

- SUPPORTING AN INCREASE IN PAYMENT IN LIEU OF TAXES (PILT) FOR COUNTY FOREST LANDS-

WHEREAS, collectively, counties manage nearly 2.4 million acres of land in Wisconsin, making County forests the largest public ownership in the state; and

WHEREAS, the State of Wisconsin currently provides \$.30 per acre to towns with county forest property enrolled in the County forest Land (CFL) program; and

WHEREAS, this \$.30 per acre goes to pay for town roads, elections and emergency services; and

WHEREAS, the rate of \$.30 per acre was set in 1989 and has not changed over the past 28 years; and

WHEREAS, costs to provide road, election and emergency services have increased dramatically since 1989; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Forest Payment in Lieu of Taxes is \$2 per acre; and

WHEREAS, the State of Wisconsin pays on average at least \$10 per acre for lands not on the tax roll but owned by the State.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Eau Claire County Board of Supervisors supports an increase in the fee paid to towns from \$.30 to \$2 per acre for County Forest Land enrolled in the CFL program.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Eau Claire County Board of Supervisors directs the county clerk to forward this resolution to the governor, assembly members and senators representing Eau Claire County and the Wisconsin Counties Association.

ADOPTED: July 18, 2017

Janet K. Loomis
County Clerk

