

# RESOLUTION

41-2024

Resolution offered by the County Board Chairperson:

**WHEREAS**, the State of Wisconsin requires a Commercial Driver's License (CDL) in order to operate vehicles that weigh over 26,000 pounds; and

**WHEREAS**, in order to get a CDL an applicant must have, among other things, a Department of Transportation (DOT) medical card requiring a DOT physical, pass a written test, and pass a CDL driving test; and

**WHEREAS**, it can be time consuming and expensive to obtain a CDL; and

**WHEREAS**, many plow trucks and dump trucks used by the Highway Department exceed 26,000 pounds and therefore requires a CDL; and

**WHEREAS**, Sec. 343.055 (1)(b) Wis. Stats. exempts firefighters from CDL licensing requirements; and

**WHEREAS**, the Forest County Highway Department has had a difficult time obtaining employees that have a CDL or are willing to incur the time and expenses to obtain a CDL; and

**WHEREAS**, the Forest County Board of Supervisors believes it would be in the best interest of the County to exempt Highway Department employees from having a CDL in order to operate the plow trucks and dump trucks.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE FOREST COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS** request that the Wisconsin Department of Transportation allow employees working for various County Highway Departments to be exempt from CDL requirements.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a copy of this Resolution be sent to Governor Evers, Senator Tammy Baldwin, Senator Ron Johnson, State Representative Tom Tiffany, Assemblyman Jeffrey Mursau, Wisconsin Counties Association, and Wisconsin Department of Transportation.