

RESOLUTION #R - 7 - 23

**REQUESTING THE STATE TO REVISE THE CURRENT REAL ESTATE TRANSFER FEES
REVENUE SHARING FORMULA**

WHEREAS, the collection of a 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, Marathon County real estate transfer fee collections over the past five years totaled \$4,693,255.80 of which the County retained \$900,499.44 and \$3,792,756.36 was remitted to the State; and

WHEREAS, using a 50/50 split, the County's share of fees collected on local real estate transfers during that same five-year period would have provided an additional \$2,346,627.90 in support of local government; and

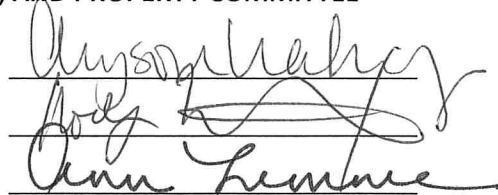
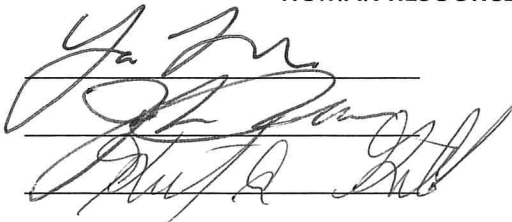
WHEREAS, in 2023, the State of Wisconsin has built up a budget surplus of approximately 6.5 billion dollars, while many Wisconsin counties continue to struggle financially due to the ever-increasing costs of providing county government services to an inflationary economy and providing services for increasing unfunded State mandated programs along with financial restrictions caused by State imposed levy limits; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Marathon 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; and

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

Done this 21st day of February, 2023

HUMAN RESOURCES, FINANCE, AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE



Fiscal Impact: This would provide approximately an additional \$469,325.58 in annual revenue.

STATE OF WISCONSIN)
)SS.
COUNTY OF MARATHON)

I, Kim Trueblood, County Clerk in and for Marathon County, Wisconsin, hereby certify that the attached Resolution #R-7-23 was adopted by the Marathon County Board of Supervisors at the Adjourned Annual Meeting which was held on February 21, 2023.

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Kim Trueblood
Marathon County Clerk

VOTE RESULTS

34 YES

0 NO

0 ABSTAIN

4 ABSENT

2 DID NOT VOTE

Consent Agenda

Items C9-C13c
Pull C13b
Pull 12a

 **Passed By Majority Vote**

Michelle Van Krey	EXCUSED	Joel Straub	YES	Chris Dickinson	YES
Ann Lemmer	YES	Tony Sherfinski	YES	Andrew Venzke	ABSENT
Kody Hart	YES	Jennifer Aarrestad	YES	Allen Drabek	M YES
John Robinson	YES	Craig McEwen	YES	Kurt Gibbs	YES
Gary Gisselman	YES	Yee Leng Xiong	YES	Ron Covelli	YES
Stacey Morache	YES	Gayle Marshall	EXCUSED	Jason Wilhelm	YES
Becky Buch	YES	Thomas Rosenberg	YES	Jacob Langenhahn	YES
Kim Ungerer	YES	Jasper Hartinger	YES	Bruce Lamont	YES
David Oberbeck	YES	David Baker	YES	Allen Opall	YES
Donna Krause	EXCUSED	Crystal Bushman	YES	Bobby Niemeyer	YES
Alyson Leahy	YES	Tim Sondelski	YES	Lance Leonhard	ABSENT
Matthew Bootz	YES	Jean Maszk	S YES	Mike Puerner	ABSENT
Mike Ritter	YES	Thomas Seubert	YES		
Rick Seefeldt	YES	Dennis Gonnering	YES		



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Voting Meeting

