October 13, 2017

Wisconsin Counties Association
22 East Mifflin Street, Suite 900
Madison, WI 53703

To Whom It May Concern:

Enclosed are the following Walworth County resolutions:

Resolution No. 34-10/17 – Opposing Any Legislation Proposing the Selling of the Current Green Bay Correctional Institution and Building a New, Privately-Owned Facility

Resolution No. 35-10/17 – Supporting Reform of Wisconsin’s Eminent Domain Laws and Prohibiting the Use of Eminent Domain for Forcible Land Takings by For-Profit Oil Pipeline Companies

The Walworth County Board of Supervisors requested that these resolutions be forwarded to your office at their October 10, 2017 County Board meeting.

Sincerely,

Kimberly S. Bushey
Walworth County Clerk

KSB/ps
Enclosures
Resolution No. 34 - 10/17
Opposing Any Legislation Proposing the Selling of the Current Green Bay Correctional Institution and Building a New, Privately-Owned Facility

Moved/Sponsored by: Executive Committee

WHEREAS, a proposal has been submitted that requires the Department of Administration (DOA) to solicit public bids to sell the Green Bay Correctional Institution and other specified parcels of land in the Village of Allouez; and,

WHEREAS, the proposal further requires the DOA to solicit bids for a contract to build per DOA’s specifications, and lease to the State with an option to purchase, a prison facility in Brown County or in an adjacent county to have an occupancy date of no later than November 1, 2022; and,

WHEREAS, the proposal further requires that the facility be managed and staffed by employees of the Department of Corrections; and,

WHEREAS, the DOA must enter into a lease with the purchaser of the Green Bay Correctional Institution that will allow the State to continue to use the institution and property until the occupancy date of the new facility; and,

WHEREAS, if the State purchases the new facility, the State will make an annual payment to the municipality where the facility is located equal to the property taxes paid by the owner of the facility for the last year in which the property was subject to taxation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Walworth County Board of Supervisors does oppose any legislation proposing the selling of the Green Bay Correctional Institution and building a new, privately-owned facility.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Walworth County Board of Supervisors does encourage the Governor to require the creation of an inventory of facilities with open and rentable jail beds.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Walworth County Board of Supervisors directs the County Clerk to forward a copy of this resolution to Governor Walker, State Legislators representing Walworth County and the Wisconsin Counties Association.

Nancy Russell
County Board Chair

County Board Meeting Date: October 10, 2017

Action Required: Majority Vote X Two-thirds Vote ___
Policy and Fiscal Note is attached. Reviewed and approved pursuant to Section 2-91 of the Walworth County Code of Ordinances:

David A. Bretl  
County Administrator/Corporation Counsel  
9/27

Nicole Andersen  
Deputy County Administrator - Finance  
9/28/17

If unsigned, exceptions shall be so noted by the County Administrator.
Policy and Fiscal Note
Resolution No. 34 - 10/17

I. Title: Opposing Any Legislation Proposing the Selling of the Current Green Bay Correctional Institution and Building a New, Privately-Owned Facility

II. Purpose and Policy Impact Statement: The purpose of this resolution is to oppose any legislation proposing the selling of the Green Bay Correctional Institution and building a new, privately-owned facility.

III. Budget and Fiscal Impact: Passage of this resolution will have no fiscal impact on the county budget.

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

Committee: Executive Committee
Meeting Date: September 11, 2017
Vote: 5-0
County Board Meeting Date: October 10, 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.

[Signatures]

David A. Bretl  Date
County Administrator/Corporation Counsel

Nicole Andersen  Date
Deputy County Administrator - Finance