



RESOLUTION# 21-3-7

Introduced by Judicial & Legislative Committee
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Motion:	Adopted: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
1 st <u>Feirer</u>	Lost: <input type="checkbox"/>
2 nd <u>Leichtnam</u>	Tabled: <input type="checkbox"/>
No: <u>1</u> Yes: <u>18</u> Absent: <u>0</u>	
Number of votes required:	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Majority	<input type="checkbox"/> Two-thirds
Reviewed by: <u>PAK</u>	, Corp Counsel
Reviewed by: _____	, Finance Dir.

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INTENT & SYNOPSIS: To reaffirm Wood County's commitment to taking action to reduce its contribution to climate change.

FISCAL NOTE: None.

		NO	YES	A
1	LaFontaine, D		X	
2	Rozar, D		X	
3	Feirer, M		X	
4	Wagner, E		X	
5	Fischer, A		X	
6	Breu, A		X	
7	Ashbeck, R		X	
8	Hahn, J		X	
9	Winch, W	X		
10	Thao, L		X	
11	Curry, K		X	
12	Valenstein, L		X	
13	Hokamp, J		X	
14	Polach, D		X	
15	Clendenning, B		X	
16	Pliml, L		X	
17	Zurfluh, J		X	
18	Hamilton, B		X	
19	Leichtnam, B		X	

WHEREAS, there is scientific consensus that human activity, especially the combustion of fossil fuels that create greenhouse gases, is an important driver of climate change; and

WHEREAS, climate change has been widely recognized by government, business, military, and academic leaders as a worldwide threat to public safety, public health, local and global economics, and quality of life; and

WHEREAS, local governments have an impact on greenhouse gas emissions through land use planning, transportation systems, buildings, energy, and water use and the many daily operations carried out to provide vital services to residents and visitors; and

WHEREAS, one hundred ninety-five countries, including the United States, vowed to address climate change in agreements reached in December 2015; and

WHEREAS, clean energy technologies was one of the few sectors of the economy that kept growing through the global recession, and it continues to be the fastest growing sector in the nation and there were more people employed in the solar industry in the United States last year than in energy production from coal, natural gas, and oil combined; and

WHEREAS, clean energy technologies have become a key area of manufacturing industry growth and Wisconsin already has more than 500 businesses that manufacture components for clean energy technologies such as wind, solar and bio-gas systems; and

WHEREAS, some of Wisconsin's and Wood County's most iconic industries, including agriculture, forestry, and tourism, are threatened by climate change; and

WHEREAS, improving energy efficiency and resilience in the face of potential disruption in energy production can attract jobs and economic development opportunities to Wood County and increase the county's long-term competitiveness and wealth; and

WHEREAS, actions that reduce the combustion of fossil fuels and the release of greenhouse gases, including prioritizing efficiency and transitioning to low-carbon energy sources, will improve air quality, public health, energy security, local natural environments, and quality of life for all; and

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_____ BILL CLENDENNING (Chair) *William F. Clendenning*

_____ BILL LEICHTNAM *Bill Leichtnam*

_____ KENNETH CURRY *Kenneth Curry*

_____ ED WAGNER *Ed Wagner*

_____ JOSEPH ZURFLUH *Joseph H. Zurfluh*

Adopted by the County Board of Wood County, this 16th day of March 20 21.

[Signature]

County Clerk

[Signature]

County Board Chairman



WHEREAS, Wood County is joined in taking action on climate change by cities, counties, states, and national governments and community and private sector leaders who recognize the importance and potential of these actions to protect and enhance the well-being of current and future generations.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE WOOD COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS HEREBY RESOLVES to reaffirm their commitment to taking action to reduce its contribution to climate change; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Wood County Board of Supervisors also recognizes that achieving a community wide goal cannot be done by county government alone and will require leadership and commitment from businesses, community institutions, and utilities; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Wood County urges other counties in Wisconsin and the United States to join with it in its commitment to address climate change; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to Governor Tony Evers, Senator Tammy Baldwin, Senator Ron Johnson, Congressman Ron Kind, Congressman Thomas Tiffany, the Wisconsin Counties Association, and all the Wisconsin Counties.

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Adopted by the County Board of Wood County, this _____ day of _____ 20 _____ .

County Clerk

County Board Chairman