

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

April 26, 2022

Pursuant to Section 59.11 of the Wisconsin Statutes, the April 26, 2022 session of the Sheboygan County Board was called to order by Chairperson Koch at 6:00 p.m. Chairperson Koch noted that the notice of meeting was posted on April 22, 2022 at 10:00 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 23 Supervisors present.; Absent: 2, Supervisors Coulson and Smith.

Supervisor Brauer moved for approval of the April 19, 2022 Journal, which was distributed to all supervisors prior to the meeting. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Wegner and carried on unanimous roll call vote of the board.

APPOINTMENTS

The Clerk read the Executive Committee recommendations for County Board Committee Assignments which are as follows:

Finance:	Abler, Donovan, Goehring, Te Stroete, Wegner
Health & Human Services:	Brauer, Clarke, Coulson, Goehring, Montemayor, Schobert
Health Care Center:	Bosman, Brauer, Montemayor, Speltz, Veldman
Human Resources:	Donovan, Ellis, Nonhof, Procek, Wegner
Law:	Gruber, Immel, Jorgensen, Nonhof, Schobert
Planning, Resources, Ag & Extension:	Abler, Clarke, Gruber, H. Nelson, J. Nelson
Property:	Jorgensen, Kuhlow, Kulow, H. Nelson, Smith
Transportation:	Bosman, Kuhlow, Te Stroete, Veldman, Wegner

Chairperson Koch reviewed the criteria he considered when making committee assignments, and that 22 of 24 Supervisors received their first or second committee choice.

Supervisor Goehring moved for confirmation of the committee appointments as recommended by the Executive Committee. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Brauer and carried on unanimous roll call vote of the board.

RECESS

Chairperson Koch declared a recess to permit committee organization. The board recessed at 6:06 p.m.

Supervisors Clarke, J. Nelson, and Nonhof left the meeting at 6:53 p.m.

RECONVENE

Following the recess, the roll call was taken and recorded with 20 Supervisors present; Absent: 5, Supervisors Clarke, Coulson, J. Nelson, Nonhof, and Smith. The meeting reconvened at 6:54 p.m.

LETTERS, COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Clerk presented resolutions from the Jefferson and Price County Boards of Supervisors regarding real estate transfer fees. By Chairperson received for information.

The Clerk presented a resolution from the La Crosse County Board of Supervisors regarding ones right to clean water. By Chairperson received for information.

The Clerk presented a resolution from the Town of Vinland (Winnebago County) Board of Supervisors supporting NACo's position on defining waters of the United States. By Chairperson referred to the Planning, Resources, Agriculture and Extension Committee.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

County Administrator Adam Payne complimented Chairperson Koch on his thoughtful approach to making committee appointments. He advised the Board that in addition to serving on their respective liaison committees, there are numerous opportunities to serve on advisory committees. A summary list of those advisory committees and a brief description of each, was on their desks. If interested, please contact Chairperson Koch, himself, or Peggy Osthelder.

REPORTS ON COMMITTEE ELECTIONS, LOCATION AND TIME OF MEETINGS

The Clerk read the results of the respective committee organizational elections and their scheduled meeting dates and times as a matter of information.

ADJOURNMENT

Supervisor Te Stroete moved to adjourn. Supervisor Brauer seconded the motion which carried on unanimous roll call vote of the board. The meeting was adjourned at 7:01 p.m. The next scheduled meeting is **Tuesday, May 17, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.**

Resolution 12-22

Request State to Revise the Current Real Estate Transfer Fees Revenue Sharing Formula

WHEREAS, the collection of a real estate transfer fee by counties was mandated by the State of Wisconsin in 1969, and included a requirement that counties remit 50% of all transfer fees collected to the State; and

WHEREAS, in 1981 the State changed the transfer fee formula to require counties to remit 80% of all transfer fees collected to the State; and

WHEREAS, the County, through the Register of Deeds Office, assumes the annual operating costs of recording all real estate transfers occurring in each County, including the collection of real estate transfer fees; and

