

Resolution 13-18

Oppose Continuation of Zero Levy Cap Imposed on Wisconsin Counties

WHEREAS, the zero levy cap limits have been imposed on Wisconsin Counties since 2012; and

WHEREAS, the costs of living for the years since then have been (as measured by the Bureau of Labor Statistics, CPI-U for Midwest Urban Class B/C):

- 3.3% for 2011
- 2.1% for 2012
- 1.2% for 2013
- 1.7% for 2014
- 0.3% for 2015
- 0.7% for 2016
- 1.4% for 2017; and

WHEREAS, Counties have been forced to absorb increased expenses of which they have no control (utilities, fuel, health insurance, road maintenance, high cost placements in the Human Services Department, etc.); and

WHEREAS, Price County has ~~historically~~ been very frugal with the use of taxpayer money; and

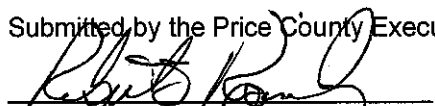
WHEREAS, Price County has ~~done their best to curb~~ ^{curbed} spending by cutting costs eliminating positions, limiting employee wage increases, reducing program offerings and postponing work on highway infrastructure; and

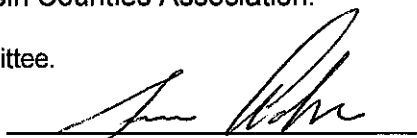
WHEREAS, it is becoming ~~near~~ ^{very} impossible to maintain an adequate level of service to our citizens when the costs of services are increasing and our ability to increase revenues is limited to State funding, sales tax revenues and the local tax levy,

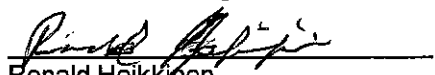
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Price County Board of Supervisors opposes the continuation of the current zero tax levy cap imposed on Wisconsin Counties.

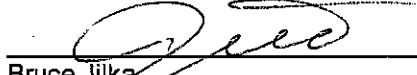
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County Clerk is directed to send a copy of this resolution to Governor Walker, the Joint Finance Committee of the Wisconsin Legislature, the state legislators for Price County and the Wisconsin Counties Association.

Submitted by the Price County Executive Committee.


Robert D. Kopisch, Chair



James Adolph


Ronald Heikkinen

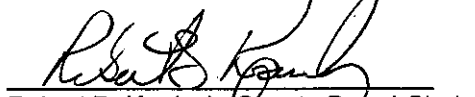

Bruce Jilka

absent
Larry Palecek

Reviewed by County Administrator:


Nicholas Trimner

Adopted by the Price County Board of Supervisors this 15th day of May, 2018.


Robert D. Kopisch, County Board Chair


Jean Gottwald, County Clerk

For: 11 Against: 1