

JOURNAL OF THE MEETING OF THE SHEBOYGAN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

August 16, 2022

Pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 59.11, the August 16, 2022 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 August 12, 2022 at 3:00 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 24 Supervisors present; 1 Supervisor attended remotely: Supervisor Wegner; Absent: 1, Supervisor Montemayor.

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

PRESENTATIONS - NONE

PUBLIC ADDRESS

Jim Davies, 221 S. Heritage Drive, Oostburg – Airport FBO
Gary Gritt, N4473 VanTreeck Trail, Sheboygan Falls – Airport FBO
Raymond Sievers, 6130 95th Avenue, Kenosha – Airport FBO
Jacob Smith, 1918 North 9th Street, Unit A, Sheboygan – Airport FBO
Fay Wingrove, 3122 North 7th Street, Sheboygan – Airport FBO
Luke Chiarelli, 1509 North Prospect Avenue, Milwaukee – Airport FBO
Mindy Smith, 2611 Lakeshore Drive, Sheboygan – Airport FBO
Jim Meyer, 777 Walton Drive, Plymouth – Airport FBO

LETTERS AND COMMUNICATIONS

The Clerk presented a resolution from the Brown County Board of Supervisors requesting an advisory referendum regarding private funding of election administration. By Chairperson received for information.

The Clerk presented a resolution from the Taylor County Board of Supervisors regarding prohibiting the use of private funding of election administration. By Chairperson received for information.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

County Administrator Adam Payne gave an update on the 2023 Budget Development process and thanked Deputy County Administrator Alayne Krause and Finance Director Wendy Charnon for their key leadership. Mr. Payne emphasized that our annual budget process is collaborative, effective and that we have a strong track-record. Over the last decade, the average annual increase in the property tax levy has been just 1.2%. Mr. Payne then provided a summary of the ½% county sales tax first implemented in 2017. The County Board has maintained its commitment to directing the sales tax revenues to help maintain and enhance our transportation system, provide direct property tax relief, and sharing a portion with all our cities, villages and towns. Mr. Payne concluded by discussing the Sheboygan County Memorial Airport and opportunities for improvement. He thanked the public address speakers and referenced letters of support that were in the County Board agenda packet, including one from the Sheboygan County Economic Development Corporation. Mr. Payne briefly discussed the FBO proposal and accompanying fact sheet, and encouraged the Board to support the ordinance and resolution referred by the Transportation, Executive and Finance Committees.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

The Clerk read the report of the Executive Committee regarding **Resolution No. 05 (2022/23) Approving Standard Intergovernmental Agreement for 2023 County Sales Tax Revenue-Sharing** recommending adoption.

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

The Clerk read the report of the Executive Committee regarding **Resolution No. 06 (2022/23) Designating the Sheboygan County Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP) For Grant Funding Under 2019 Wisconsin Act 26 and Wis. Stat. §256.35** recommending adoption.

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

The Clerk read the report of the Executive Committee regarding **Ordinance No. 01 (2022/23) Amending Sheboygan County Code Section 61.03(1) and Repealing Section 61.03(2) Related to Fixed Based Operator (FBO) Services at Sheboygan County Memorial Airport** recommending enactment.

Supervisor Te Stroete moved to enact the ordinance. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Goehring and carried on roll call vote of the board of Ayes: 20; Noes: 3, Supervisors Immel, Nonhof, and Speltz; Absent: 1, Supervisor Montemayor; Abstain: 1, Supervisor Smith.

The Clerk read the report of the Finance Committee regarding **Resolution No. 07 (2022/23) Amending 2022 Budget for Use of General Funds for Airport Fixed Base Operator (FBO) Services** recommending adoption.

Supervisor Te Stroete moved to adopt the resolution. Supervisor Goehring seconded the motion which carried on roll call vote of the board of Ayes: 17; Noes: 6, Supervisors Coulson, Immel, Jorgensen, H. Nelson, Nonhof, and Speltz; Absent: 1, Supervisor Montemayor; Abstain: 1, Supervisor Smith.

(Vice-Chairperson Abler 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. 08 (2022/23) Re: 2023 Five-Year Capital Plan referred to the Executive Committee.

Resolution No. 09 (2022/23) Re: Supporting the Principle of Fair Housing and Adherence to the Fair Housing Law referred to the Executive Committee.

Resolution No. 10 (2022/23) Re: Authorizing County Aid for Culvert and Bridge Construction in the Towns of Greenbush, Holland, Wilson, and Lima referred to the Finance Committee.

