

## **AGENDA**

Eau Claire County

Joint Meeting of Committee on Administration and Committee on Human Resources

**Date:** Friday, May 1, 2020

**Time:** 8:30 a.m.

**Location:** Remote Meeting via Webex Events

**Dial In:** 1-415-655-0001

**Access Code:** 929-823-447

*\*please remain muted when not speaking*

*For those wishing to make public comment, you must e-mail Sara Bronstad at [sara.bronstad@co.eau-claire.wi.us](mailto:sara.bronstad@co.eau-claire.wi.us) at least 30 minutes prior to the start of the meeting. You will be called on during the public session to make your comments.*

1. Call to Order and Confirmation of Meeting Notice
2. Roll Call
3. Public Comment
4. Election of Committee on Human Resources Chair and Vice Chair – **Discussion/Action**
5. Resolution 20-21/017– Authorizing the Bridge Plan related to the Covid-19 pandemic; and to create a task force to address issues related to the Covid-19 crisis – **Discussion/Action**
6. Adjournment of the Human Resources Committee
7. Resolution 20-21/016 – Requesting resolutions be considered at the 2020 WCA Annual Business Meeting – **Discussion/Action**
8. Proclamation proclaiming July 26<sup>th</sup> as Americans with Disabilities Act Awareness Day in Eau Claire County – **Discussion/Action**
9. Update on Strategic Plan Actions: Administrator Schauf – **Discussion/Action**
10. Appointments to Boards/Commissions/Councils – **Discussion/Action**

### **Aging & Disability Resource Center Board**

Audrey Nelson – term expires April 2023

Prepared by: Samantha Cole

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**Airport**

Barry Wells

**Groundwater Advisory Committee**

Dr. Sarah Vitale – term expires April 2023

Glory Adams – term expires April 2023

**Human Services Board**

Kathleen Clark – term expires April 2023

**Indianhead Federated Library System Board of Trustees**

Josh Sterling

**West Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission**

John Frank – term expires April 2022

11. Adjourn

Prepared by: Samantha Cole

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## FACT SHEET

### TO FILE NO. 20-21/017

The following offers a pathway for Eau Claire County to navigate together the changing landscape that COVID-19 has wrought. We continue to operate in vast uncertainty; and face a horizon of many challenges. Working together is more important than ever as we move forward.

The proposal has two parts – a “bridge” which will buy our organization time from a fiscal perspective. The second being a Taskforce to provide a central navigational channel responding to the effects of the pandemic upon our organization. It will likely be many years before we are able to establish new operational norms. The objective is to create a responsive, flexible, and adaptive participatory process.

BRIDGE – a financial fiscal strategy (initial steps only)

#### Goals

- To create a financial buffer to protect the county’s financial assets.
- To provide time for the task force to identify additional opportunities and continue to adjust to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.
- To create a pathway for continued communication, dialog and shared problem solving.
- Re-open government operations with a safety and public health perspective; limiting building access; moving operations to electronic and alternative formats.

The proposed “bridge plan” was created in consultation with our department managers to ensure that we are able to continue to provide mandated, statutory and public health services to our community.

The plan includes identifying targeted areas of reduction to meet current challenges, with the understanding that additional action is likely to be required.

The recommendation includes:


- We will use vacant positions and attrition consistent with prioritized activities.
- The framework for continued operations of the Emergency Operations Center is in place and the County will deploy staff to address emerging issues.
- Positions eligible for recruitment during the COVID-19 crisis response are:
  - Positions funded by grants / aids (state, federal, or other)
  - Critical service areas (emergency management and response)
  - Managers will continue to review processes and function to realign work loads to complete necessary tasks with reduced staffing.
- For all positions that are currently vacated, or are anticipated to be vacated:
  - The positions will not be eliminated from the organizational chart; and funding will be withheld.
  - We will attempt to “redeploy” affected employees into positions that are open and are either critical to recovery or funded by grant or intergovernmental revenues. These would be employees subject to layoff.

TASK FORCE – continued response and evaluation. The bridge is the minimum – it buys us time to look at bigger picture restructures, reductions, or automation. The task force will work on items that require potential policy changes, reduction of service, or additional changes as required. Lagging sales tax revenues are likely for years.