WHEREAS, Price County real estate transfer fee collections over the past five years totaled \$1,134,608, of which the County retained \$227,460 and \$907,148 was remitted to the State; and


WHEREAS, using a 50/50 split, the County's share of fees collected on local real estate transfers during that same five year period would have provided an additional \$339,844 in support of local government; and

WHEREAS, in 2021 the State of Wisconsin has built up a budget surplus of approximately \$2.5 billion dollars, while many Wisconsin counties continue to struggle financially due to the ever-increasing costs of providing county government services in an inflationary economy and providing services for increasing unfunded State mandated programs along with the financial restrictions imposed by State imposed levy limits.

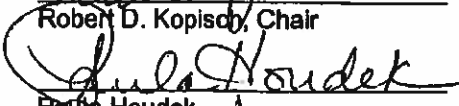
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Price County Board of Supervisors that in an effort to assist all Wisconsin Counties, the State of Wisconsin revise the real estate transfer fee share formula to again allow Wisconsin Counties to retain 50% of all real estate transfer fees collected, with 50% to be remitted to the State.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be sent to Governor Tony Evers, all members of the State Legislature representing Price County, the Wisconsin Counties Association and all other Wisconsin Counties.

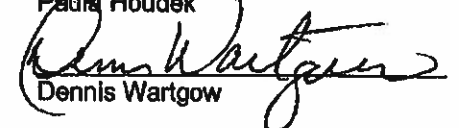
Submitted by the Price County Executive Committee:



Robert D. Kopisch, Chair



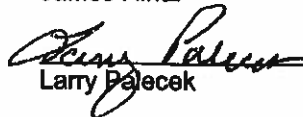
Paula Houdek



Dennis Wartgow

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James Hintz



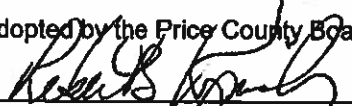
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Reviewed by County Administrator:

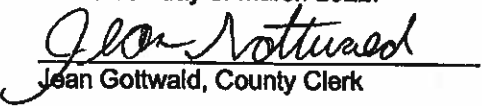


Nicholas Trimmer

Adopted by the Price County Board of Supervisors this 15th day of March 2022.



Robert D. Kopisch, County Board Chair



Jean Gottwald, County Clerk

For: 12 Against: 0



RESOLUTION # 45-12/21

TO: HONORABLE MEMBERS OF THE LA CROSSE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

ITEM # 12-29

BOARD ACTION

Adopted:
For: 2
Against: 0
Abstain: 0
Abs/Excd: 2
Vote Req: -
Other Action: -

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE ACTION

Adopted:
For: 7
Against: 0
Abstain: 0
Abs/Excd: 2

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ACTION

Adopted:
For: 9
Against: 0
Abstain: 0
Abs/Excd: 2

RE: ADVISORY REFERENDUM ON CLEAN WATER

WHEREAS, there are numerous indicators that the citizens of La Crosse County are concerned about groundwater and surface water issues including contamination from nitrates, PFAS, lead in drinking water, toxic algal blooms, flooding, and over pumping from high capacity wells;

WHEREAS, the Health and Human Service Board is directly involved in local and regional discussions focusing on surface water and groundwater issues and is statutorily charged with considering issues related to these topics; and,

WHEREAS, the La Crosse County Board of Supervisors has passed resolutions asking for the State of Wisconsin to pursue initiatives related to surface water and groundwater issues;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the La Crosse County Board of Supervisors, in legal session assembled, does hereby approve that the following question be placed on the April 5, 2022 ballot as an advisory referendum:

Question: Shall the State of Wisconsin establish a right to clean water to protect human health, the environment, and the diverse cultural and natural heritage of Wisconsin? YES or NO

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Corporation Counsel shall prepare an explanation of a yes or no vote to be published by the La Crosse County Clerk in accordance with statutory requirements; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution and the referendum shall be filed with the La Crosse County Clerk no later than 70 days prior to the April 5, 2022 election, at which the question will appear on the ballot; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the La Crosse County Clerk is directed to send the results of the referendum to the Governor of the State of Wisconsin, the Wisconsin Counties Association, all Wisconsin County Boards, and to local members of the State Legislature.

