

**Transportation Resolution**

Motion by: Koth				
Second by: Heller				
Dist.	Supervisor	Y	N	Abs
19	Allen			
6	Ashbeck			
1	Bialecki			
11	Breitenmoser			
13	Callahan			
12	Gilk			
20	Gorski			
14	Hafeman			
8	Heller			
17	Koth			
15	Lee			
16	Loka			
3	Mueller			
21	Nowak			
22	Panfil			
10	Ratliff			
7	Rusch			
5	Saal			
18	Voermans			
2	Weaver			
4	Woellner			
9	Zeitz			
<b>Totals</b>				
Carried				
Defeated				
Amended				
Voice vote				
Roll call				

WHEREAS, local government in Wisconsin is responsible for about 90% of the road miles in the state; and

WHEREAS, Wisconsin's diverse economy is dependent upon county and town roads as well as city and village streets and transit systems across the state; and

WHEREAS, Lincoln County and other local governments across Wisconsin have been highlighting our unmet transportation needs in many different avenues including events such as the historic Turnout for Transportation event in September of 2016 where local governments in every region of this state held simultaneous meetings calling on the state legislature to prioritize transportation and pass a sustainable funding package; and

WHEREAS, while the increase in transportation funding for locals in the last budget was certainly appreciated, many still aren't back to 2011 levels when you adjust for inflation; and

WHEREAS, locals, including Lincoln County continue to struggle to meet even the most basic maintenance needs for our transportation system; and

WHEREAS, states surrounding Wisconsin and across the country have stepped up with sustainable funding plans for their state and local roads; and

WHEREAS, Wisconsin will be at a competitive disadvantage if it does not implement a revenue and spending plan that addresses both our Interstates that were built in the 1950's and 60's and our local and state roads; and

WHEREAS, levy limits do not allow local government to make up for the deterioration of state funding; and

WHEREAS, local governments would not be forced to turn to local wheel taxes or increased borrowing or exceeding their levy limits if the state would finally pass a sustainable funding plan for transportation; and

WHEREAS, the Lincoln County Highway Department Committee recognizes that our state highway and interstate system is the backbone of our surface transportation system and plays a vital role in the economy of Wisconsin. Both local and state roads need to be properly maintained in order for our economy to grow; and

WHEREAS, from a competitive standpoint Wisconsin motorists pay significantly less than any of our neighbors when you combine the annual cost of the state gas tax and vehicle registration fees; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Lincoln County Board of Supervisors/ City Council/Village Board/ Town Board urge the Governor and Legislature to Just Fix It and agree upon a sustainable solution: one that includes a responsible level of bonding and adjusts our user fees to adequately and sustainably fund Wisconsin's transportation system. Furthermore, the County Board of Supervisors/ City Council/Village Board/ Town Board directs the Clerk to send a copy of this resolution to our State Legislators, WCA, all Counties, and to Governor Scott Walker, and to all Federal Legislators.

Dated: 21<sup>st</sup> day of August 2018

Produced by: Highway Committee

Date Passed: July 12, 2018

Committee Vote: Approved 5-0

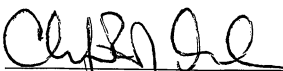
Fiscal Impact: Unknown

Drafted by: John Hanz

STATE OF WISCONSIN )  
 ) SS:  
COUNTY OF LINCOLN )

I hereby certify that this resolution/ordinance is a true and correct copy of a resolution/ordinance adopted by Lincoln County Board of Supervisors on:

August 21, 2018

  
Christopher J. Marlowe  
County Clerk