Ordinance No. 02 (2022/23) Re: Modifying Fee Schedule of Medical Examiner in Chapter 96 referred to the Finance Committee.

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 7:38 p.m. **The next scheduled meeting is Tuesday, September 20, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.**

July 20, 2022

TO THE HONORABLE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS
OF THE BROWN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Ladies and Gentlemen:

RESOLUTION FOR ADVISORY REFERENDUM
REGARDING PRIVATE FUNDING OF ELECTION ADMINISTRATION

WHEREAS, Wisconsin State Statutes Section 59.52(25) provides for a County Board to conduct county-wide referenda for advisory purposes, and reads in its entirety as follows: *“Advisory and contingent referenda. The board may conduct a countywide referendum for advisory purposes or for the purpose of ratifying or validating a resolution adopted or ordinance enacted by the board contingent upon approval in the referendum;”* and

WHEREAS, during Wisconsin's 2020 General Election, a private, non-profit entity, the Center for Tech and Civic Life, funded in part by Facebook Founder Mark Zuckerberg, furnished approximately \$8.5 million to five Wisconsin cities, and approximately an additional \$1.6 million to over 200 other Wisconsin municipalities; and

WHEREAS, by accepting these grants, municipalities agreed to certain conditions related to election administration which directly impacted the procedures adopted by municipalities who were recipients of the grant funding, while other municipalities that did not receive the grants did not implement the same measures; and

~~**WHEREAS**, by accepting these grants, it is alleged that municipalities granted special access to voter data to agents of the special interest group, including the ability manage municipal staff and special access to ballots; and~~

WHEREAS, voters need to be able to trust that their local election officials are acting in a non-partisan capacity, and are not under the influence of private resources that might impact how an election is administered; and

WHEREAS, the ability to accept private funds for election administration can be used by any political party or special interest group to improperly influence the outcome of elections;

and

WHEREAS, the ability of a privately funded special interest to participate in an election in this manner allows for circumvention of campaign finance laws, and creates the appearance of unfairness in election administration; and

WHEREAS, in order to have a well-functioning election, voters need to have trust in the fairness of the process; and

WHEREAS, the Brown County Board of Supervisors insists upon the prohibition of the use of private donations from special interest groups, people, or other private entities by government for the purposes of election administration.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Brown County Board of Supervisors hereby authorizes and directs that a County-wide advisory Referendum be conducted to be held with the November 2022 general election, that Brown County staff and officials take any and all actions necessary to achieve this, and that the advisory Referendum question to be presented shall be as follows:

Question: *“Should the State of Wisconsin prohibit election officials from soliciting or using private funds, technology, or services from special interest groups, people, or other private entities for the purpose of administering elections and referendums?”*

YES__ NO__ ; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Corporation Counsel shall prepare a *Notice of Referenda* to be published by the Brown County Clerk in accordance with statutory requirements, that this Resolution and the *Notice of Referendum* shall be filed with the Brown County Clerk **no later than 70 days prior to the election** at which time the question will appear on the ballot, and that any other necessary actions be taken by County officials and staff to hold this Referendum as stated above; and

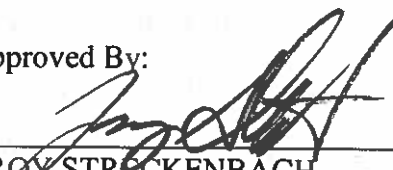
BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the County Clerk is directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Governor of the State of Wisconsin, the Wisconsin Counties Association, the

Wisconsin Towns Association, the Wisconsin League of Municipalities, all members of the state legislature and to each Wisconsin County Board.

Respectfully submitted,

ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

Approved By:


 TROY STRECKENBACH,
 COUNTY EXECUTIVE

Date Signed: 7/21/22

22-093R

Authorized by: Administration Committee
 Approved by: Corporation Counsel's Office

***AMENDED AT THE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING JULY 20, 2022**

Fiscal Note: This resolution does not require an appropriation from the General Fund. The associated expense of approximately \$2,000 will be covered in the County Clerk's 2022 budget.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ROLL CALL # 15b
Roll Call Vote

Motion made by Supervisor Landwehr

Seconded by Supervisor De Wane

SUPERVISORS	DIST. #	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	EXCUSED
ANTONNEAU	1				X
DE WANE	2	X			
NICHOLSON	3	X			
JACOBSON	4		X		
THENO	5	X			
LEFEBVRE	6		X		
FRIBERG	7		X		
BORCHARDT	8		X		
EVANS	9		X		
VANDER LEEST	10	X			
BUCKLEY	11	X			
LANDWEHR	12	X			
DANTINNE, JR	13	X			

