

BARRON COUNTY RESOLUTION NO. 2025 - 44

SNAP (FoodShare) Resolution

TO THE BARRON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:

1 **WHEREAS**, the federal budget reconciliation package enacted in July of 2025,
2 makes changes to the SNAP (FoodShare) program that would reduce federal costs and
3 significantly impact county-administered services; and

4 **WHEREAS**, these changes extend SNAP work requirements to individuals up to
5 age 64, lower the child age threshold for parent exemptions, and eliminate waivers for areas
6 with high unemployment, thereby increasing referrals to the FoodShare Employment and
7 Training (FSET) program and workload for county human service departments; and

8 **WHEREAS**, the legislation requires states to contribute a minimum of 5% toward
9 the cost of SNAP benefits if their error rate is 6% or higher, facing penalty funding of
10 between 5% and 15% of total SNAP costs; and;

11 **WHEREAS**, Wisconsin's current SNAP payment error rate is 4.47%, but without
12 additional investment in eligibility and administrative systems, heightened workloads
13 could push the state above the 6% threshold, triggering significant penalties; and

14 **WHEREAS**, if Wisconsin's error rate reaches 6% on or after October 1, 2027, the
15 state's 5% cost share would be approximately \$69 million annually, with potential penalty
16 payments increasing the state's financial burden—costs that could ultimately cascade down
17 to counties; and

18 **WHEREAS**, the SNAP administrative match rate for Income Maintenance (IM)
19 activities has been reduced from the previous 50% federal / 50% state-local to 25% federal
20 / 75% state-local, substantially reducing federal revenue available to counties to administer
21 SNAP; and

22 **WHEREAS**, the reduction in administrative funds could lead to a reduction in IM
23 staff, which could result in an increased payment error rate; and

24 **WHEREAS**, county IM administrative costs are approximately \$123 million
25 annually, with SNAP-related workload accounting for about \$49 million of those costs;
26 and

27 **WHEREAS** the new administrative match rate results in an estimated \$17 million
28 annual loss in SNAP administrative funding to counties; and

29 **WHEREAS**, these federal cuts result from shifting the benefit and administrative
30 costs to states and counties (reducing resources available for local administration),
31 tightening work requirements (increasing county workload), and penalizing minor payment
32 errors (resulting in more cost to the states); and

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33 **WHEREAS**, counties operate under state-imposed property tax levy limits,
34 restricting their ability to offset such funding losses without additional state or federal
35 relief;

36 **WHEREAS**, this resolution was approved by the Health & Human Services Board
37 Chair on October 27, 2025, on a vote of 11 - 0, with Bartlett, Banks, Moen, P. Anderson,
38 Wenzel, Kolpeck, Heil, Knutson, Keeler, Matthys and Borgen voting in favor and no
39 members voting against. Vaughn and Ruppel were absent.

40 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Barron County Board of
41 Supervisors urges the State of Wisconsin to provide funding to offset the county fiscal
42 impact caused by the enacted federal SNAP changes, and to work with counties to ensure
43 adequate resources for the administration of FoodShare and related programs

44 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Barron County Board of Supervisors
45 urges the State of Wisconsin to determine Administrative Error Rates based on Consortium
46 performance versus Statewide average performance of SNAP payment error rates; and
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48 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Barron County Clerk is hereby
49 authorized and directed to send a copy of this Resolution to the Governor of the State of
50 Wisconsin, Wisconsin State Legislators with a constituency within Barron County, the
51 Wisconsin Counties Association, and the Wisconsin County Human Service Association.
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53 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that publication of this resolution may occur
54 through posting in accordance with Section 985.02 of the Wisconsin Statutes.
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OFFERED THIS 3rd day of November, 2025.

Number of readings required: One (☒) Two (☐)

Vote required for passage: Majority (☒)

2/3 Entire Board (20) (☐)

Source of funding: Budgeted (☐) General Fund (☐)

Grant (☐) Contingency (☐)

Other (☐) Details _____

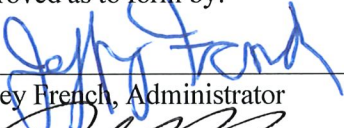
Fiscal impact:

- Current year total amount: \$
- Future years total amount: \$
- Effect on tax levy – current year - \$
- Effect on tax levy – future years - \$

Fiscal impact reviewed by County Finance Department


Jodi Busch, Finance Director

Approved as to form by:


Jeffrey French, Administrator


John Muench, Corporation Counsel


Carolyn Bartlett
Health & Human Services Board Chair

(The Committee Chair signature verifies the action taken by the Committee.)

Board Action: Adopted (☒) Failed (☐) Tabled (☐)

Motion: (Moen/Gores) to approve. Carried with 29 Yes.