

IN SUPPORT OF 2019-2020 SENATE BILL 576, CREATION OF THE CHIPPEWA VALLEY REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY

WHEREAS, 2019-2020 Senate Bill 576 is currently pending before the Wisconsin Legislature. This bill proposes the creation of a Regional Transit Authority known as the Chippewa Valley Regional Transit Authority (CVRTA) for the purpose of establishing, maintaining and operating a comprehensive local transportation system, primarily for the transportation of persons, and includes the use of railroads, motor vehicles, motor buses and any combination thereof; and,

WHEREAS, the CVRTA would be public body corporate and a separate governmental entity. If SB 576 is adopted by the state and becomes law, the CVRTA would be created if the governing body of Eau Claire County adopts a resolution authorizing the county to become a member of the CVRTA and the resolution is then ratified by the electors at a referendum held in Eau Claire County; and,

WHEREAS, if the CVRTA is created, any municipality located in whole or in part within Eau Claire County shall be a member of the authority; and,

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 576 allows Chippewa County to join the CVRTA, after the creation of the authority, if the governing body of Chippewa County adopts resolution to join the authority and the resolution is then ratified by the electors at a referendum held in Chippewa County; and

WHEREAS, the governing body of the CVRTA would be a board of directors appointed according to the statutes and would be a combination of directors appointed by the county board, municipalities and an appointment by the governor.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED; the Eau Claire County Board of Supervisors supports the adoption of Senate Bill 576 by the Wisconsin Legislature and Governor Evers for the purpose of creating the Chippewa Valley Regional Transportation Authority; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, a copy of the resolution shall be forwarded by the county clerk to members of the Wisconsin Legislature, Governor Tony Evers, and Chippewa County.

ADOPTED: February 19, 2020

Janet K. Loomis
County Clerk