

ROLL CALL Board Members	Aye	Nay	Excu.
Olson			
Route			
Warndahl			
Nelson (Chairperson)			
LaBlanc			
Ruck			
Prichard			
Kelly			
O'Connell			
Middleton			
Luke (2 nd Vice Chair)			
Duncanson			
Arcand			
Bonneprise (Vice Chair)			
Demulling			

BOARD ACTION

Vote Required: _____


Motion to Approve _____ Adopted

1st _____ Defeated

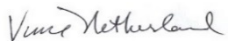
2nd _____

Yes: _____ No: _____ Excu: _____


Reviewed by:

 , Corp. Counsel

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 , Administrator

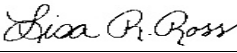
Reviewed by:

 , Finance

FISCAL & LEGAL IMPACT:
There is no fiscal impact as this is a lobbying resolution only.

Certification:

I, Lisa Ross, Clerk of Polk County, hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of a resolution that was adopted on the ____ day of _____, 2021 by the Polk County Board of Supervisors.



Lisa Ross
County Clerk, Polk County

Committee Executive Committee

Recommended

Not Recommended

Neutral

Resolution No. 28-21

Resolution Authorizing the Lobbying of the Wisconsin State Legislature to Increase Funding to the Attorney General for Drug Crime Prosecution

TO THE POLK COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:

WHEREAS, the County of Polk has been deeply impacted by the effects of substance abuse, especially methamphetamine, both economically and socially; and

WHEREAS, substance abuse has led to increased crime, poverty, child abuse, domestic violence and other social ills which have led to a reduction in the quality of life of the citizens of Polk County; and

WHEREAS, the Polk County Government has identified substance abuse reduction and prevention as the top priority of the Board of Supervisors; and

WHEREAS, the Polk County Government has invested significant resources such as staff positions and funding in programs to reduce substance abuse through methods such as enforcement, prevention and treatment; and

WHEREAS, the growing number of narcotics related crimes have put a significant strain on the local justice system; and

WHEREAS, Polk County is in very close proximity to the Minneapolis-St Paul metropolitan area which is a known hub for narcotics trafficking and distribution and local law enforcement has identified this region as the source for the illicit substances in this county; and

WHEREAS, there is an identifiable need for additional prosecutorial support to the Northwestern Wisconsin region for the specific targeting of narcotics related crimes; and

WHEREAS, Polk County does not have resources sufficient to adequately prosecute the large number of narcotics related charges being brought by law enforcement; and

WHEREAS, the Special Prosecutor program of the Attorney General's Office has been a very effective and welcome addition to the effort to combat these crimes; and

WHEREAS, additional Special Prosecutors focused on narcotics related crimes are in great need in the Northwestern Wisconsin region;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the County of Polk hereby urges the legislature of the State of Wisconsin to appropriate additional funding to create additional Special Prosecutor positions with the Office of the Wisconsin Attorney General specifically assigned to the prosecution of narcotics related crimes.

SUBMITTED BY:

