the board of supervisors by a vote of in favor and against.				
	Adopted by unanimous vote.				
	☐ Defeated by a vote of in favor and against.				
	☐ Defeated by voice vote.				
I	☐ Action Deferred by Procedural Action, as follows:				
SIGNED BY:					
	William F. Johnson, IV, County Board Chairperson				
	Attest: Carole Y. Wondra				
1	Carole T. Wondra, County Clerk				

# RESOLUTION NUMBER 2 - 2015

RELATING TO SUPPORT OF LRB 0773/2 & 1440/2 AND CAUSING OR THREATENING BODILY HARM TO CERTAIN CHILD WELFARE AND JUVENILE JUSTICE WORKERS AND PROVIDING A PENALTY

The County Board of Supervisors of Green Lake County, Green Lake, Wisconsin, duly assembled at its regular meeting begun on the 18<sup>th</sup> of August 2015, does resolve as follows:

WHEREAS, under current law, a person who intentionally causes bodily harm to another without the other person's consent commits the crime of ordinary battery, the penalties for which increase depending on the severity of the injury the person causes his or her victim. A person convicted of ordinary battery is subject to fines and periods of imprisonment. Current law provides more severe penalties for battery committed under certain circumstances against certain government officials, employees and agents; and

WHEREAS, among those covered under these "special circumstances battery: provisions are law enforcement officers, fire fighters, and probation, parole, and aftercare agents. A person convicted of intentionally causing bodily harm to these employees is guilty of a Class H felony and may be fined not more than \$10,000 or sentenced to a term of imprisonment of not more than six years, or both; and

WHEREAS, proposed legislation extends the special circumstances battery provisions to a person who is employed by, or under contract with, a court, a county department of human or social services, a tribal child welfare agency, or the department of children and families to provide intake, dispositional, or other services relating to child welfare or juvenile justice workers.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the undersigned members of the Health & Human Services Board recommend adoption of the following resolution.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Green Lake County Board of Supervisors does support proposed legislation extending the special circumstances battery provisions to a person who is employed by, or under contract with, a court, a county department of human or social services, a tribal child welfare agency, or the department of children and families, to provide intake, dispositional or other services relating to child welfare or juvenile justice workers; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Green Lake County Clerk be directed to forward a copy of this resolution to all Wisconsin counties and to the Legislature and Governor.

Roll Call on Resolution No. $12$ - 15	Submitted by Health & Human Services Board
With the recommendation to Approve/Disapp	prove
Ayell, Nay 7, Absent 1, Abstain 0.	Joe Gonyo, Chairman
Passed and Adopted/Rejected this	Las Mare
18 <sup>th</sup> day of August 2015	Jack Meyers, Member
County Board Chairman	Nick Toney, Member
THERON & Batilia	Clan Wallerfang  Nolan Wallenfang, Vice Chairman
ATTEST: County Clerk Approved as to Form	
Corporation Counsel	Richard Trochinski, Member
Bob Malchetske, Member	Joy Waterbury, Member
John Amse	ooy waterbury, Member
John Gende, Member	Cindy Skipchak, Secretary



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SHEBOYGAN COUNTY WISCONSIN

AUGUST 21, 2015

SHEBOYGAN COUNTY CLERK ATTN: JON DOLSON 508 NEW YORK AVE SHEBOYGAN WI 53081

# DEAR MR DOLSON:

At a regular meeting of the Common Council of the City of Sheboygan, Wisconsin, held August 3, 2015 the following document was passed and we are enclosing a certified copy thereof:

Res. No. 58-15-16 by Alderperson Hammond.

Sincerely,

LICENSING/COUNCIL CLERK CINDA LANGHOFF

ckl Enc.

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE

CITY HALL SUITE 100 828 CENTER AVE. SHEBOYGAN, WI 53081-4496

920/459-3361 FAX 920/459-2917

# OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK Sheboygan, Wisconsin CITY HALL

I hereby certify that this is a true copy of a document from the Common Council proceedings of the City of Shebbygan.

City Clerk

Res. No. 58 - 15 - 16. By Alderperson Hammond. July 20, 2015.

A RESOLUTION authorizing the appropriate City officials to execute the Fiber Optic Network Intergovernmental Cooperative Agreement between the City of Sheboygan, Sheboygan County, and the Sheboygan Area School District.

RESOLVED: That the Mayor and City Clerk are hereby authorized to execute the Fiber Optic Network Intergovernmental Cooperative Agreement in form substantially similar to the attached.

