## LOCK IN OF ORDINANCE NO. Z-5—2025-26 AND RESOLUTION NOS. 24, 26 AND 27—2025-26.

Vote for lock in. ROLL CALL: 29 yes, 6 absent, 1 vacant. ORDINANCE NOS. Z-5—2025-26 AND RESOLUTION NOS. 24, 26 AND 27—2025-26 ARE ADOPTED & LOCKED IN.



### RECONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCE NO. Z-5—2025-26 AND RESOLUTION NOS. 24, 26 AND 27—2025-26.

Supervisor Croatt moved, seconded by Supervisor Culbertson, to reconsider the above listed ordinance and resolutions.

Vote for reconsideration. ROLL CALL: 27 yes, 2 no (Ferguson, Thiede), 6 absent, 1 vacant. ORDINANCE NO. Z-5—2025-26 AND RESOLUTION NOS. 24, 26 AND 27—2025-26 IS RECONSIDERED.



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OpenMeeting:

Resolution No. 24—2025-26 — Public Safety Committee. Approve to respectfully request the State of Wisconsin to provide financial assistance of \$1 per capita of each county and tribe or a cost-share of Emergency Management staffing costs not to exceed current federal grant funding with each county and tribe to prepare for, respond to, and recover from disasters, in addition to funding the Wisconsin Disaster Fund at the threshold identified by the federal government for state and local governments to handle before there is any federal assistance, for a grant program providing assistance to impacted residents be included in the Wisconsin Disaster Fund, and for appropriate staffing for Wisconsin Emergency Management to develop this new grant program.

Supervisor Patience moved, seconded by Supervisor Kostelny, for adoption.

ROLL CALL: 28 yes, 1 no (Lautenschlager), 6 absent, 1 vacant. RESOLUTION NO. 24—2025-26 IS ADOPTED.



# RESOLUTION NO.: 24-2025-26

#### TO THE HONORABLE, THE OUTAGAMIE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

#### LADIES AND GENTLEMEN:

**MAJORITY** 

The federal government has called for a review of the Federal Emergency Management Agency and its programs, and there is bipartisan legislation proposed to remove the Federal Emergency Management Agency from the Department of Homeland Security or be entirely disbanded. There is consistent messaging that state and local governments are expected to take a lead role on emergency management, disaster response, recovery, mitigation, and preparedness, potentially without federal grants like the Emergency Management Performance Grant, Homeland Security Grant Program, Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities, Flood Mitigation Grants, and other grants that are utilized by the State of Wisconsin and county and tribal governments to fund everyday emergency functions.

Wisconsin State Statute Chapter 323 outlines the roles and responsibilities of state, local and tribal governments with regard to emergency management. Additionally, other state agencies have responsibilities and requirements that are placed on local governments which are supported by the federal grants that the State of Wisconsin receives (e.g., Department of Safety and Professional Standards requires Fires Chiefs to have Incident Command System training).

The federal government has created thresholds for state and local governments to meet for any federal assistance following a disaster, including over \$11 million in public infrastructure damage for Financial Fiscal Year 2025 as well as hundreds of homes to be majorly damaged or destroyed for the federal individual assistance program which has led the State of Wisconsin to create a Disaster Fund to partially reimburse communities impacted by severe weather events.

 The Wisconsin Disaster Fund historically runs out of money during the fiscal year due to limited funds being appropriated to it and this fund does not provide assistance to residents who may be displaced or otherwise impacted by severe weather events.

The weather-related disasters that impact Wisconsin, such as flooding, wildfires, tornadoes, straight-line wind (derecho) events, blizzards, ice storms, and extreme temperatures continue to impact the communities with the second most recorded tornadoes in Wisconsin history happening in 2024. Historically, the deadliest wildfire and tenth deadliest tornado events in United States history having occurred in Wisconsin.

Local emergency management professionals are switching careers with increasing frequency with almost three-quarters of the lead emergency managers at the county and tribal level having changed roles within the past five years.

NOW THEREFORE, the undersigned members of the Public Safety Committee recommend

# **Resolution No. 24—2025-26**

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1	BE IT RESOLVED, that the Outagamie County Board of Supervisors does respectfully request		
2	the State of Wisconsin provide financial assistance of \$1 per capita of each county and tribe or a cost-		
3	share of Emergency Management staffing costs not to exceed current federal grant funding with each		
4	county and tribe to be able to prepare for, respond to, and recover from disasters, in addition to funding		
5	the Wisconsin Disaster Fund at the threshold identified by the federal government for state and local		
6	governments to handle before there is any federal assistance, for a grant program providing assistance to		
7	impacted residents be included in the Wisconsin Disaster Fund, and for appropriate staffing for Wisconsin		
8	Emergency Management to develop this new grant program, and		
9	BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Outagamie County Clerk be directed to forward a copy of		
0	this resolution to the Wisconsin Counties Association, the State Senators and State Representatives		
1	representing Outagamie County, the Governor of the State of Wisconsin, and the Outagamie County		
2	Emergency Management Director.		
3	Dated this 27 day of May 2025		

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3			Respectfully submitted,		
4			PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE		
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14 15 16 17	Michael Smi	th	Timothy Hermes		
19 20	Jeremy Thyssen				
21 22 23	Duly and officially adopted by the County Board on: May 27, 2025				
23 24 25 26 27	Signed:	Dan Galumlu Board Chairperson	County Clerk		
28 29 30	Approved:	5.29.25	Vetoed:		
32	Signed:	County Executive			