

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 21<sup>st</sup> 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

Submitted by: Agriculture/Extension Education and Fair Committee

Ayes 18 , Nays 0 , Absent 1 , Abstain 0

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

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County Board Chairman

*Handwritten signature of County Clerk*

ATTEST: County Clerk

Approve as to Form:

*Handwritten signature of Corporation Counsel*

Corporation Counsel

*Handwritten signature of Patti Garro*

Patti Garro, Chair

*Handwritten signature of Katie Mehn*

Katie Mehn, Vice-chair

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Peter Wallace

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Keith Hess

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Kathy Morris

6 WHEREAS, such reorganization resulted in changes to the counties' annual contracts  
7 based upon county wishes and available funding; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

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