

**BARRON COUNTY RESOLUTION NO. 2016 - 24**

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF INCREASED FUNDING IN THE CHILDREN AND FAMILY AIDS ALLOCATION**

**TO THE BARRON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:**

1           **WHEREAS**, the Department of Children and Families provides funding to counties  
2 through the Children and Family Aids allocation for the provision of child abuse and neglect  
3 services, including prevention, investigation, treatment, and out-of-home placement costs; and  
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5           **WHEREAS**, base funding for child welfare services has not increased since the  
6 Department of Children and Families was created in 2009; and  
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8           **WHEREAS**, over the past few years, the child welfare workload has increased in all  
9 counties across the state; and  
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11           **WHEREAS**, the number of child protective services (CPS) referrals has increased by  
12 23.5 percent since 2007 – from 547 referrals in 2007 to 676 in 2015 in Barron County and  
13 increased 30 percent since 2007 – from 55,895 referrals in 2007 to 72,698 in 2014 in the  
14 State; and  
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16           **WHEREAS**, the number of children in out-of-home care has increased from 80 in  
17 2011 to 159 in 2015 in Barron County and 7,653 in 2011 to 8,258 in 2015 in the State; and  
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19           **WHEREAS**, the number of screened-in CPS reports has increased from 217 in 2011  
20 to 270 in 2015 in Barron County and 18,706 in 2011 to 20,384 in 2015 in the State; and  
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22           **WHEREAS**, the number of Children in Need of Protection and Services (CHIPS)  
23 petitions filed with the court has increased 95.8 percent from 2008 to 2015 in Barron County,  
24 48 petitions in 2008 to 94 in 2015 in Barron County and increased 12.5 percent from 2008 to  
25 2015 in the State; and  
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27           **WHEREAS**, counties are struggling to recruit and retain child welfare workers; and  
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29           **WHEREAS**, the stress of increasing caseloads is taking its toll on CPS workers,  
30 causing many experienced child welfare workers to leave the profession; and  
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32           **WHEREAS**, the leading cause of these increases is the use of primarily  
33 methamphetamines as well as heroin, opiates, and other substance abuse; and  
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35           **WHEREAS**, it is critical that counties have the resources necessary to ensure the  
36 safety of children in every corner of the state; and  
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38           **WHEREAS**, counties are struggling to identify resources to increase child welfare  
39 staff, especially given the significant overmatch counties already put in the human services  
40 system; and  
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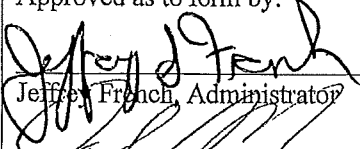
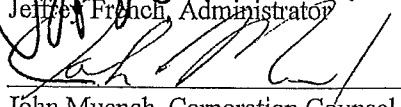

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42 WHEREAS, this resolution was approved by the Health & Human Services Board on  
43 September 29, 2016 on a vote of 10 – 0 with Bartlett, Faldten, Heil, Janty, Jensen, Knutson,  
44 Mosentine, Pannier, Skoug and Miller voting in favor and no members voting against.  
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46 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Barron County Board of  
47 Supervisors does hereby request that the state of Wisconsin, in its 2017-19 state biennial  
48 budget, increase funding to counties in the Children and Family Aids allocation to assist  
49 counties in serving the increasing number of children and families in the child welfare system;  
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52 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to Governor  
53 Scott Walker, Department of Children and Families Secretary Eloise Anderson, Department  
54 of Administration Secretary Scott Neitzel, area legislators, and the Wisconsin Counties  
55 Association.  
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OFFERED THIS 17<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2016.

<p>Number of readings required: One (X) Two ( )</p> <p>Vote required for passage: Majority (X) 2/3 Entire Board (20) ( )</p> <p>Source of funding: Budgeted ( ) General Fund ( ) Grant ( ) Contingency ( ) Other (X) Details: N/A</p> <p>Fiscal impact: - Current year total amount: \$ - 0 - - Future years total amount: \$ - 0 - - Effect on tax levy – current year - \$ - 0 - - Effect on tax levy – future years - \$ - 0 -</p> <p>Fiscal impact reviewed by County Finance Department</p> <p> _____ Jodi Busch, Finance Director</p> <p>Approved as to form by:</p> <p> _____ Jeffrey French, Administrator</p> <p> _____ John Muench, Corporation Counsel</p>	<p> _____ Karolyn Bartlett, Chair Health &amp; Human Services Board</p> <p>(The Committee Chair signature verifies the action taken by the Committee.)</p> <p>Board Action: Adopted (X) Failed ( ) Tabled ( )</p> <p>Motion: (Hanson/Gores) to approve the Zoning Ordinance, Farmland Preservation Resolution and Children and Family Aids Allocation as a consent agenda. Carried.</p>
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