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WASHINGTON COUNTY, WISCONSIN

Date of enactment: 6/13/18
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2018 RESOLUTION 13

Support for State Funded Treatment Alternatives and Diversion Operating While Intoxicated (TAD OWI) Program

WHEREAS, the TAD program was created to reduce recidivism, increase public safety and reduce the jail population; and

WHEREAS, from 2007 through 2014, the Wisconsin Department of Justice offered grant funding for the TAD program which was administered through the Washington County Sheriff's Department, providing diversion of 2nd, 3rd and misdemeanor 4th time OWI offenders to a structured treatment program; and

WHEREAS, in 2015, the Human Services Department began administering the TAD program with TAD grant funding offered by the Wisconsin Department of Justice; and

WHEREAS, in 2017, the TAD grant program changed the target population in the program from 2nd, 3rd and misdemeanor 4th time OWI offenders to clients that are charged with non-violent misdemeanors and diagnosed with Opioid Use Disorder; and

WHEREAS, in January 2018, the Criminal Justice Coordinating Committee (CJCC) considered the findings of a study conducted by the University of Wisconsin-Washington County regarding the effectiveness of the TAD OWI program, concluding that participants in the program were 80% less likely to be re-arrested for OWI than the control group – a 2.6% recidivism for participants versus a 13.2% recidivism for the control group; and

WHEREAS, Washington County is requesting the State of Wisconsin reinstate the TAD OWI program and provide counties funding for same; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Washington County Board of Supervisors that this Board supports the reinstatement of the TAD OWI Program and further requests the State of Wisconsin provide funding to counties to support the program.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Washington County Board of Supervisors that this Board supports and urges Governor Scott Walker and the Wisconsin Legislature to pass legislation that provides funding for the TAD OWI program.

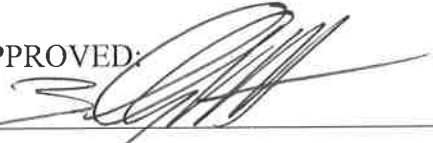
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution shall be forwarded by the Washington County Clerk to the Wisconsin Counties Association, all State Representatives, Senators and Governor Scott Walker.

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VOTE REQUIREMENT FOR PASSAGE: Majority

RESOLUTION SUMMARY: Support for State funding to counties to reinstate the TAD-OWI program.

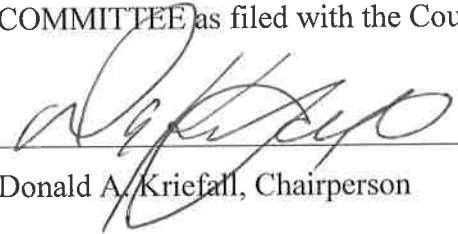
APPROVED:



Bradley S. Stern, County Attorney

Dated 6/14/18

Introduced by members of the EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE as filed with the County Clerk.



Donald A. Kriefall, Chairperson

Considered 6/13/18

Adopted 6/13/18

Ayes 24 Noes 0 Absent 2

Voice Vote _____

(Due to the recognized need for a TAD OWI program, Washington County has committed to \$250,000 of funding for 2018 and 2019 program costs. Reinstating the TAD OWI program and providing funding for the same could provide savings up to \$125,000 annually for the County.)

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6 **2018 RESOLUTION 14**

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8 **Support for Legislation to Staff and Fund County Prosecutor Positions**

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10 **WHEREAS**, the State of Wisconsin assumed responsibility for funding County
11 Prosecutor positions on January 1, 1990; and

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13 **WHEREAS**, in January 2017, the lack of funding from the State shifted the burden to
14 Washington County to provide and fund a part-time Prosecutor position to alleviate the backlog
15 of cases in the District Attorney's Office; and

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17 **WHEREAS**, the Washington County Board of Supervisors has determined that
18 inadequate State funding of Prosecutor positions is detrimental to the administration of justice
19 and the preservation of public safety;

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21 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Washington County Board of
22 Supervisors that this Board supports and urges Governor Scott Walker and the Wisconsin
23 Legislature to pass legislation that provides for additional staff and funding for County
24 Prosecutors;

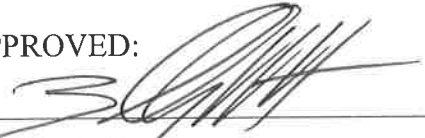
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26 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a copy of this resolution shall be forwarded by the
27 Washington County Clerk to the Wisconsin Counties Association, all State Representatives,
28 Senators and Governor Scott Walker.

