

**OUTAGAMIE COUNTY BOARD MEETING
MARCH 27, 2018**

RESOLUTION NO. 164—2017-18

Supervisor Sturn moved, seconded by Supervisor Grady, for adoption.

RESOLUTION NO. 164—2017-18 IS ADOPTED.

RollCall-Pro Advanced Tuesday, March 27, 2018					
1. THOMPSON	YES	13. WEGAND	YES	25. NOOYEN	YES
2. MILLER	YES	14. DE GROOT	YES	26. DUNCAN	YES
3. GRADY	YES	15. VACANT	Absent	27. CULBERTSON	YES
4. PATIENCE	YES	16. VACANT	Absent	28. STURN	YES
5. GABRIELSON	YES	17. CROATT	YES	29. BUCHMAN	YES
6. FOSS	YES	18. SPEARS	YES	30. GRIESBACH	YES
7. HAMMEN	YES	19. STUECK	YES	31. CLEGG	YES
8. T. KRUEGER	Absent	20. THOMAS	YES	32. VANDERHEIDEN	YES
9. J. KRUEGER	YES	21. THYSSEN	YES	O'CONNOR-SCHEVERS	Absent
10. LAMERS	YES	22. HAGEN	YES	34. RETTLER	YES
11. MEYER	Absent	23. KLEMP	Absent	35. MELCHERT	YES
12. McDANIEL	YES	24. PLEUSS	YES	36. SUPRISE	YES
Item 14		Passed (30 Y - 0 N - 0 A - 6 Absent)		Majority Vote >	

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TO THE HONORABLE, THE OUTAGAMIE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN:

MAJORITY

1 Each time a big box retailer gets a Dark Store tax break, homeowners, small businesses
2 and other property owners have to pick up a greater share of the property tax levy. Over
3 the past several months, municipal, county, city, and town officials have been in contact
4 with state legislators testifying against the Dark Store tax loophole in order to avoid a
5 property tax burden shifting to other tax pay entities such as residential homeowners and
6 other businesses and/or cuts in essential services provided by an affected municipality.
7 Unless the Dark Store loopholes are closed, residents will realize the impact when they
8 receive their property tax bills in the mail in December.
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10 Wisconsin State Statute 59.52(25) allows for a county board to conduct a county-wide
11 referendum for advisory purposes. A county-wide advisory referendum on the issue of
12 Dark Stores would provide guidance to the state legislature as to the will of the
13 Outagamie County electorate on this issue. This resolution seeks authorization to
14 conduct such a county-wide advisory referendum.
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16 NOW THEREFORE, the undersigned members of the Legislative/Audit and Human Resources
17 Committee recommend adoption of the following resolution.

18 BE IT RESOLVED, that the Outagamie County Board of Supervisors does resolve to conduct a
19 county-wide advisory referendum, to be held with the November 2018 general election; that a concise
20 statement of the question is given and that the question will state as follows:

21 *Question: Should the state legislature enact proposed legislation that closes the Dark Store*
22 *loopholes, which currently allow commercial retail properties to significantly reduce the*
23 *assessed valuation and property tax of such properties, resulting in a substantial shift in*
24 *taxes levied against other tax paying entities, such as residential home owners, and/or cuts in*
25 *essential services provided by an affected municipality?, and*
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27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Corporation Counsel prepare a Notice of Referendum to
28 be published by the Outagamie County Clerk in accordance with statutory requirements, and

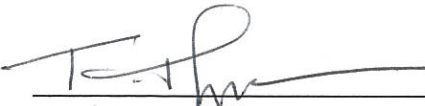
29 BE IT STILL FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution and the referendum shall be filed
30 with the Outagamie County Clerk no later than 70 days prior to the election at which the question will
31 appear on the ballot, and

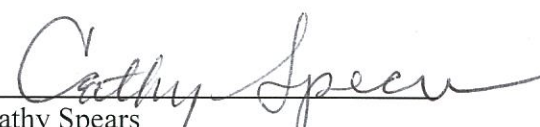
1 BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Outagamie County Clerk be directed to forward a copy
2 of this resolution to the Outagamie County Corporation Counsel and the Outagamie County Executive in
3 accordance with statutory requirements.

4 Dated this 27th day of March 2018

5 Respectfully submitted,

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7 LEGISLATIVE/AUDIT & HUMAN RESOURCES
8 COMMITTEE


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12 Travis Thyssen



Cathy Spears

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16 Shane Griesbach

Patrick Meyer

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25 Duly and officially adopted by the County Board on: March 27, 2018

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28 Signed: 
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30 Board Chairperson



County Clerk

31 Approved: 3 29 18

Vetoed: _____

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34 Signed: 
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County Executive