

**RESOLUTION NO. 43-12-22**  
**RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THE STATE REVISE THE CURRENT REAL ESTATE TRANSFER**  
**FEES REVENUE SHARING FORMULA**

WHEREAS, the collection of real estate transfer fee by counties 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 changed the transfer fee formula to require counties to remit 80% of all transfer fees collected to the State; and

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

WHEREAS, Waushara County real estate transfer fee collections over the past five years totaled \$2,164,196.00 of which the County retained \$432,839.20 and \$1,731,356.80 was remitted to the State; and

WHEREAS, using a 50/50 split, the County's share of the fees collected on local real estate transfers during that same five-year period would have provided an additional \$649,258.80 in support of local government; and

WHEREAS, in 2021 the State of Wisconsin has built up a budget surplus of approximately \$2.5 billion dollars, while many Wisconsin counties continue to struggle financially due to the ever-increasing cost of providing county government services in an inflationary economy and providing services for increasing unfunded State mandated programs along with the financial restrictions imposed by State imposed levy limits.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Waushara County Board of Supervisors that in an effort to assist all Wisconsin counties, 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 be sent to Governor Tony Evers, all members of the State Legislature representing Waushara County, the Wisconsin Counties Association, and all other Wisconsin Counties.

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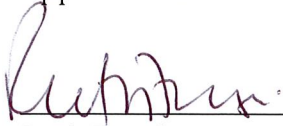
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Ayes 11 Nays 0 Abstain 0 Absent 0 { } Voice Vote

Approved and adopted this 20th day of December 2022.

Denied this 20th day of December 2022.

Approved as to Form:

  
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Ruth Zouski  
Corporation Counsel

Submitted by:

  
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John Jarvis, Chair  
Executive Committee

Attest:

  
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Megan Kapp  
Waushara County Clerk

Signed by:

  
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John Jarvis, Chair  
Waushara County Board of Supervisors