OUTAGAMIE COUNTY BOARD MEETING  
MARCH 27, 2018

RESOLUTION NO. 164—2017-18
Supervisor Sturm moved, seconded by Supervisor Grady, for adoption.

RESOLUTION NO. 164—2017-18 IS ADOPTED.

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**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:

Each time a big box retailer gets a Dark Store tax break, homeowners, small businesses and other property owners have to pick up a greater share of the property tax levy. Over the past several months, municipal, county, city, and town officials have been in contact with state legislators testifying against the Dark Store tax loophole in order to avoid a property tax burden shifting to other tax pay entities such as residential homeowners and other businesses and/or cuts in essential services provided by an affected municipality. Unless the Dark Store loopholes are closed, residents will realize the impact when they receive their property tax bills in the mail in December.

Wisconsin State Statute 59.52(25) allows for a county board to conduct a county-wide referendum for advisory purposes. A county-wide advisory referendum on the issue of Dark Stores would provide guidance to the state legislature as to the will of the Outagamie County electorate on this issue. This resolution seeks authorization to conduct such a county-wide advisory referendum.

NOW THEREFORE, the undersigned members of the Legislative/Audit and Human Resources Committee recommend adoption of the following resolution.

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

Question: Should the state legislature enact proposed legislation that closes the Dark Store loopholes, which currently allow commercial retail properties to significantly reduce the assessed valuation and property tax of such properties, resulting in a substantial shift in taxes levied against other tax paying entities, such as residential home owners, and/or cuts in essential services provided by an affected municipality?, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Corporation Counsel prepare a Notice of Referendum to be published by the Outagamie County Clerk in accordance with statutory requirements, and

BE IT STILL FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution and the referendum shall be filed with the Outagamie County Clerk no later than 70 days prior to the election at which the question will appear on the ballot, and
BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Outagamie County Clerk be directed to forward a copy
of this resolution to the Outagamie County Corporation Counsel and the Outagamie County Executive in
accordance with statutory requirements.

Dated this 23rd day of March 2018

Respectfully submitted,

LEGISLATIVE/AUDIT & HUMAN RESOURCES
COMMITTEE

Cathy Spears

Patrick Meyer

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

Signed: John Foss

County Clerk

Approved: 3/29/18

Vetoed: ____________

Signed: County Executive