

Resolution No. 75 - 01/20

**Supporting Legislation to Require the Department of Revenue to Share Utility Aid Payment Information with Counties and Municipalities**

1 Moved/Sponsored by: Executive Committee

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3 **WHEREAS**, utility aid payments help counties and municipalities pay for services provided to  
4 tax exempt utility property; and,

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6 **WHEREAS**, currently, utility company asset data is not accessible to state and local elected  
7 officials in a manner that allows for determination regarding current and future utility aid  
8 payments in lieu of local general property taxation; and,

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10 **WHEREAS**, costs cannot be directly recouped through property taxation since utilities are  
11 exempt from local taxation and, instead, are taxed by the state; and,

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13 **WHEREAS**, these payments in lieu of taxes are also viewed as partial compensation for the air  
14 pollution, noise, traffic congestion, property maintenance, emergency services and land use  
15 limitations caused by the presence of utility property; and,

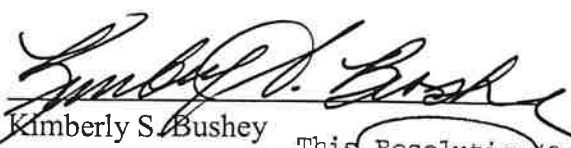
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17 **WHEREAS**, there is pending legislation that will require the Department of Revenue (DOR) to  
18 annually publish on its internet site information related to the determination of utility aid  
19 payments received by counties and municipalities where production plan property is located,  
20 including the value, depreciation amounts, and generating capacity of production plants, the date  
21 of which such property is closed or decommissioned.

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23 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Walworth County Board of Supervisors  
24 hereby supports legislation to require the Department of Revenue to share the above-stated utility  
25 aid payment information with counties and municipalities.

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27 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the County Clerk is hereby directed to forward a copy of  
28 this resolution to the Wisconsin Counties Association and Legislators representing Walworth  
29 County.

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33 Nancy Russell  
34 County Board Chair

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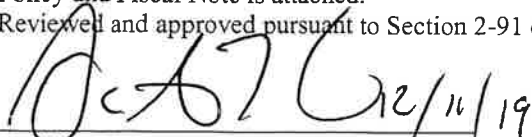
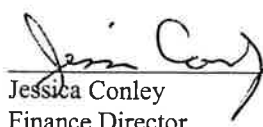
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33 Kimberly S. Bushey  
34 County Clerk

This Resolution Ordinance was  
Adopted: Roll Call/U.C. /Voice  
Rejected/Referred/Laid Over

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36 County Board Meeting Date: January 14, 2020

37 Ayes: Noes: Absent:  
38 Date Other January 14, 2020

Action Required: Majority Vote X Two-thirds Vote

Policy and Fiscal Note is attached.  
Reviewed and approved pursuant to Section 2-91 of the Walworth County Code of Ordinances:  
 12/11/19  
David A. Bretl Date  
County Administrator/Corporation Counsel  
 12/11/19  
Jessica Conley Date  
Finance Director

If unsigned, exceptions shall be so noted by the County Administrator.