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32 **VOTE REQUIREMENT FOR PASSAGE:** Majority

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34 **RESOLUTION SUMMARY:** Advisory resolution to WCA, the Governor and Wisconsin
35 Legislature to provide sufficient staffing and funding of County Prosecutors.
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APPROVED:


Bradley S. Stern, County Attorney

Dated 6/14/18

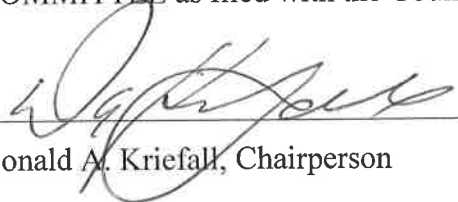
Considered 6/13/18

Adopted 6/13/18

Ayes 24 Noes 0 Absent 2

Voice Vote _____

Introduced by members of the EXECUTIVE
COMMITTEE as filed with the County Clerk.


Donald A. Kriefall, Chairperson

(Due to the recognized need for an additional prosecutor in Washington County, one was added in 2017 and funded through County tax levy. The total cost to the County for this 0.6 full-time equivalent position is approximately \$54,200.)

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6 **2018 RESOLUTION 15**

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8 **Support for a County Biennial Budget**

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10 **WHEREAS**, Counties in the State of Wisconsin are not permitted to budget on a biennial
11 basis because pursuant to Chapter 59 of the Wisconsin Statutes, a County Administrator or
12 County Executive is required to submit an annual budget to the County Board of Supervisors;
13 and

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15 **WHEREAS**, budgeting on an annual basis takes up considerable staff time each year
16 that, should Counties be allowed to budget on a biennial basis, would allow staff time to focus on
17 other areas such as strategic planning, implementing policies, and improving County operations
18 on a day-to-day basis; and

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20 **WHEREAS**, budgeting on a biennial basis would place Counties in a better position to
21 incorporate strategic planning into the budgeting process by focusing on the County's long-term
22 objectives and priorities and the strategies necessary to achieve those objectives; and

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24 **WHEREAS**, budgeting on a biennial basis would permit Counties to focus on providing
25 for long-term fiscal health, a Washington County priority objective for a *Well Governed and*
26 *Administered County* rather than simply balancing the budget for the immediate year; and

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28 **WHEREAS**, allowing a County to adopt a biennial budgeting process would allow it the
29 freedom to choose a budgeting process that it deems best suited to address the needs of the
30 public it serves;

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32 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Washington County Board of
33 Supervisors that this Board seeks the support of the Wisconsin Counties Association to take this
34 objective before the Wisconsin Legislature.


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36 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Washington County Clerk shall send a copy of
37 this Resolution to the Wisconsin Counties Association.

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41 VOTE REQUIREMENT FOR PASSAGE: Majority

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43 RESOLUTION SUMMARY: Resolution requesting the support of the Wisconsin Counties
44 Association to bring this objective before the Wisconsin Legislature.

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APPROVED:



Bradley S. Stern, County Attorney

Dated 6/14/18


Considered 6/13/18

Adopted 6/13/18

Ayes 23 Noes 1 Absent 2

Voice Vote _____

Introduced by members of the EXECUTIVE
COMMITTEE as filed with the County Clerk.



Donald A. Kriefall, Chairperson

(There is currently no direct fiscal impact related to this resolution. Indirect fiscal impact includes substantial staff savings across the county and other related costs.)

1 *WASHINGTON COUNTY, WISCONSIN*

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6 **2018 RESOLUTION 16**

7 **Support for Legislation to Create a Statewide Library System**

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10 **WHEREAS**, Wisconsin’s public library system law to provide funding for coordinated
11 regional library services went into effect in 1971; and
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13 **WHEREAS**, the purpose of the public library system law is to make quality library
14 resources and services readily available to all of the citizens of the State of Wisconsin and to
15 promote the development and improvement of public libraries in order to encourage the most
16 effective use of library resources in the state; and
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18 **WHEREAS**, Wisconsin currently has 17 public library systems serving 5.6 million
19 people through approximately 388 public libraries; and
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21 **WHEREAS**, in the last year alone, Washington County subsidized other counties'
22 libraries in the amount of \$134,877; and
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24 **WHEREAS**, such subsidies which are prevalent throughout the state amount to a
25 backdoor tax; and
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27 **WHEREAS**, changes in society, resources, and technologies have created new demands
28 and opportunities for public library systems to meet the needs of the people they serve; and
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30 **WHEREAS**, in light of these changes, there is a need to update, modernize, and redesign
31 Chapter 43 of the Wisconsin Statutes addressing the operation of libraries in order to keep
32 libraries viable and relevant in today’s changing world; and
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34 **WHEREAS**, Washington County strongly urges the creation of a separate and
35 independent committee from the Public Library Redesign Project to explore merging each of the
36 state’s library systems into one statewide system would result in libraries having access to a
37 larger total collection of materials which could be shared across the system, lower overhead cost
38 by eliminating duplicative services and unnecessary facilities, and by achieving better pricing
39 due to volume, thus saving Wisconsin taxpayers a significant amount of money;
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41 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Washington County Board of
42 Supervisors that this Board seeks the support of the Wisconsin Counties Association to take this
43 objective before the Wisconsin Legislature.
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45 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Washington County Clerk shall send a copy of
46 this resolution to the Wisconsin Counties Association.
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VOTE REQUIREMENT FOR PASSAGE: Majority