FISCAL NOTE: Approximately \$5,000 for the preparation and noticing of the referendum ballot.

Date: 12/7/21
Christina A. Soss
COMMITTEE CHAIR
Joseph Buchholz
RECORDING CLERK

Date: 12/8/21
Alouise J. Renna
COMMITTEE CHAIR
R.T. H
RECORDING CLERK

Co. Admn. _____
Fin. Director _____
Corp. Counsel _____
Board Chair _____
Reviewed Only _____
Recommended _____
Not Recommended _____
Requested By: Jamie O'Neill
Date Requested: November 10, 2021
Drafted By: Corporation Counsel

Adopted by the La Crosse County Board this 16 Day of December, 2021

STATE OF WISCONSIN
COUNTY OF LA CROSSE

I, Ginny Dankmeyer, County Clerk of La Crosse County do hereby certify that this document is a true and correct copy of the original resolution required by law to be in my custody and which the County Board of Supervisors of La Crosse County adopted at a meeting held on the 16th day of December 2021.

Ginny Dankmeyer
Ginny Dankmeyer, La Crosse County Clerk

Resolution

Town of Vinland, Winnebago County, State of Wisconsin No. 006-2022

Resolution to Support NACo's Position on Defining the Waters of the United States (WOTUS) and Regulations with Agricultural Considerations

WHEREAS, the Biden Administration recently announced the signing of a proposed rule to revise the definition of Waters of the United States (WOTUS); and

WHEREAS, the proposed rule expands federal jurisdiction by changing the WOTUS definition to include waters that significantly affect the chemical, physical, or biological integrity of traditional navigable waters, interstate waters, and the territorial seas (the "foundational waters") and waters that are relatively permanent or that have a continuous surface connection to such waters; and

WHEREAS, the proposed WOTUS definition directly impacts local governments as owners and operators of local infrastructure, co-regulators and stewards of the environment; and

WHEREAS, counties own and operate public safety water conveyances, stormwater municipal separate stormwater sewer systems (MS4), green infrastructure construction and maintenance projects, water reuse and infrastructure, and emergency management readiness; and

WHEREAS, counties may need to apply for a federal permit to maintain or build new infrastructure projects such as: roads and roadside ditches, flood control channels, drainage conveyances, culverts, bioswales, vegetative buffers, constructed wetlands, stormwater detention ponds, etc.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Board of the Town of Vinland that it hereby supports the National Association of Counties (NACo) position which advocates for a definition that is consistent with traditionally navigable waters, territorial seas, their regularly flowing tributaries, and abutting wetlands.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Town Board of the Town of Vinland that it supports clear, concise language that is easy for counties to interpret without the need to hire experts or legal counsel and so that a reasonable person would be able to identify that a body of water is either regulated by the federal government or by their state government.


BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Town Board of the Town of Vinland that it hereby urges the administration and the U.S. Congress to fully adopt the initial intent of the Clean Water Act recognizing state and local authorities working together with federal regulatory agencies to protect rural, disadvantaged frontier communities, from regulations adversely affecting the nation's agricultural supply chain.


BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Town Board of the Town of Vinland that the Town Clerk/Treasurer forward this resolution to NACo, WCA, and all Wisconsin counties and the county administration send this resolution to the Biden Administration, federal Congressional delegation, Evers Administration, and relevant stakeholder groups.

Respectfully submitted by: Town of Vinland Board

Adopted this 11th day of April 2022

TOWN OF VINLAND

By: 
Don O'Connell, Chairman

Attest: 
Karen Brazee, Clerk/Treasurer