



RESOLUTION# 17-9-10

Introduced by Judicial & Legislative Committee
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Motion: Adopted: X
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No: 0 Yes: 19 Absent: 0
Number of votes required:
[X] Majority [] Two-thirds
Reviewed by: PAK, Corp Counsel
Reviewed by: , Finance Dir.

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INTENT & SYNOPSIS: To encourage the Wisconsin Legislature to allocate the soon to be ended 2 cent per gallon petroleum tax for PECFA/Petroleum Inspection Fee funding to general transportation aids to counties.

FISCAL NOTE: If this resolution were to be enacted, it would have the potential to provide substantial revenue to all counties in the form of general transportation aids without raising taxes.

Table with 5 columns: NO, YES, A. Rows list names of board members and their votes.

WHEREAS, the state commenced imposing a 2 cent per gallon tax on the sale of petroleum to end users in the late 1980s to fund the petroleum environmental cleanup fund award (PECFA) program, and

WHEREAS, the state is in the process of shutting the PECFA program down in that all claims for awards need to be filed by July 1, 2020, and

WHEREAS, the state has for many years imposed a tax freeze on counties that makes it impossible for Wood County and other counties to keep up with the cost of inflation in maintaining and replacing their highways, which forces counties like Wood to borrow funds and use debt to circumvent the tax freeze, and

WHEREAS, the state has a 30.9 cent per gallon gas tax, a fixed part of which goes to counties as general transportation aids (GTAs), and

WHEREAS, using tax levy and debt to pay for highway repairs and improvements not covered by the GTA puts the financial responsibility on taxpayers as opposed to other users of the highways and is unfair to all Wisconsin taxpayers, and

WHEREAS, reallocating the current 2 cent per gallon PECFA petroleum tax/Petroleum Inspection Fee to general transportation aids to counties would be a fiscally responsible means for the state to assist counties in addressing the financial bind they are in without the need to create administrative infrastructure to syphon off any of the revenues.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE WOOD COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS HEREBY RESOLVES to go on record in requesting the state legislature to reallocate the 2 cent per gallon petroleum tax from the PECFA program/Petroleum Inspection Fee to the general transportation aids to counties program beginning with the next biennial budget.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County Clerk shall forward a copy of this resolution to State Senators Petrowski, Testin and Moulton and State Representatives Kulp, VanderMeer, Krug and Spiros, and to the Wisconsin Counties Association so that they may sponsor legislation implementing this proposal.

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BILL CLENDENNING (Chairman)
ED WAGNER
BILL LEICHTNAM
KEN CURRY
DAVE LAFONTAINE

Adopted by the County Board of Wood County, this 19tg day of September 20 17 .

County Clerk

County Board Chairman