RESOLUTION 1-1-17

EXpressing support for restoration of funding for county forest administration grant program

1. WHEREAS, Clark County has land entered into the Wisconsin
2. County Forest Law (County Forest Law) pursuant to Wis. Stats.
3. 28.10 and 28.11 and is a member of the Wisconsin County Forest
4. Association (WCFA); and
5. 
6. WHEREAS, the WCFA is a nonprofit organization that
7. represents the forestry interests of 29 counties with 2.4 million
8. acres of forest lands entered into the County Forest Law; and
9. 
10. WHEREAS, the WCFA also provides leadership and counsel to
11. each county’s forest administrator and functions as an
12. organizational liaison to the Wisconsin Department of Natural
13. Resources (department); and
14. 
15. WHEREAS, Wis. Stats. 28.11(5m)(am) authorizes the department
16. to make grants from the appropriation under Wis. Stats. 20.370
17. (5)(bw) to counties having lands entered under the County Forest
18. Law in order to fund up to 50 percent of the costs of a county’s
19. annual dues to the WCFA; and
20. 
21. WHEREAS, historically, the total amount that the department
22. could award in grants under this provision in any fiscal year
23. could not exceed $50,000; and
24. 
25. WHEREAS, while the statutory language remains in place, the
26. State of Wisconsin’s 2015-17 biennial budget eliminated the
27. $50,000 grant for organizational dues payment; and
28. 
29. WHEREAS, Clark County depends on the funds from the
30. County Forest Administration Grant to assist in the operations
31. and funding of the Clark County Forest for the public’s benefit; and
32. 
33. WHEREAS, the Wisconsin forestry mil tax (segregated funds)
34. provides the funding for the County Forest Administration
35. Grant.
36. 
37. NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Clark
38. County Board of Supervisors does hereby requests that the state
39. legislature restore the County Forest Administration Grant
40. Program to its previous funding level in the next State of
41. Wisconsin biennial budget; and

I, Christina M. Jensen,
Clerk for the County of Clark,
hereby certify that this
Resolution was adopted by the
Board of Supervisors at the
meeting held January 19, 2017

Christina M. Jensen
Clark County Clerk,
Neillsville, WI 54456

SEAL
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43. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the County Clerk shall send
44. a copy of this resolution to Governor Scott Walker, the Joint
45. Finance Committee of the Wisconsin Legislature, the State
46. legislators for Clark County, the Wisconsin Counties Association
47. and WDNR Secretary Cathy Stepp.

FORESTRY & PARKS COMMITTEE

Al Bower
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FINANCIAL IMPACT STATEMENT:
(2017)
Estimated increase in State Grant Funds: $2,493.99
Projected new positions: None
Wages & Benefits: None
All other costs: None
Space requirements: None

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Corp Counsel
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Comptroller