RESOLUTION SUMMARY: Resolution seeking the support of the Wisconsin Counties Association to support legislation to create one statewide library system.

APPROVED: 

Bradley S. Stern, County Attorney

Dated 6/14/18

Introduced by members of the EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE as filed with the County Clerk.


Donald A. Kriefall, Chairperson

Considered 6/13/18

Adopted 6/13/18

Ayes 23 Noes 1 Absent 2

Voice Vote _____

(There is currently no direct fiscal impact to the County from this resolution. An indirect fiscal impact would include a reduced tax burden to Washington County taxpayers.)

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6 **2018 RESOLUTION 18**

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8 **Support for Legislation to Close Property Tax Loopholes**
9 **Used by National Chain Stores**
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11 **WHEREAS**, home owners in Wisconsin pay over 70% of the total statewide property tax
12 levy; and
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14 **WHEREAS**, the disproportionate burden of property taxes on home owners will worsen
15 unless legislators take action to close loopholes in property tax law that some national chains and
16 big box retail establishments use to gain dramatic reductions in property taxes; and
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18 **WHEREAS**, lawsuits in Wisconsin have forced assessors to reduce the market value of
19 thriving national retail stores, shifting the tax burden to local businesses and home owners; and
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21 **WHEREAS**, some national chain stores in Wisconsin have argued in communities across
22 the state that the assessed value of their property for property tax purposes should only be half of
23 its actual value on the open market; and
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25 **WHEREAS**, some big box chain stores are using what is known as the "Dark Store
26 Theory" to argue that the assessed value of a new, thriving store should be based on comparing
27 their buildings to nearby vacant or abandoned stores from a different market segment and in
28 many cases, courts have sided with the national chain stores, requiring communities to refund tax
29 revenue back to the chain stores; and
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31 **WHEREAS**, the Indiana State Legislature has on two occasions in the last three years,
32 overwhelmingly passed bipartisan legislation prohibiting assessors from valuing new big box
33 stores the same as nearby abandoned stores from a different market segment; and
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35 **WHEREAS**, Michigan State House overwhelmingly passed similar legislation in May of
36 2016;
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38 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Washington County Board of
39 Supervisors that this Board urges the Governor and Legislators to protect home owners and main
40 street businesses from having more of the property tax burden shifted to them by passing legislation
41 that allows for leases to be appropriately factored into the valuation of leased properties.
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43 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this Board urges the Governor and Legislators to enact
44 legislation requiring assessors to consider as comparable only those sales within the same market
45 segment exhibiting a similar highest and best use rather than similarly sized, but vacant properties in
46 abandoned locations when using the comparable sale method of valuation.
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1 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the County Clerk is directed to forward a copy of
2 this resolution to Governor Scott Walker, the Wisconsin Counties Association and Washington
3 County's Legislative Representatives with the request that they assist in this endeavor.
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7 VOTE REQUIREMENT FOR PASSAGE: Majority

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9 RESOLUTION SUMMARY: Resolution supporting legislation to close property tax loopholes
10 used by national chain stores.
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12 APPROVED: 

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14 Bradley S. Stern

15 County Attorney

16 Dated 6/14/18

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18 Considered 6/13/18

19 Adopted 6/13/18


20 Ayes 23 Noes 1 Absent 2

21 Voice Vote _____

Introduced by members of the EXECUTIVE
COMMITTEE and SUPERVISOR

CHRISTOPHER BOSSERT

as filed with the County Clerk.


Donald A. Kriefall, Chairperson

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23 (We are unable to determine the direct fiscal impact to the County since requested changes to
24 assessments are unpredictable.)