



SUPPORTING LEGISLATION THAT ALLOWS COUNTIES TO RETAIN A GREATER PERCENTAGE OF THE REAL ESTATE TRANSFER FEE AND INCREASE FUNDING FOR LOCAL LAND INFORMATION PROGRAMS

RUSK COUNTY

TO THE RUSK COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

ROLL CALL Board Members	AYE (Yes)	NAY (No)	Abstain / Excused
1. ALEC HAMPTON	✓		
2. JERRY BILLER	✓		
3. KATHY HALBUR	✓		
4. JOHN MOORE	✓		
5. TERRY WEDWICK	✓		
6. VACANT			
7. SUZANNE VOHS	✓		
8. TOM CUDO	✓		
9. PHIL UNTERSCHUETZ	✓		
10. BRIAN COGGINS	✓		
11. PHIL SCHNEIDER			✓
12. JIM MEYER	✓		
13. KURT GORSEGNER	✓		
14. JEREMY VINCENT	✓		
15. TOM HANSON	✓		
16. LOIS GOODE	✓		
17. DAVE WILLINGHAM	✓		
18. MIKE RUSSELL	✓		
19. DAN OUDIS	VACANT		
TOTAL	16	0	1

**BOARD ACTION**

Vote Required: Majority Vote of a Quorum

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Motion to Approve Adopted

1st Willingham Defeated

2nd Meyer

No: 0 Yes: 16 Exc: 1

Reviewed by: \_\_\_\_\_, Corp. Counsel

Reviewed by: \_\_\_\_\_, Finance Director

FISCAL IMPACT: (Note if there is any fiscal impact or not)

**Certification:**

I, Connie Meyer, Clerk of Rusk County, hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of a resolution that was adopted on the 22 day of April, 2025 by the Rusk County Board of Supervisors.

Connie Meyer  
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County Clerk, Rusk County

1 **WHEREAS**, under current law, counties in Wisconsin retain only 20% of the  
2 real estate transfer fees collected, with the remaining 80% transmitted to the  
3 state; and,  
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5 **WHEREAS**, the proposed legislation (LRB 25-2260) reduces the real estate  
6 transfer fee from \$0.30 to \$0.20 per \$100 of property value, while increasing the  
7 county share of retained fees to 50%; and,  
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9 **WHEREAS**, this change would lower the cost of selling property and allow  
10 counties to keep a greater share of locally collected revenue, ensuring more funds  
11 are available for county operations and services; and,  
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13 **WHEREAS**, the legislation further strengthens the Wisconsin Land Information  
14 Program by increasing minimum grant funding for counties from \$100,000 to  
15 \$175,000, and increasing the minimum training and education grants from  
16 \$1,000 to \$5,000; and,  
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18 **WHEREAS**, the bill also establishes a clear formula to return 46% of land  
19 information fund revenues back to counties in proportion to the amount they  
20 collect, increasing fairness, transparency, and local benefit; and,  
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22 **WHEREAS**, the legislation requires counties to administer a free real property  
23 recording notification system to help protect property owners from fraud by  
24 alerting them to changes filed on properties they own or monitor which the Rusk  
25 County Register of Deeds office has already implemented with its Property Fraud  
26 Alert program.  
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28 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Rusk County Board of  
29 Supervisors hereby supports the legislation identified as LRB 25-2260 and urges  
30 the Wisconsin State Legislature and the Governor to enact this bill into law.  
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32 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to  
33 the Office of the Governor, our area State Senators and Assembly  
34 Representatives, the Wisconsin Counties Association, and any other parties  
35 deemed appropriate by the County Clerk.  
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**SUBMITTED BY:**

Rusk County Land Info/Surveyor, Zoning Committee

[Signature]  
Dave Willingham, Chair

[Signature]  
Mike Russell

[Signature]  
Kurt Gorsegner, Vice Chair

[Signature]  
Brian Coggins

[Signature]  
John Moore