

LANGLADE COUNTY



VOTE
16 AYES
4 ABSENT
1 VACANT

RESOLUTION #45-2022

INTRODUCED BY: ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE

INTENT: REQUEST STATE TO REVISE THE CURRENT REAL ESTATE TRANSFER FEES REVENUE SHARING FORMULA

WHEREAS, the collection by counties of a real estate transfer fee was mandated by the State of Wisconsin in 1969, and included a requirement that counties remit 50% of all transfer fees collected to the State; and

WHEREAS, in 1981 the State arbitrarily changed the transfer fee formula to now require counties to remit to the State 80% of all transfer fees collected; and

WHEREAS, the County through the Register of Deeds office assumes the annual operating costs of recording all real estate transfers occurring in Langlade County, including the collection of real estate transfer fees; and

WHEREAS, in 2021 Langlade County collected \$418,476.00 in real estate transfer fees with the County's 20% retained share totaling \$83,695.20, and was required to remit 80% or \$334,780.80 to the State; and

WHEREAS, Langlade County real estate transfer fee collections as averaged over the past five years totaled \$1,402,899.20 of which the County retained \$280,579.84; and over that same period \$1,122,319.36 was remitted to the State; and

WHEREAS, in 2021 the State of Wisconsin has built up a budget surplus of approximately \$2.5 billion dollars with a projected 2023 budget surplus of \$6.6 billion dollars, while many Wisconsin counties continue to struggle financially due to the ever-increasing costs of providing county government services in an inflationary economy, coupled with the financial restrictions imposed by State mandated levy limits; and

WHEREAS, in an effort to financially assist all Wisconsin Counties, Langlade County requests that the State of Wisconsin return the real estate transfer fee share formula to again allow Wisconsin Counties to retain 50% of all total real estate transfer fees collected, with 50% to be remitted to the State.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Langlade County Board of Supervisors hereby request that the State of Wisconsin revise the real estate transfer fee share formula to again allow Wisconsin Counties to retain 50% of all real estate transfer fees collected, with 50% to be remitted to the State.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution is sent to Governor Tony Evers, all members of the State Legislature representing Langlade County, the Wisconsin Counties Association and all other Wisconsin Counties.


ADMINISTRATIVE AND LAND SALES COMMITTEE:




Ben Pierce, Chairman



Richard Wiegert



John Medo



George Shinnars



Robert Benishek

absent

Reinhardt Balcerzak
Todd Mayr

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FISCAL NOTE: Based on 2021 information, splitting the fees 50/50 with the State would have resulted in Langlede County receiving approximately \$125,000 in additional funding. This extra funding would be annually, subject to change based on economic conditions and property sales, and would help reduce the reliance upon tax levy for operational expenditures.

Adopted by the County Board of Langlede
County this 19th day of December, 2022.

Judy Nagel

Judy Nagel, Langlede County Clerk

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