Administration along with the Board, the Wisconsin Counties Association, and the National Association of Counties will continue to lobby the federal and state government for general funding to fill revenue shortfalls. It is unlikely that funding will be able to fill the entire gap of lost revenue.

Fiscal Impact: Following page

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kathryn Schauf', written in a cursive style.

Kathryn Schauf  
County Administrator

## Fiscal Impact

As a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, the County is anticipating a combination of a shortage in revenue as well as potential increases in some expenditures. The County is anticipating lost revenue from sales tax, fines/fees, and charges for public services as a result of the pandemic. Sales tax projections from Forward Analytics (a division of Wisconsin Counties Association) based on the original Safer at Home order projected Eau Claire County sales tax revenue to be down \$1.0M-\$1.4M.

In anticipation of the negative fiscal impact, all departments were asked to provide their best/worst case fiscal estimates based on their current knowledge and situation. Those estimates are captured in the following table.

### Department Financial Projection Summary Net Revenue/Expenditure Projections April 12, 2020

| Departments                  | Budget          | Net Projection - Best Case | Net Projection - Worst Case |
|------------------------------|-----------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Revenue Estimates            | \$ 74,793,320   | \$ 73,127,440              | \$ 70,676,449               |
| Expenditure Estimates        | \$ (74,793,320) | \$ (73,082,005)            | \$ (74,185,750)             |
| <b>Net Surplus/(Deficit)</b> | -               | <b>45,434</b>              | <b>(3,509,300)</b>          |
| <b>Median</b>                |                 |                            | <b>\$ (1,731,933)</b>       |

The initial bridge plan developed to address this projected fiscal impact focused on assessing positions within the departments, particularly those positions currently vacant or known to be vacant in the future. In addition, positions were also assessed for vacancy if applicable. The focus on addressing vacant positions was to determine which positions could remain vacant, possibly until the end of 2021, subject to changes in fiscal/volume conditions. The fiscal impact of this assessment is included in table 1.

While addressing positions provides some fiscal relief, it does not cover the potential fiscal impact when considering the median net impact of the department projections. Continued assessment of fiscal management will be required as more fiscal elements are known and as conditions change. The high-level fiscal impact and potential shortage is noted below.

|   | Median Case           | Worst Case            |
|---|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| <b>Net Deficit Projection</b>                   | <b>\$ (1,731,933)</b> | <b>\$ (3,509,300)</b> |
| <b>Impact of Vacant Positions, Eliminations</b> | <b>879,554</b>        | <b>879,554</b>        |
| <b>Potential Estimated Deficit</b>              | <b>\$ (852,379)</b>   | <b>\$ (2,629,746)</b> |