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I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing Resolution was duly passed by the Common Council of the City of Sheboygan, Wisconsin, on the 3rd day of day of Council of the City of Sheboygan, Wisconsin, on the 3rd day of day of Council of the City of Sheboygan, Wisconsin, on the 3rd day of day of Council of the City of Sheboygan, Wisconsin, on the 3rd day of day of Council of the City of Sheboygan, Wisconsin, on the 3rd day of day of Council of the City of Sheboygan, Wisconsin, on the 3rd day of day of Council of the City of Sheboygan, Wisconsin, on the 3rd day of day of Council of the City of Sheboygan, Wisconsin, on the 3rd day of day of Council of the City of Sheboygan, Wisconsin, on the 3rd day of day of Council of the City of Sheboygan, Wisconsin, on the 3rd day of day of Council of the City of Sheboygan, Wisconsin, on the 3rd day of day of Council of the City of Sheboygan, Wisconsin, on the 3rd day of day of Council of the City of Sheboygan, Wisconsin, on the 3rd day of day of Council of the City of Sheboygan, Wisconsin, on the 3rd day of day of Council of the City of Sheboygan, Wisconsin, on the 3rd day of day of Council of the City of Sheboygan, Wisconsin, on the 3rd day of day of Council of the City of Sheboygan, Wisconsin, on the 3rd day of day of Council of the City of Sheboygan, Wisconsin, on the 3rd day of City of Council of the City of Sheboygan, Wisconsin, on the 3rd day of City of Council of

Proceedings Published August 10, 2015.
Resolutions Published August 10, 2015.
Certified August 7, 2015 to - Fin. Dir./Treas.; CAO; Mayor; IT Dept.;
Sheboygan County; SASD, Joe Sheehan



# Wisconsin County Mutual Insurance Corporation

8/11/2015

Jon Dolson County Clerk Sheboygan County 508 New York Avenue Sheboygan, WI 53081

RE: County Mutual Property Insurance Program

Dear Jon,

The Wisconsin County Mutual Insurance Corporation (County Mutual) was formed in 1988 as a result of an insurance crisis in Wisconsin, when Colonial Penn sent non-renewal notices to 23 counties. Wisconsin's counties wanted an insurance company that focused on its members first, not stockholders or profit margins. Wisconsin's counties wanted an insurance company that provided stability in cost and coverage, not the lowest price now and increased rates later.

When the future of the Local Government Property Insurance Fund (LGPIF) was in jeopardy, the County Mutual began proactively developing a property insurance program for Wisconsin public entities. The County Mutual Board of Directors, made up of representatives of member-owners such as yourself, established goals for the successful implementation of the Property Insurance Program:

- Provide a long-term property insurance solution
- Provide a pricing structure that is substantially-at-cost
- Structure a broad-based coverage format similar to the LGPIF
- Build flexibility to respond to the unique exposures of county government
- Minimum overall budget impact
- Provide innovative risk management initiatives for programmed maintenance, trending building solutions, and education (a "Property School" for Facilities Management).
- Structure and monitor an effective claims process

The County Mutual has a program that will provide broad, industry-leading coverage, service, and rates that will bring peace of mind, added value, and stability in cost for our membership. We are proud to announce that the County Mutual is ready to write policies effective September 1st, 2015.

The Fund's future remains uncertain. The Legislature's Joint Finance Committee has renewed LGPIF's provisions in the Biennial Budget. Rate increases, re-valuations of property, and higher deductibles await current LGPIF policy-holders. The commercial marketplace has also seized the opportunity to build market share and will begin the cumbersome underwriting process designed to "cherry-pick" the good accounts. As history has shown, when things don't work in the favor of these commercial carriers, risks will be non-renewed and market stratification will peak.

8/11/2015

**RE: County Mutual Property Insurance Program** 

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From the insurance crisis in 1988, to today's unstable property insurance future in 2015, the Wisconsin County Mutual Insurance Corporation has been and will be there for Wisconsin's public entities.

The Property Insurance Program underwriting process is streamlined and simple, and has been integrated with your liability renewal request that was sent last month. In the meantime, do not hesitate to contact Karen Flynn, Josh Dirkse, or myself with questions or concerns at (800)236-6885. We welcome the opportunity to meet with you, your board, or the committee of jurisdiction to discuss our Property Insurance Program and illustrate what sets the County Mutual apart from others in the marketplace.

Sincerely,

John A. Dirkse

**GENERAL ADMINISTRATOR** 

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