

1 **RESOLUTION NO. 21-18**

2 **SYNOPSIS:** RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE WISCONSIN COUNTIES ASSOCIATION AND
3 THE TRANSPORTATION DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION WITH THEIR JUST-FIX-IT CAMPAIGN
4 RELATED TO FUNDING OF TRANSPORTATION IN THE STATE OF WISCONSIN
5 **INTRODUCED BY:** HIGHWAY COMMITTEE
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7 **To the Honorable Board of Supervisors of Columbia County:**
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9 WHEREAS, local government in Wisconsin is responsible for about 90% of the road
10 miles in the state; and
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12 WHEREAS, Wisconsin's diverse economy is dependent upon county and town roads
13 as well as city and village streets and transit systems across the state; and
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15 WHEREAS, Columbia County and other local governments across Wisconsin have
16 been highlighting our unmet transportation needs in many different avenues including
17 events such as the historic Turnout for Transportation event in September of 2016 where
18 local governments in every region of this state held simultaneous meetings calling on the
19 state legislature to prioritize transportation and pass a sustainable funding package; and
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21 WHEREAS, while the increase in transportation funding for locals in the last budget
22 was certainly appreciated, many still aren't back to 2011 levels when you adjust for
23 inflation; and
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25 WHEREAS, locals, including Columbia County continue to struggle to meet even the
26 most basic maintenance needs for our transportation system; and
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28 WHEREAS, states surrounding Wisconsin and across the country have stepped up
29 with sustainable funding plans for their state and local roads; and
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31 WHEREAS, Wisconsin will be at a competitive disadvantage if it does not implement a
32 revenue and spending plan that addresses both our Interstates that were built in the 1950's
33 and 60's and our local and state roads; and
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35 WHEREAS, levy limits do not allow local government to make up for the deterioration
36 of state funding; and
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38 WHEREAS, local governments would not be forced to turn to local wheel taxes or
39 increased borrowing or exceeding their levy limits if the state would finally pass a
40 sustainable funding plan for transportation; and
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42 WHEREAS, the Columbia County Board of Supervisors recognizes that our state
43 highway and interstate system is the backbone of our surface transportation system and
44 plays a vital role in the economy of Wisconsin. Both local and state roads need to be
45 properly maintained in order for our economy to grow; and
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47 WHEREAS, from a competitive standpoint Wisconsin motorists pay significantly less
48 than any of our neighbors when you combine the annual cost of the state gas tax and
49 vehicle registration fees; and
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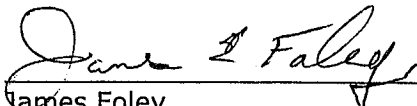
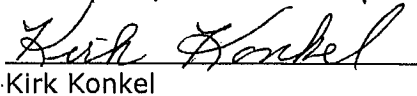
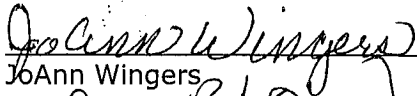
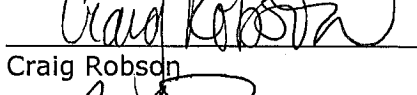
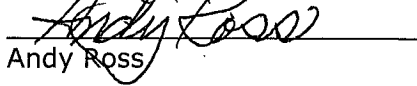
51 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Columbia County Board of Supervisors;
52 the Board urges the Governor and Legislature to "Just Fix-It" and agree upon a sustainable
53 solution: one that includes a responsible level of bonding and adjusts our user fees to
54 adequately and sustainably fund Wisconsin's transportation system.
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56 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Columbia County Board of Supervisors directs
57 the Clerk to send a copy of this resolution to our State Legislators and to Governor Scott
58 Walker.
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60 Fiscal Note: NONE
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Fiscal Impact: NONE


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STATE OF WISCONSIN
COUNTY OF COLUMBIA
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I certify that this is a true and exact copy
of the original of which I am legal custodian
for the County Clerk of Columbia County.

Signed by 
County Clerk or Deputy County Clerk

7/19/18
Date