**TABLE 1**  
**FISCAL IMPACT - POSITIONS**

| DEPARTMENT               | FTE   | POSITION                            | ACTION   | ANNUAL WAGE  | ESTIMATED 2020 WAGE IMPACT |
|--------------------------|-------|-------------------------------------|--|--------------|----------------------------|
| ADMINISTRATION           | 1.00  | ADMINISTRATIVE OPERATIONS MANAGER   | Remaining vacant until supported by changes in fiscal/volume conditions after vacancy occurs | \$ 91,894    | \$ 45,947                  |
| ADRC                     | 0.36  | MEAL DELIVERY WORKER                | Remaining vacant until supported by changes in fiscal/volume conditions                      | \$ 10,753    | \$ 7,169                   |
| ADRC                     | 1.00  | COOK                                | Remaining vacant until supported by changes in fiscal/volume conditions                      | \$ 36,275    | \$ 24,183                  |
| ADRC                     | 0.73  | COOK                                | Remaining vacant until supported by changes in fiscal/volume conditions                      | \$ 26,481    | \$ 17,654                  |
| ADRC                     | 0.50  | OUTREACH COORDINATOR                | Remaining vacant until supported by changes in fiscal/volume conditions                      | \$ 22,058    | \$ 14,706                  |
| ADRC                     | 1.00  | ADRC MANAGER                        | Remaining vacant until supported by changes in fiscal/volume conditions                      | \$ 69,098    | \$ 46,065                  |
| CLERK OF COURTS          | 1.00  | LEGAL SPECIALIST II                 | Remaining vacant until supported by changes in fiscal/volume conditions                      | \$ 42,411    | \$ 28,274                  |
| COUNTY CLERK             | 0.50  | ADMINISTRATIVE ASSOCIATE III        | Remaining vacant until supported by changes in fiscal/volume conditions                      | \$ 16,474    | \$ 10,982                  |
| FACILITIES               | 1.00  | CUSTODIAN                           | Remaining vacant until supported by changes in fiscal/volume conditions                      | \$ 36,648    | \$ 24,432                  |
| FINANCE                  | 1.00  | FISCAL ASSOCIATE II                 | Remaining vacant until supported by changes in fiscal/volume conditions                      | \$ 36,275    | \$ 24,183                  |
| HIGHWAY                  | 1.00  | HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE SUPERVISOR      | Remaining vacant until supported by changes in fiscal/volume conditions                      | \$ 65,770    | \$ 43,846                  |
| HIGHWAY                  | 1.00  | FISCAL ASSOCIATE III                | Remaining vacant until supported by changes in fiscal/volume conditions                      | \$ 39,998    | \$ 28,274                  |
| HUMAN RESOURCES          | 1.00  | ADMINISTRATIVE ASSOCIATE IV         | Remaining vacant until supported by changes in fiscal/volume conditions                      | \$ 36,275    | \$ 18,013                  |
| HUMAN RESOURCES          | 1.00  | ASSISTANT HR DIRECTOR               | Remaining vacant until supported by changes in fiscal/volume conditions                      | \$ 75,982    | \$ 37,731                  |
| HUMAN SERVICES           | 0.50  | ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST I         | Remaining vacant until supported by changes in fiscal/volume conditions                      | \$ 19,053    | \$ 12,702                  |
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| HUMAN SERVICES           | 0.50  | JUVENILE DETENTION WORKER (CALL IN) | Remaining vacant until supported by changes in fiscal/volume conditions                      | \$ 25,522    | \$ 17,014                  |
| HUMAN SERVICES           | 1.00  | ORGANIZATIONS ADMINISTRATOR         | Remaining vacant until supported by changes in fiscal/volume conditions                      | \$ 75,982    | \$ 50,655                  |
| HUMAN SERVICES           | 1.00  | OUTPATIENT CLINICAL THERAPIST       | Remaining vacant until supported by changes in fiscal/volume conditions                      | \$ 59,654    | \$ 39,770                  |
| HUMAN SERVICES           | 1.00  | SOCIAL WORK SUPERVISOR              | Remaining vacant until supported by changes in fiscal/volume conditions                      | \$ 62,650    | \$ 41,767                  |
| SHERIFF                  | 1.00  | BAILIFF                             | Remaining vacant until supported by changes in fiscal/volume conditions after vacancy occurs | \$ 56,992    | \$ 14,248                  |
| HUMAN SERVICES           | 1.00  | ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST I         | Position elimination   | \$ 40,065    | \$ 26,844                  |
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| PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT | 1.00  | SURVEYOR I                          | Position elimination   | \$ 70,185    | \$ 47,024                  |
| PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT | 0.73  | ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST II        | Remaining vacant after internal movement until conditions change                             | \$ 30,242    | \$ 4,660                   |
| PARKS & FOREST           | 0.19  | FORESTOR                            | Position elimination   | \$ 11,920    | \$ 7,986                   |
|                          | 28.51 |                                     | Total  | \$ 1,426,593 | \$ 879,554                 |

4 **AUTHORIZING THE BRIDGE PLAN RELATED TO THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC;**  
5 **AND TO CREATE A TASK FORCE TO ADDRESS ISSUES RELATED TO THE**  
6 **COVID-19 CRISIS.**

7 WHEREAS, On March 24, 2020 Governor Tony Evers through the State Department of  
8 Health Services issued the “Safer at Home Order,” also known as Executive Order #12 in response  
9 to the worldwide Coronavirus Covid-19. The Safer at Home order requires all non-essential  
10 businesses to close and restricts travel in the state of Wisconsin; and,

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12 WHEREAS, as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic thousands of workers in the State of  
13 Wisconsin are now unemployed, businesses are closed, and many services provided by  
14 governmental agencies such as Eau Claire County have been greatly reduced or restricted, and;

