RESOLUTION NUMBER 25-2018

RESOLUTION RELATING TO PROPERLY FUND THE CURRENT CONTRACT
FOR SERVICES BETWEEN WISCONSIN COUNTIES AND THE BOARD OF
REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN

The County Board of Supervisors of Green Lake County, Green Lake, Wisconsin,
duly assembled at its regular meeting begun on the 21st day of August 2018, does
resolve as follows:

1  WHEREAS, the University of Wisconsin System operates a Cooperative Extension
2  program with counties to provide educational services and programs locally; and
3  WHEREAS, the State of Wisconsin cut funding in its budget for the University of
4  Wisconsin System resulting in the Cooperative Extension Program reorganizing its
5  structure and delivery of services; and

Majority vote is needed to pass.

Roll Call on Resolution No. 25 -2018

Ayes 18, Nays 0, Absent 1, Abstain 0

Passed and Adopted/Rejected this 21st day of August 2018.

County Board Chairman

ATTEST: County Clerk

Approve as to Form:

Submitted by: Agriculture/Extension
Education and Fair Committee

Patti Garra

Katie Mehn, Vice-chair

Peter Wallace

Keith Hess

Kathy Morris
WHEREAS, such reorganization resulted in changes to the counties’ annual contracts based upon county wishes and available funding; and

WHEREAS, each county entered into a contract based on what programs and services they felt were necessary and important in their area, prioritizing these based on funding available; and

WHEREAS, the State has been unilaterally changing the terms of the contracts based on State budget considerations and without regard to existing contractual obligations to the counties; and

WHEREAS, the counties feel with the challenges facing our youth today; the opioid crisis, increased violence in our schools, increased suicide rates among teens, bullying and cyber-bullying, this is not the time for UW Extension to balance their budget at the expense of a proven successful youth program; and

WHEREAS, for example Green Lake County entered into a one year contract with the Board of Regents of the University of Wisconsin for the period of January 1 - December 31, 2018, which called for 3.23 FTE positions within the County, including but not limited to a full-time 4-H Program Coordinator and an Communities Extension Educator from July-December of 2018, neither of which have been filled; and

WHEREAS, the Area Extension Director for Green Lake County has advised that the State will not be funding the 4-H Program Coordinator position as a full-time position and has not begun the process for filling the Communities Extension Educator due to budget cuts.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Green Lake County Board of Supervisors object to a unilateral cut in the budget and level of service to be provided in conflict with the current contract for services between Wisconsin Counties and the Board of Regents of the University of Wisconsin.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Green Lake County Board of Supervisors urge the Board of Regents of the University of Wisconsin to fulfill its obligations under the current contract.