Resolution No. 27-09/17
Supporting Proposed Legislation Permitting Inmates Confined to County Jails under a
Department of Corrections Contract to Leave the Facility to Participate in Employment-Related
Activities

Moved/Sponsored by: Executive Committee

WHEREAS, legislation has been proposed to allow the Department of Corrections to contract with
county jails to send inmates back to their county of origin to participate in local work release or other
approved programs; and,

WHEREAS, the intention is to allow inmates with a good record of behavior and completion of
training programs that are close to their release date to return to their county of origin, establish a
relationship with a local employer, and ease the overall process of re-entry upon release; and,

WHEREAS, participation would be optional for county sheriffs, tribal jails and houses of correction;
and,

WHEREAS, if county sheriffs, tribal jails and houses of correction choose to participate, the
contractual obligations of the Department of Corrections and the county would be articulated in a
memorandum of understanding.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Walworth County Board of Supervisors hereby
supports proposed legislation permitting inmates confined to county jails, county houses of correction
or tribal jails under a Department of Corrections contract to leave the facility to participate in
employment-related activities or other approved programs designated by the Department of
Corrections in its contract with the local unit of government.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, a copy of this resolution shall be sent to Governor Walker, the
Walworth County Legislative delegation, and the Wisconsin Counties Association.

Nancy Russell
County Board Chair

Kimberly S. Bushey
County Clerk

County Board Meeting Date: September 5, 2017

Action Required: Majority Vote X Two-thirds Vote ___ Other ___

Policy and Fiscal Note is attached.
Reviewed and approved pursuant to Section 2-91 of the Walworth County Code of Ordinances:

If unsigned, exceptions shall be so noted by the County Administrator.
Policy and Fiscal Note
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I. **Title:** Supporting Proposed Legislation Permitting Inmates Confined to County Jails under a Department of Corrections Contract to Leave the Facility to Participate in Employment-Related Activities

II. **Purpose and Policy Impact Statement.** The purpose of this resolution is to support proposed legislation permitting inmates confined to county jails, county houses of correction or tribal jails under a Department of Corrections contract to leave the facility to participate in employment-related activities or other approved programs designated by the Department of Corrections in its contract with the local unit of government.

III. **Budget and Fiscal Impact:** Passage of this advisory resolution will not have a fiscal impact on the county budget.

IV. **Referred to the following standing committees for consideration and date of referral:**

   Committee: Executive Committee  Meeting Date: July 17, 2017
   Vote: 5-0
   County Board Meeting Date: September 5, 2017

Policy and fiscal note has been reviewed and approved as an accurate statement of the probable policy and fiscal impacts associated with passage of the attached resolution.

David A. Bretl  7/31/17
County Administrator/Corporation Counsel

Nicole Andersen  8/1/17
Deputy County Administrator – Finance

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