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16 WHEREAS, the negative impact on the county’s revenue stream will require the county to  
17 review its operating costs including but not limited to a reduction in staff levels and services so that  
18 it can bridge the projected loss of revenue; and

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20 WHEREAS, the bridge plan is an initial financial fiscal strategy to provide time for a task  
21 force to be created to work through the changes needed to cover the impending loss of revenue; and,

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23 WHEREAS, a Task Force will provide a mechanism to identify issues and create solutions  
24 to the financial needs of the county during this current crisis and into the future; and,

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26 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED; the Eau Claire County Board of Supervisors ratifies  
27 the bridge plan created by the County Administrator; County Board Chair in consultation with  
28 department heads; and,

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30 NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a task force consisting of the  
31 County Administrator, the County Finance Director, The Director of Human Resources, The  
32 Corporation Counsel, the Chair of the County Board, The Chair of the Finance and Budget  
33 Committee, and the Chair of the Human Resources Committee is hereby created to identify  
34 issues and create solutions created by the reduction in revenue as a result of the COVID-19  
35 crisis. The task force shall not exist past December 31, 2021, unless otherwise extended by a  
36 resolution of the Board. The task force shall provide an update to the Eau Claire County Board  
37 on no less than a monthly basis, concerning the issues identified, the actions taken to resolve  
38 those issues, and any proposals that will need to be acted on by the County Board of Supervisors.

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41 ADOPTED:

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43 I hereby certify that the foregoing represents the  
44 action taken by the unsigned committee by vote of  
45 \_\_\_\_ for, \_\_\_\_ against.

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50 Nick Smiar, Chair  
51 Committee on Administration

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,Chair  
Committee on Human Resources

Dated this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2020.

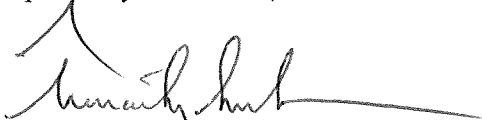


**FACT SHEET**

**TO FILE NO. 20-21/016**

This resolution refers to resolutions adopted by the county board beginning with the June 2019 meeting, which took positions on proposed state legislation or issues under consideration by the state legislature or which the board recommended for consideration by the state legislature. If the recommendations in county board resolutions were acted on by the state legislature they have not been included. If adopted a copy of this resolution and the resolutions referred to will be forwarded to the Wisconsin Counties Association for review by the appropriate steering committee and consideration at the 2020 WCA Annual Business Meeting.

Respectfully submitted,



Timothy J. Sullivan  
Corporation Counsel

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4 - REQUESTING RESOLUTIONS TO BE CONSIDERED AT THE 2020 WCA ANNUAL  
5 BUSINESS MEETING -

6 WHEREAS, each year counties can submit resolutions to be considered at the annual WCA  
7 Convention; and

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9 WHEREAS, the deadline for submitting resolutions to be considered at the 2020 WCA  
10 Annual Business Meeting is June 22, 2020; and

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12 WHEREAS, the following adopted resolutions, beginning with the July 2019 meeting are  
13 appropriate to be forwarded for consideration at the 2020 WCA Annual Business Meeting.

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15 NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Eau Claire County Board of Supervisors  
16 recommends that the following resolutions and any resolutions adopted at the June meeting, be  
17 sent to WCA for consideration at the 2020 WCA Annual Business Meeting.

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20 1. Resolution File No. 19-20/057 – RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF WISCONSIN  
21 DRAFT LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE BUREAU (LRB) BILL 1522/P1 THAT SEEKS TO  
22 RESTORE VOTING RIGHTS TO PEOPLE ON PROBATION AND PAROLE AND  
23 DECREASE FELONY DISENFRANCHISEMENT IN THE STATE OF WISCONSIN  
24 (September 17, 2019, Amended Agenda pp. 76-79)

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26 2. Resolution File No. 19-20/078 – REQUESTING THE WISCONSIN  
27 LEGISLATURE REVISE CHAPTER 814 TO MAKE FILING FEES CONSISTENT BETWEEN  
28 THE CLERK OF COURT AND REGISTER IN PROBATE (December 3, 2019, Agenda pp. 19-  
29 20)

