RESOLUTION NO. 29—2018-19
Supervisor Grady moved, seconded by Supervisor Woodzicka, for adoption.

RESOLUTION NO. 29—2018-19 IS ADOPTED.
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TO THE HONORABLE, THE OUTAGAMIE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN:

The State Public Defender’s office is an independent, executive-branch state agency that ensures Wisconsin meets its constitutional requirement of providing legal representation to the indigent. The Wisconsin Supreme Court recently made a decision to raise court-appointed public defenders’ pay from $70 to $100 per hour, however, the state-funded public defenders’ pay remains at $40 per hour. Increasing pay for some lawyers and not others may lead private attorneys to refuse public defender assignments. It is critical that persons in need of a defender get adequate and equal protection and access to an attorney under the law.

NOW THEREFORE, the undersigned members of the Public Safety Committee recommend adoption of the following resolution.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Outagamie County Board of Supervisors does go on record in support of a defendant’s constitutional right to a fair and speedy trial and representation without infringements on their ability to pay, and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Outagamie County Clerk be directed to forward a copy of this resolution to the Outagamie County Lobbyist, Outagamie County District Attorney, Wisconsin Counties Association, and the Outagamie County Executive.

Dated this ___ day of July 2018

Respectfully Submitted,

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

Dan Grady
Katrin Patience
Daniel Dillenberg
James Duncan
Resolution No. 29--2018-19

Duly and officially adopted by the County Board on: July 10, 2018

Signed:  
Board Chairperson  
County Clerk

Approved: 7.12.18  
Vetoed: 

Signed:  
County Executive