



DOOR COUNTY

Resolution No. 2025-16

Resolution Urging Governor Evers and the Wisconsin Legislature to Support the County Courts

TO THE DOOR COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:

ROLL CALL Board Members	Aye	Nay	Exc.
Dist. 1 D. Englebort			
Dist. 2 T. Thayse			
Dist. 3 R. Englebort			
Dist. 4 N. Robillard			
Dist. 5 J. Miller			
Dist. 6 K. Fisher			
Dist. 7 C. Morkin			
Dist. 8 C. Jeanquart			
Dist. 9 R. Shaw			
Dist. 10 P. Rockwell			
Dist. 11 M. Rusnak			
Dist. 12 N. Norton			
Dist. 13 D. Vogel			
Dist. 14 H. Zettel			
Dist. 15 E. Gauger			
Dist. 16 D. Enigl			
Dist. 17 B. Bultman			
Dist. 18 V. Chomeau			
Dist. 19 P. Voight			
Dist. 20 W. Kalms			
Dist. 21 J. Gunnlaugsson			

Vote

1 **WHEREAS**, in 2023, the total cost to Wisconsin Counties for running all
2 Circuit Courts was \$237 million. At the same time, the Court Support funding
3 from the state to counties was \$28 million, 12 percent of the actual cost to run
4 the local courts; and,

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6 **WHEREAS**, the Circuit Court system is intended to be a state-county
7 partnership; and
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9 **WHEREAS**, the state's fiscal responsibilities include Judges, Court
10 reporters, CCAP equipment, and the Circuit Court Cost Appropriation; and,
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12 **WHEREAS**, the Counties are fiscally responsible for the majority of other
13 functions of the court, including, but not limited to the following: bailiffs and
14 court security officers, courthouse building maintenance, phones and utilities,
15 Clerk of Court and Register in Probate, staff salaries and benefits, jury costs,
16 psychological exams, guardians ad litem and court-appointed attorneys,
17 expert witnesses, interpreters and translation fees, court commissioners, law
18 libraries, corporation counsel, courtroom technology and audio visuals,
19 copying machines and other non-CCAP office technology, office supplies,
20 furniture, recruitment and training, financial collection efforts, mail fees, printing
21 costs, exhibit and file storage, access to state data, insurance, service of court
22 documents, judicial staff attorneys, and equipment repair; and,
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24 **WHEREAS**, over the last 10 years, the increase in the county portion of
25 cost to run the courts is nearly six times higher than the increase in Circuit
26 Court Cost Appropriations provided to cover these costs, and counties now
27 pay almost \$150,000,000 more than the state in unbalanced Circuit Court
28 costs.

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30 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Door County Board of
31 Supervisors that Door County joins the Wisconsin Clerks of Circuit Court
32 Association (WCCCA) and the Wisconsin Counties Association (WCA) in their
33 efforts to increase the Circuit Court Cost Appropriation by \$70 million payable
34 to Wisconsin Counties in the 2025/27 Wisconsin State Budget.
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36 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this Resolution shall be effective upon
37 its passage and publication and a copy be sent to Governor Evers and all
38 Wisconsin State Legislators representing Door County.

BOARD ACTION

Vote Required: Majority Vote of a Quorum

Motion to Approve Adopted
1st Gunnlaugsson Defeated
2nd Voight
No: ___ Yes: ___ Exc: ___

Reviewed by: [Signature] Corp. Counsel
Reviewed by: [Signature], Administrator

FISCAL IMPACT: There is no fiscal implication with the adoption of this resolution. STW

Certification:

I, Jill M. Lau, Clerk of Door County, hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of a resolution that was adopted on the 27th day of February, 2025 by the Door County Board of Supervisors.

[Signature]
Jill M. Lau
County Clerk, Door County

SUBMITTED BY: JUDICIARY & PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

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