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31 3. Resolution File No. 19-20/089 – RESOLUTION SUPPORTING PROPOSED  
32 LEGISLATION AB612 ESTABLISHING AUTHORITY FOR A COUNTY TO ENACT AN  
33 ORDINANCE REQUIRING REGISTRATION OF ANIMAL-DRAWN VEHICLES (January 21,  
34 2020, Agenda pp. 29-30)

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36 4. Resolution File No. 19-20/095 – IN SUPPORT OF 2019-2020 SENATE BILL 576,  
37 CREATION OF THE CHIPPEWA VALLEY REGIONAL TRANSPORATATION  
38 AUTHORITY (February 19, 2020, Agenda pp. 28-29)

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40 5. Resolution File No. 19-20/102 - RESOLUTION SUPPORTING A CHANGE IN  
41 STATE REGULATIONS OR LEGISLATION TO REQUIRE LOCAL INPUT IN THE SITING  
42 OF WINDFARMS (February 19, 2020, Agenda pp.)

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44 6. Resolution File No. 19-20/107 - REQUESTING SUPPORT FOR AT LEAST A  
45 20% INCREASE IN FEDERAL SMITH-LEVER AND 1890 EXTENSION CAPACITY  
46 FUNING IN THE USDA’S NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR FOOD AND AGRICULTURE  
47 (March 17, 2020, Agenda pp. 34-26)

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49 7. Resolution File No. 19-20/116 – RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE  
50 WISCONSIN LEGISLATURE ACT TO PROTECT REFUGEES LIVING IN THE STATE OF  
51 WISCONSIN (March 17, 2020, Agenda pp. 49-51)

1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the county clerk, before June 22, 2020 send certified  
2 copies of this resolution and the above-named resolutions with a cover letter to Mark D. O'Connell,  
3 WCA Executive Director, requesting that the above resolutions be considered at the 2020 WCA  
4 Annual Business Meeting.  
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7 ADOPTED:

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9 I hereby certify that the foregoing represents the  
10 action taken by the unsigned committee by vote of  
11 \_\_\_\_\_ for, \_\_\_\_\_ against.  
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16 Committee on Administration  
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22 Dated this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2020.  
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**APPROVED BY  
CORPORATION COUNSEL  
AS TO FORM**

*Reviewed by Finance Dept.  
for Fiscal Impact*  
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IN SUPPORT OF WISCONSIN DRAFT LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE BUREAU (LRB) BILL 1522/P1 THAT SEEKS TO RESTORE VOTING RIGHTS TO PEOPLE ON PROBATION AND PAROLE AND DECREASE FELONY DISENFRANCHISEMENT IN THE STATE OF WISCONSIN

WHEREAS, felony disenfranchisement is defined as the loss of a person's voting rights due to a felony conviction; and

WHEREAS, in the state of Wisconsin a person is not eligible to vote if they have been convicted of a felony and currently serving any portion of their sentence including extended supervision, probation and/or parole; and

WHEREAS, rates of disenfranchisement vary drastically by state due to broad variations in voting prohibitions; and

WHEREAS, as reported by The Sentencing Project, 30 states deny voting rights to felony probationers, 34 states disenfranchise parolees, and 12 states deny voting rights to some or all individuals who have successfully fulfilled their prison, parole or probation sentence; and

WHEREAS, Maine and Vermont are the only two states that do not disenfranchise felons; and

WHEREAS, as of December 2016, the Bureau of Justice Statistics reported there were an estimated 4.5 million adults in the U.S. under community supervision, probation or parole and, of that amount, 64,900 were residents of the state of Wisconsin; and

WHEREAS, the Ex-Incarcerated People Organizing (EXPO) group reports in 2016 that the average length of stay for parole in Wisconsin was estimated to be 38 months or a little over three years; that makes Wisconsin third nationally for probation and parole sentences as reported by the EXPO group; and

WHEREAS, the EXPO group further reports that the average duration for parole across all states is estimated to be 22 months; and

WHEREAS, a report by the Advancement Project titled *Democracy Disappeared: How Florida Silences the Black Vote through Felony Disenfranchisement* published October 2018, suggests that the consequences of felony disenfranchisement disproportionately impact poor communities and communities of color, which are likely to have high concentrations of returning citizens who are disenfranchised; and

