

LANGLADE COUNTY



VOTE
18 AYES
1 BY PHONE
2 ABSENT

RESOLUTION # 25-2022

INTENT: URGING STATE ELECTED OFFICIALS TO USE EXPECTED 2021-2023 BUDGET SURPLUS TO FUND RURAL FIRE AND AMBULANCE EMERGENCY SERVICES

INTRODUCED BY: PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

WHEREAS, the State of Wisconsin is expected to have a budget surplus of \$3.8 billion in fiscal period 21-23 according to the nonpartisan Legislative Fiscal Bureau estimates; and

WHEREAS, as a result, Governor Evers has proposed a \$150 refund to every Wisconsin resident; and

WHEREAS, the Committee recognizes that emergency services in rural areas around our State are struggling to keep up with the costs of rising inputs not just recently but over the last many years; and

WHEREAS, everyone expects that emergency services, such as ambulance and fire response, to show up when needed, but few understand the fiscal struggles many emergency service providers have faced the last number of years in rural areas; and

WHEREAS, the current financing structure for public fire service comes from property taxes that includes both residents and out-of-state property owners, while ambulance services are paid for by only residents; and

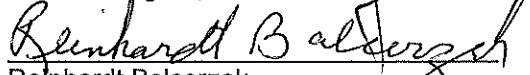
WHEREAS, the State has no greater responsibility than the safety of its people, and by using a small portion of the surplus funds to supplement these important rural service providers, the State could go a long way in securing the safety of all who live, work, and vacation in our great State.

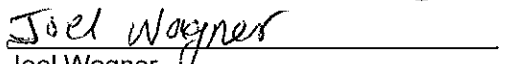
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Langlade County Board of Supervisors encourages the Governor, in conjunction with the State Legislators to use a portion of the \$3.8 billion surplus to fund Wisconsin's rural emergency services.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, the Langlade County Board of Supervisors encourages our elected State officials to allocate \$30 per resident to fund all public/government owned and operated ambulance services and \$30 per resident to fund non-governmental ambulance agencies serving a rural area covering less than 15,000 residents and \$20 per resident to fund volunteer fire departments, both in a pro-rata share based upon population.


PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE:


Warren Wagner, Chairman


Reinhardt Balcerzak


Joel Wagner

absent
Ronald Krueger


Brian Zaverousky

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FISCAL NOTE: This resolution has no budgetary impact on the Langlade County Operating budget. It is a lobbying resolution only.

**ADOPTED BY THE COUNTY BOARD OF LANGLADE
COUNTY THIS 23RD DAY OF MAY, 2022.**



Judy Nagel, Langlade County Clerk