

**RESOLUTION OPPOSING THE UW-EXTENSION  
REORGANIZATION PLAN**

TO THE MANITOWOC COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:

1           WHEREAS, the process used to develop the UW-Cooperative Extension Reorganization  
2 Plan ("Plan") was flawed and provided little opportunity for meaningful consideration of  
3 Manitowoc County concerns; and  
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5           WHEREAS, the partnership between the UW-System and Wisconsin counties implies  
6 working together to find solutions; and  
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8           WHEREAS, the decision of the Chancellor of UW Colleges and UW-Extension to  
9 unilaterally impose the Plan jeopardizes the partnership between the UW-System and Wisconsin  
10 counties; and,  
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12           WHEREAS, the current Cooperative Extension system has a proven track record of  
13 success for more than 100 years as a single county based model for governance with a locally set  
14 levy contribution and the individual educational programming priorities determined by the county  
15 under the policy guidance of the County Extension Committee as designed by the duly elected  
16 County Board; and,  
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18           WHEREAS, the reduction target allocated by the Plan to Cooperative Extension of \$1.2  
19 million annually, is about 5.8% of the total \$20.46 million county levy support for Cooperative  
20 Extension by the 72 counties; and  
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22           WHEREAS, the reduction target allocated by the Plan does not justify the complete  
23 dismantling of the current county-based Cooperative Extension system when there are multiple  
24 options to address the budget shortfall; and,  
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26           WHEREAS, the Plan imposes a reckless and drastic change, eliminates faculty education  
27 positions, and includes an unnecessary layer of Area Director positions who will not provide  
28 face-to-face educational programs nor be accountable to local partners and county boards; and  
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30           WHEREAS, Wisconsin counties are unlikely to continue the current level of county tax  
31 levy support in future years if direct educational services are significantly decreased, thereby  
32 making the proposed Plan financially unsustainable;  
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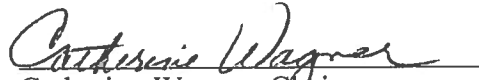
34           NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Manitowoc County Board of  
35 Supervisors hereby opposes the UW-Cooperative Extension Reorganization Plan approved by  
36 Chancellor Sandeen on February 10, 2016; and  
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38 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Manitowoc County is not willing to continue  
39 providing local tax levy funding at the current level if direct educational faculty services are  
40 decreased as described in the Plan while eliminating accountability to the Manitowoc County  
41 Natural Resources and Education Committee and the Manitowoc County Board of Supervisors;  
42 and

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44 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to all 72  
45 Wisconsin County Boards, County Extension Committee Chairs, and County Cooperative  
46 Extension department heads, as well as the Wisconsin Counties Association, all Wisconsin County  
47 Executives and Administrators, Governor Scott Walker, University of Wisconsin System  
48 President Ray Cross, the Board of Regents, Senators Frank Lasee and Devin LeMahieu, and  
49 Representatives Joel Kitchens, Andre Jacque, Tyler Vorpapel and Paul Tittl.

Dated this 21st day of June 2016.

Respectfully submitted by the  
Natural Resources and Education Committee

  
Catherine Wagner, Chair

FISCAL IMPACT: None.

FISCAL NOTE: Reviewed and approved by Comptroller.



LEGAL NOTE: Reviewed and approved as to form by Corporation Counsel

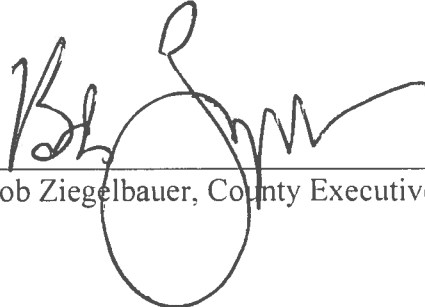


APPROVED:

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Bob Ziegelbauer, County Executive

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Date

I respect the prerogative of the members of the Manitowoc County Board of Supervisors to voice their opinions on legislative issues. Therefore, it is my practice to neither approve nor veto a legislative policy resolution that has been enacted by the County Board in order to allow the County Board, acting as the legislative branch of county government, to freely express its sentiment on legislative and public policy issues or to request action by a governmental entity, or both.

  
6/24/16  
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Bob Ziegelbauer, County Executive

No. 2016/2017 - 20  
Manitowoc Voting System  
Vote Summary Report  
06-21-2016

All Reports  
Report , 2 , 1/2 Majority Based on Attendance

2. Resolution Opposing the UW-Extension Reorganization Plan

Seat	Dist	Attn	Name	Aye	Nay	Abs
1	20	*	Hoffman, Chuck	[X]	[ ]	[ ]
2	11		Vogel, Randy S.	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]
3	15	*	Wagner, Catherine	[X]	[ ]	[ ]
4	24	*	Weiss, Don	[X]	[ ]	[ ]
5	5	*	Nasep, Jack	[ ]	[ ]	[X]
6	10		Zimmer, Don	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]
7	14	*	Baumann, James	[X]	[ ]	[ ]
8	8	*	Williams, Mike	[X]	[ ]	[ ]
9	3	*	Metzger, Rita	[X]	[ ]	[ ]
10	1		Holschbach, Todd	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]
11	16	*	Cavanaugh, Robert	[X]	[ ]	[ ]
12	7	*	Vogt, Norbert	[X]	[ ]	[ ]
13	6	*	Hansen, Paul	[X]	[ ]	[ ]
14	13	*	Waack, Melvin	[X]	[ ]	[ ]
15	22		Dyzak, David	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]
16	18		Muench, Nick	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]
17	17	*	Maresh, Susie	[X]	[ ]	[ ]
18	12	*	Behnke, Kevin	[X]	[ ]	[ ]
19	21	*	Gerroll, Rick	[X]	[ ]	[ ]
20	9	*	Gauger, Dave	[X]	[ ]	[ ]
21	23		Henrickson, Rick	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]
22	19	*	Falkowski, James J.	[ ]	[X]	[ ]
23	25	*	Swade, Ken	[X]	[ ]	[ ]
24	2	*	Nickels, Dave	[X]	[ ]	[ ]
30	4	Chair	Brey, Jim	[X]	[ ]	[ ]

Pass

On this 21 day of June 2016 by a vote of:  
Aye = 17    Nay = 1    Abs = 1    Absent = 6

Attest: Lois Kiel  
Lois Kiel, County Clerk

## Laurie Heier

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**From:** Laurie Heier  
**Sent:** Monday, June 27, 2016 4:01 PM  
**To:** Scott Walker; Frank Lasee; Devin LeMahieu; Joel Kitchens; Andre Jacque; Paul Tittl; Tyler Vorpapel  
**Subject:** Manitowoc County Board Approved Resolution  
**Attachments:** No. 2016-2017 - 20 Resolution Opposing The UW-Extension Reorganization Plan.pdf

**The attached Resolution was approved at the June 21, 2016 Manitowoc County Board Session.**

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