



**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF INCREASED COUNTY
CHILD SUPPORT FUNDING**

WHEREAS, Lafayette County administers the Child Support Enforcement Program on behalf of the state, providing a holistic set of services to Lafayette County children and their parents, including paternity establishment, assistance with finding employment, obtaining child support and establishing health insurance orders for children, and enforcing and modifying those orders; and

WHEREAS, Child support is one of the most effective anti-poverty programs in the state, with county child support agencies serving approximately 347,000 children and collecting roughly \$906 million in financial support for Wisconsin families in 2021; and

WHEREAS, Child support is proven to reduce childhood poverty rates, lead to better educational and behavioral outcomes for children, and have a positive effect on food security, health and housing stability; and

WHEREAS, County child support agencies work closely with both parents to ensure that they have the help they need to be successful, including assistance with finding employment, referrals to other social service programs and right-sizing orders for individuals impacted by substances use disorders or other challenges; and

WHEREAS, State funding for county child support services has failed to keep up with county agency costs, which have steadily increased due to a high number of caseloads per worker, increased complexity of cases, inflation and new regulations; and

WHEREAS, an abrupt federal interpretation change in June 2019 eliminated \$4.2 million in federal birth cost recovery matching funds for Wisconsin; and

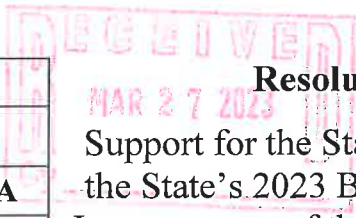
WHEREAS, Wisconsin's strong performance in child support is at risk without additional funding. The state has already dropped from 2nd in the nation for the collection of current support in 2016 to 6th in the nation in 2021; and

WHEREAS, without additional state funds, county child support agencies may need to eliminate positions, further increase caseloads, or reduce services, further impacting federal performance measures, which would result in the loss of additional federal funds; and

WHEREAS, the individuals most impacted by insufficient funding for child support are the children and families served by county child support agencies, who will need to seek out public assistance programming absent the financial security provided by the child support program; and

WHEREAS, State investments in child support are amplified by a generous federal match. Every \$1 of state GPR invested in the Child Support Program generates roughly \$2 in federal matching funds; and

WHEREAS, Wisconsin's Child Support Enforcement Program is incredibly cost-effective, collecting an average of \$6.43 in support for every dollar invested in the program.



Resolution Number: 2023-03-06

Motion to Adopt By: David Orsch

Seconded By: Jeanne Nutter

Support for the State of Wisconsin to Invest a Portion of the State's 2023 Budget Surplus in the Maintenance and Improvement of the County Trunk Highway System

Dist.	Supervisor	Y	N	A
1	Turner	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2	Klein	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3	Sacia	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4	Severson	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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6	Vacant	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
7	Adams	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
8	Miller	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
9	Orsch	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
10	Aasen	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
11	Waldera	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2	Baecker	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
13	Schreiner	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
14	Nelson	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
15	Larson	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
16	Nutter	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
17	Johnson	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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WHEREAS, Counties are responsible for maintaining and improving the State's County Trunk Highway system; and

WHEREAS, year after year, the amount of funding from State, Federal and local sources for such maintenance and improvements is not sufficient to keep up with county highway needs; and

WHEREAS, on January 25, 2023, the nonpartisan Legislative Fiscal Bureau reported that the State of Wisconsin has the largest budget surplus in Wisconsin's history; and

WHEREAS, providing Counties with additional funding from the State's record surplus for county road maintenance and improvements would be a sound investment for the State to provide safer roads for residents and visitors in the State of Wisconsin.

NOW, BE IT RESOLVED that the Trempealeau County Board of Supervisors hereby supports the State of Wisconsin investing a portion of the State's record surplus in Counties for the purpose of maintaining and improving the State's County Trunk Highway system to provide residents and visitors in Wisconsin with safe roadways; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Trempealeau County Board of Supervisors hereby directs the County Clerk to send a copy of this resolution to Governor Tony Evers, all Wisconsin State Legislators, and the Wisconsin Counties Association.

Introduced by: Highway Committee

John Aasen: _____

Robert Baecker: _____

Dan Schreiner: _____

Kellen Nelson: _____

David Larson: _____

Committee Approval Date: 03/14/23

Committee Vote: 5-0

Resolution Drafted by: Rick Niemeier, Corporation Counsel

First Reading: 3/20/2023

Vote Required: Voice Vote

Adopted

Defeated

STATE OF WISCONSIN)
)s.s.
CO. OF TREMPLEALEAU)

I hereby certify that this resolution /ordinance is a true and correct copy of a resolution/ordinance adopted by the Trempealeau County Board of Supervisors on: 3/20/2023

Paul L. Syverson, County Clerk

Reviewed by Corporation Counsel: Yes

Fiscal Impact: (Fiscal Statement – as set forth in Project Initiation form) None