

Presented to County Board

Date 06 - 03 - 2025

Action by County Board

- ☐ Adopted as presented \_\_\_\_\_
- ☒ Adopted as amended 06 - 03 - 2025
- ☐ Referred to \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ Defeated \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ Withdrawn \_\_\_\_\_

County Board Chairman

Maria M. Galea

Presented to County Executive 06 - 03 - 2025

By Erica Williams  
County Clerk

Action by County Executive

- ☒ Approved 06 - 03 - 2025
- ☐ Vetoed \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ Vetoed in part \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ Effective without signature

Veto action by County Board

By Sadele  
County Executive

- ☐ Overridden \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ Sustained \_\_\_\_\_
- Vote \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_
- Vote \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_



KENOSHA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

RESOLUTION NO. 108

Subject: A Resolution Urging Governor Evers and the Wisconsin Legislature to Support the County Courts	
Original <input type="checkbox"/>	Corrected <input type="checkbox"/> 2 <sup>nd</sup> Correction <input type="checkbox"/> Resubmitted <input type="checkbox"/>
Date Submitted: 5/2/25	Date Resubmitted:
Submitted by: Chair Yuhas and Supervisor Belsky	
Fiscal Note Attached: <input type="checkbox"/>	Legal Note Attached: <input type="checkbox"/>
Prepared by: Chair Monica M. Yuhas and Supervisor Laura Belsky (Name, Title, Department or Division) Signature:	

A RESOLUTION TO

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

WHEREAS, Kenosha County Circuit Court costs increased 5.6 percent from 2021 to 2023, while Court Support Grant revenue increased 2.9 percent over that same period, indicating revenue received from the state support grant is not keeping pace with the real cost of providing statutorily mandated services; and

WHEREAS, the Circuit Court system is intended to be a state-county partnership; and

WHEREAS, the state's fiscal responsibilities include judges, court reporters, CCAP equipment, and the Circuit Court Cost Appropriation; and

WHEREAS, the Counties are fiscally responsible for the majority of other functions of the court, including, but not limited to, the following: bailiffs and court security officers, courthouse building maintenance, phones and utilities, Clerk of Court and Register in Probate, staff salaries and benefits, jury costs, psychological exams, guardians ad litem and court-appointed attorneys, expert witnesses, interpreters and translation fees, court commissioners, law libraries, corporation counsel, courtroom technology and audio visuals, copying machines and other non-CCAP office technology, office supplies, furniture, recruitment and training, financial collection efforts, mail fees, printing costs, exhibit and file storage, access to state data, insurance, service of court documents, judicial staff attorneys, and equipment repair; and

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WHEREAS, over the last 10 years, the increase in the county portion of costs to run the courts has doubled, while at the same time the amount of state Circuit Court Cost Appropriation (Court Support payments) made to counties has remained the same;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Kenosha County Board of Supervisors supports the Wisconsin Clerks of Circuit Court Association (WCCCA) and the Wisconsin Counties Association (WCA) in their efforts to increase the Circuit Court Cost Appropriation by \$70 million payable to Wisconsin Counties in the 2025-27 Wisconsin State Budget; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Kenosha County Board of Supervisors calls on the Governor and the State Legislature to approve that increased appropriation in the 2025-27 Wisconsin State Budget; and



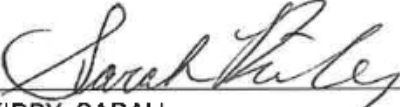


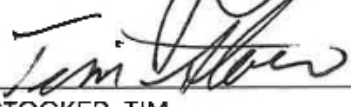
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County Clerk is instructed to send a copy of this resolution to Governor Evers, members of the Kenosha County legislative delegation, the Wisconsin Clerks of Circuit Court Association (WCCCA) and the Wisconsin Counties Association (WCA).

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Approved by:

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

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 GASCHKE, DANIEL	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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