SUPERVISORS	DIST. #	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	EXCUSED
AVERY	14	X			
FULLER	15		X		
KASTER	16	X			
VAN DYCK	17			X	
HOPKINS	18		X		
ADAMS	19		X		
COENEN	20	X			
SCHULTZ	21	X			
PETERS	22	X			
SUENNEN	23	X			
SCHADEWALD	24	X			
LUND	25	X			
DENEYS	26	X			

Total Votes Cast 25
 Motion: Adopted X Defeated _____ Tabled _____

A RESOLUTION REGARDING PRIVATE FUNDING OF ELECTION ADMINISTRATION.

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WHEREAS, by accepting this money, municipalities agreed to certain conditions related to election administration, which directly impacted the procedures adopted by municipalities who were recipients of the money, while other municipalities that did not receive the money did not implement the same measures; and,

WHEREAS, by accepting this money, municipalities granted special access to voter data to agents of the special interest group, including the ability to manage municipal staff and special access to the ballots; and,

WHEREAS, voters need to be able to trust that their local elections officials are acting in a non-partisan capacity and are not under the influence of private resources that might impact how an election is administered; and,

WHEREAS, the ability to accept private funds for election administration can be used by any political party or special interest group to improperly influence the outcome of elections; and,

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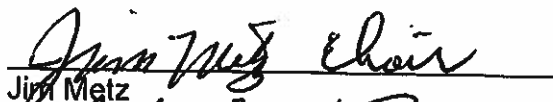
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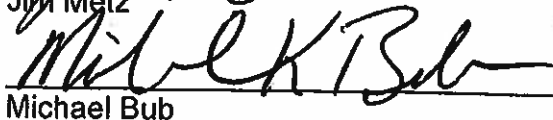
NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Taylor County Board of Supervisors, duly assembled on this 15th day of July, 2022, insists upon the prohibition of the use of private donations from special interest groups, people, or other private entities by government, for the purpose of election administration.

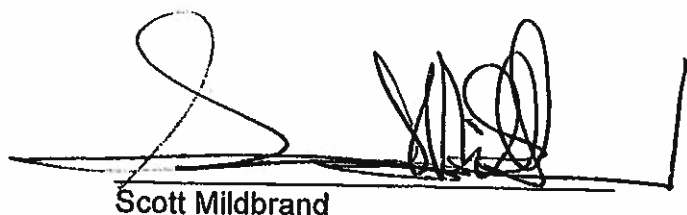
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Taylor County Clerk is directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Governor of the State of Wisconsin, the Wisconsin Counties Association, the Wisconsin Towns Association, the Wisconsin League of Municipalities, all members of the state legislature and to each Wisconsin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

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:


Jim Metz


Michael Bub


Scott Mildbrand

Reason for the resolution: Politically motivated out-of-state individuals and third-party groups found a loophole in Wisconsin election laws.

In Wisconsin, outside money can influence elections and officials, creating a difference in how elections are funded and operated from one county to another. Outside money from individuals and third-party groups does not belong in our elections. It's dangerous, it's wrong, and it undermines the integrity of our elections.

The outside money loophole was used in 2020 to influence Wisconsin elections, and there are plans underway to continue to take advantage of that loophole again!

In the 2020 election, more than 200 jurisdictions in Wisconsin received and spent over \$10 million paid for by Facebook CEO Mark Zuckerberg and his wife. In fact, the majority of Zuckerbucks were funneled into 5 districts. Nearly \$8.5 of the \$10 million provided to the state were funneled into Milwaukee, Madison, Green Bay, Racine, and Kenosha.

Governor Evers failed to protect Wisconsin elections with his veto of the ban on outside money in our elections.

The Wisconsin Legislature passed a law that would have stopped outside money from influencing elections in Wisconsin. Governor Evers vetoed the bill leaving Wisconsin voters vulnerable to outside influences. 21 states have already enacted legislation to restrict or prohibit state and local governments from accepting funding from private individuals and third parties.

Let's send a message from the County that elections are not for sale in Wisconsin.

A county resolution sends a message to the Governor and to election officials throughout Wisconsin that our elections are not for sale. Support integrity in elections by ensuring that the State of Wisconsin does not accept funding for election administration from politically motivated groups.