

Resolution No. 03 - 17

RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT STATUTORY CHANGES AUTHORIZING COUNTIES TO CONTRACT WITH EACH OTHER TO PROVIDE AND RECEIVE CHILD PROTECTION SERVICES, INCLUDING ACCESS AND SCREENING OF REPORTS

WHEREAS, consistent with Attorney General Opinion, OAG 64-87 issued by the Wisconsin Attorney General in 1987, counties do not currently have the authority to contract with other county child protection agencies to receive child protection access reports, screen reports, or to investigate reports of child abuse or neglect, outside of conflict of interest cases; and

WHEREAS, counties may benefit through shared expertise, assisting duties during vacancies and high demand time periods, and from sharing expertise across counties through contracts and Memoranda of Understanding (MOUs); and

WHEREAS, the Child Abuse and Neglect (CAN) Reporting Partnership that includes the counties of Chippewa, Monroe, Pepin, and Taylor are in the process of designing a multi-county partnership that will receive child protective services access reports and screenings, but the statutory authority to implement this partnership does not exist; and

WHEREAS, the CAN Reporting Partnership has been working in conjunction with the Wisconsin Department of Children and Families to design a partnership that will comply with Wisconsin Statutes, Regulations, and Standards with the objective of increasing safety of children by providing expertise when receiving child protective reports and making screening decisions; and

WHEREAS, the safety of children and families is a high priority for Wisconsin Counties and creating statutory authority will increase counties ability to maintain expertise in child protective services; and

WHEREAS, individual counties across Wisconsin are experiencing challenges in hiring, training, and retaining expert child protective services staff that have the depth of knowledge needed to provide mandated services to keep children safe; and

WHEREAS, statutory changes that would provide counties the option to work collaboratively with other counties to provide mandated child protective services to children and families such as child protection access reports, screen reports, or to do investigations of reports of child abuse or neglect would provide county Departments of Human Services the ability to specialize in each aspect of the process which will lead to a higher quality of service provision; and

WHEREAS, these collaborative endeavors will also provide Departments of Human Services another tool to address the retention of good, qualified child protective services staff;

CHIPPEWA COUNTY**COUNTY BOARD****REGULAR MEETING****FEBRUARY 14, 2017****CHIPPEWA COUNTY COURTHOUSE, RM 302****6:00 PM****I. CALL TO ORDER**

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Albarado at 6:00 p.m.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND MOMENT OF SILENCE**III. ROLL CALL**

Attendee Name	Organization	Title	Status	Arrived
Anson Albarado	Chippewa County	(Chairman)	Present	
Florian Skwierczynski	Chippewa County	(Vice-Chairman)	Present	
Harold Steele	Chippewa County	District 1	Present	
Glen Sikorski	Chippewa County	District 2	Present	
Matthew Hartman	Chippewa County	District 3	Present	
Jared Zwiefelhofer	Chippewa County	District 4	Absent	
Tom Thornton	Chippewa County	District 5	Present	
Jason Bergeron	Chippewa County	District 6	Present	
Dean Gullickson	Chippewa County	District 7	Present	
Lawrence J. Willkom	Chippewa County	District 9	Present	
Steve Gerrish	Chippewa County	District 10	Present	
Kari Ives	Chippewa County	District 12	Present	
Annette Hunt	Chippewa County	District 13	Present	
Chuck Hull	Chippewa County	District 14	Present	
Leigh Darrow	Chippewa County	District 15	Present	

IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion (Gerrish/Hull) to approved the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

V. MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WISHING TO BE HEARD

Al Vorhees spoke in opposition to supporting Resolution 01-17 as he felt there could potentially be a long-term financial impact on the County.

Clint Paulsen spoke in regards to the Chippewa Valley Snowmobile Organization not having access to Hwy M. He would like to see the County adopt an ordinance that would allow snowmobile usage on the highways in case of emergency. Tourism and tax dollars have been lost due to this issue.

VI. CONSENT AGENDA

Motion (Sikorski/Skwierczynski) to approve the consent agenda as presented. Motion carried.

County Board

Minutes
Regular Meeting

Chippewa County Courthouse, Rm 302

February 14, 2017
6:00 PM

2. Res. 02-17: Resolution to Delegate Approval Authority for Functional Classification Changes in Rural Areas to the Highway Commissioner
Motion (Sikorski/Ives) delegating approval authority for functional classification changes in rural areas to the Highway Commissioner. Motion carried 14-0.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Glen Sikorski, District 2
SECONDER:	Kari Ives, District 12
AYES:	Albarado, Skwierczynski, Steele, Sikorski, Hartman, Thornton, Bergeron, Gullickson, Willkom, Gerrish, Ives, Hunt, Hull, Darrow
ABSENT:	Zwiefelhofer

- *3. Res. 03-17: Resolution to Support Statutory Changes Authorizing Counties to Contract with Each Other to Provide and Receive Child Protection Services, Including Access and Screening of Reports
Motion (Sikorski/Ives) to support statutory changes authorizing counties to contract with each other to provide and receive child protection services, including access and screening of reports.

Supervisors would oversee the multi-county initiative. The State is requiring much more information regarding child service cases. Currently there is inconsistent decision making across the state within this field. The State is interested in creating a partnership with counties that is standard and reliable with practices that are uniform across the State.

Motion (Ives/Gerrish) to amend line 63 to read "supports the necessary....." and line 67 and 68 to read "... copy of this resolution to Governor Scott Walker.....". Motion carried by voice vote.

Motion (Sikorski/Ives) to support statutory changes authorizing counties to contract with each other to provided and receive child protection services, including access and screening of reports as amended. Motion carried 14-0.

RESULT:	ADOPTED AS AMENDED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Glen Sikorski, District 2
SECONDER:	Kari Ives, District 12
AYES:	Albarado, Skwierczynski, Steele, Sikorski, Hartman, Thornton, Bergeron, Gullickson, Willkom, Gerrish, Ives, Hunt, Hull, Darrow
ABSENT:	Zwiefelhofer

4. Res. 04-17: Resolution to Approve the 2017 Annual Work Plan of the Forest and Trails Division of the Department of Land Conservation and Forest Management and to Authorize the County Forest Administrator to Apply for a County Forest Administration Grant from the State of Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources
Motion (Gullickson/Hunt) to approve the 2017 annual work plan of the Forest and Trails Division of the Department of Land Conservation and Forest Management and to authorize the County Forest Administrator to apply for a County Forest Administration grant from the State of Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources. Motion carried 14-0.