

**OUTAGAMIE COUNTY BOARD MEETING  
JUNE 14, 2016**

RESOLUTION NO. 17—2016-17

Supervisor Thyssen moved, seconded by Supervisor T. Krueger, for adoption.

RESOLUTION NO. 17—2016-17 IS ADOPTED.

1. THOMPSON	YES	13. WEGAND	YES	25. NOOYEN	YES
2. MILLER	YES	14. DE GROOT	YES	26. DUNCAN	YES
3. GRADY	YES	15. VANDEN HEUVEL	YES	27. CULBERTSON	YES
4. PATIENCE	YES	16. LEMANSKI	YES	28. STURN	YES
5. GABRIELSON	YES	17. GROAT	Absent	29. BUCHMAN	YES
6. STRENN	YES	18. SPEARS	Absent	30. GRIESBACH	YES
7. HAMMEN	YES	19. STUECK	YES	31. CLEGG	YES
8. T. KRUEGER	YES	20. THOMAS	YES	32. VANDERHEIDEN	YES
9. J. KRUEGER	YES	21. THYSSEN	YES	O'CONNOR-SCHEVERS	YES
10. LAMERS	YES	22. HAGEN	YES	34. RETTLER	YES
11. MEYER	YES	23. KLEMP	YES	35. MELCHERT	Absent
12. McDANIEL	YES	24. PLEUSS	YES	36. SUPRISE	YES
Item 18	Passed (33 Y - 0 N - 0 A - 3 Absent)			Majority Vote	>

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TO THE HONORABLE, THE OUTAGAMIE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN:

**MAJORITY**

1 The local government in Wisconsin is responsible for approximately 90% of the road  
2 miles in the state. Wisconsin's diverse economy is dependent upon county and town  
3 roads as well as city and village streets and transit systems across the state. According to  
4 "Filling Potholes: A New Look at Funding Local Transportation in Wisconsin,"  
5 commissioned by the Local Government Institute of Wisconsin (LGI) the condition of  
6 Wisconsin's highways is now in the bottom third of the country. State funding for local  
7 roads in Wisconsin has failed to keep up with the costs over the past several decades  
8 which have adversely affected local transportation finances. According to "Filling  
9 Potholes," municipal transportation spending has declined from \$275 per capita in 2000  
10 to \$227 in 2012. Mass Transit Operating Aids and County Elderly and Disabled  
11 Transportation assistance programs are funded through the state gas tax and vehicle  
12 registration user fee system. These programs are critical to ensuring that transportation  
13 services are delivered to vulnerable citizens. Proper funding for these programs helps  
14 ensure that all citizens have an opportunity to access the workplace as well as the  
15 marketplace. Levy limits do not allow local government to make up for the deterioration  
16 of state funding. Wisconsin's over-reliance on borrowing eats away at the state's  
17 segregated funding sources – the state gas tax and vehicle registration fees – which  
18 increasingly pay debt service rather than fund transportation needs. Safety is a primary  
19 concern and responsibility of local governments across Wisconsin. Unfortunately,  
20 according to TRIP, a national non-profit transportation research group, Wisconsin had  
21 347 non-interstate rural road fatalities in 2013.

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23 The Outagamie County Board recognizes that our state highway and interstate system is  
24 the backbone of our surface transportation system and plays a vital role in the economy  
25 of Wisconsin. Both local and state roads need to be properly maintained in order for our  
26 economy to grow. From a competitive standpoint Wisconsin motorists pay significantly  
27 less than any of our neighbors when you combine the annual cost of the state gas tax and  
28 vehicle registration fee.

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30 The Transportation Finance and Policy Commission, appointed by the Governor and  
31 Legislature, found that if Wisconsin does not adjust its user fees, the condition of both  
32 state and local roads will deteriorate significantly over the next decade.

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34 Local government and business officials agree that the state has been neglecting its  
35 transportation system for too long. The Wisconsin Transportation Development  
36 Association has kicked off the *Just Fix It* campaign, a multifaceted public relations  
37 campaign with the purpose of building grassroots support for responsible, sustainable  
38 transportation funding.

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40 NOW THEREFORE, the undersigned members of the Highway, Recycling and Solid Waste

41 Committee recommend adoption of the following resolution.

1 BE IT RESOLVED, that the Outagamie County Board of Supervisors does urge the Governor  
2 and Legislature to Just Fix It and agree upon a sustainable solution: one that includes a responsible level  
3 of bonding and adjusts user fees to adequately and sustainably fund Wisconsin's transportation system,  
4 and

5 BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Outagamie County Clerk be directed to forward a copy  
6 of this resolution to the Outagamie County Highway Commissioner and the Outagamie County Lobbyist  
7 for distribution to the Governor and State Legislature.

8 Dated this 14th day of June 2016

Respectfully Submitted,

HIGHWAY, RECYCLING & SOLID WASTE  
COMMITTEE

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James McDaniel  
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31 Duly and officially adopted by the County Board on: June 14, 2016

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33 Signed: [Signature]  
34 Board Chairperson

[Signature]  
County Clerk

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36 Approved: 6-16-16

Vetoed: \_\_\_\_\_

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39 Signed: [Signature]  
40 County Executive