RESOLUTION #5-2016

INTRODUCED BY: FINANCE COMMITTEE

INTENT: Authorization to Contract with the Wisconsin Department of Revenue for the Collection of Debt

WHEREAS, the Langlade County Finance Department and the Clerk of Circuit Courts currently contract with the Stark Agency to collect unpaid debt owed the County; and

WHEREAS, the Langlade County Clerk of Circuit Court collects court-ordered financial obligations and has employed legal means to collect unpaid amounts; and

WHEREAS, the Clerk of Circuit Court for Langlade County employs several methods of collection including, but not limited to payment plans, judgments and tax refund intercept; and

WHEREAS, §59.40(4), Wis. Stats., allows the Clerk of Circuit Court, if authorized by the County Board under §59.52(28), Wis. Stats., to contract with the Wisconsin Department of Revenue (DOR) for the collection of unpaid debt; and

WHEREAS, any agreement entered into with the DOR shall indicate that any collection fees incurred by the DOR shall be in addition to the debt owed the County and charged by the DOR directly to the debtor; and

WHEREAS, the proceeds received by the County from the DOR shall be the entire amount of debt collected for purposes of distribution;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Langlade County Board of Supervisors that the board hereby authorizes the Finance Department and Clerk of Circuit Court to contract with the DOR for the collection of unpaid debt pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County Board Chairperson and County Clerk are authorized to execute a contract to effectuate this purpose, subject to the review and approval of the Corporation Counsel.

FINANCE COMMITTEE:

Vernon Cahak, Chairman

Douglas Nonnenmacher

Ronald Nye

Pete Pennington

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FISCAL NOTE: By contracting with the Department of Revenue for handling the County’s collection of bad debts, the County will no longer be paying 21% commission on all collections. The County will be able to collect 100% of what is owed.

ADOPTED BY THE COUNTY BOARD OF LANGLEADE COUNTY THIS 19th DAY OF JANUARY, 2016.

Judy Nagel, Langlade County Clerk