WHEREAS, the report further indicates that losing the right to vote is linked to socio-economic conditions; felony disenfranchisement converges with low income, poverty, limited education and employment opportunities to disempower entire communities; and

WHEREAS, the inability for disenfranchised people convicted of a felony to participate in the political process limits their power to overcome inequality and systemic injustice and isolates them from society; and

WHEREAS, the Advancement Project reports that when large numbers of citizens are not allowed to vote, entire constituencies may go unrepresented in the democratic institutions that govern them; and

WHEREAS, under Wisconsin Legislative Reference Bureau (LRB) draft legislation 1522/P1, a person would lose his or her right to vote based on a disqualifying offense only while he or she is incarcerated for that offense, and a person that is released to extended supervision or parole may resume voting; and

WHEREAS, additionally, LRB 1522/P1 would allow a person convicted of a disqualifying offense and on probation retain his or her right to vote unless he or she is confined as a condition of probation; and

WHEREAS, EXPO, Wisconsin Affiliate of the Gamaliel Foundation (WISDOM), the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU), Project Return, Wisconsin Voices, League of Women Voters and Just Leadership USA plans to launch the “Unlock the Vote” Campaign seeking to reengage 64,900 disenfranchised voters; and

WHEREAS, felony disenfranchisement is a major social issue across the United States that adversely affects more than 4 million people, including 64,900 people in the state of Wisconsin, as it is a constitutional right that every citizen should be allowed the right to vote;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Eau Claire County Board of Supervisors supports Wisconsin Legislative Reference Bureau (LRB) draft legislation 1522/P1 that seeks to restore voting rights to disenfranchised felons and efforts to reduce felony disenfranchisement and reform practices that disproportionately impact communities of color in Wisconsin and the United States; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Eau Claire County Board of Supervisors supports a comprehensive review and revision of Wisconsin’s sentencing guidelines, parole processes, and revocation processes to ensure that best practices are being followed; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Eau Claire County Board of Supervisors supports LRB 1522/P1, which is anticipated to be introduced soon, and requests Government Affairs staff to communicate this position to the Wisconsin State Legislature and the Governor in support of its passage.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Eau Claire County Board of Supervisors is requesting the support of all Wisconsin State Legislators, the Governor, and the Wisconsin Counties association. The County Clerk is directed to forward a copy of this resolution to the Legislature for the State of Wisconsin, the office of the Governor, and the Wisconsin Counties Association.

ADOPTED: September 17, 2019

Janet K. Loomis  
County Clerk

REQUESTING THE WISCONSIN LEGISLATURE REVISE CHAPTER 814 TO MAKE FILING FEES CONSISTENT BETWEEN THE CLERK OF COURT AND REGISTER IN PROBATE

WHEREAS, Wisconsin Statutes Chapter 814 relates to court costs, fees and surcharges. Wisconsin Statutes section 814.66 applies to the fees charged by the Register in Probate. The Probate Court and Juvenile Court are responsible for case types that are not listed in Section 814.66 or other statutes, with the result being that there are cases filed with Register in Probate for which there is no filing fee; and,

WHEREAS, under the statutes there are fees and costs that are collected by the Register in Probate that are different from the fees collected by the Clerk of Court for the same type of service. This often causes confusion to the public; and,

WHEREAS, the office of the Register in Probate and the Clerk of Court serve similar functions for the court, both offices are staffed with county employees, both offices utilize CCAP-provided computers and printers as well as county-provided copiers. There is no discernable difference in these two offices when it comes to copying and providing certificates; and,

WHEREAS, it would benefit the public and the county for the State Legislature to revise the statutes so that fees charged for similar services in the Clerk of Court and the Register in Probate are consistent in both offices; and,

WHEREAS, the Wisconsin Register in Probate Association has commenced efforts to encourage the State Legislature to amend and revise the statutes to create consistency with the fees charged by the Clerk of Court and the Register in Probate.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED; the Eau Claire County Board of Supervisors supports the efforts of the Wisconsin Register in Probate Association in their efforts to encourage the Wisconsin Legislature Statutes to amend the related statutes to further consistency between the fee structures for these offices.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the County Clerk is directed to send a copy of this resolution to Governor Tony Evers, the Wisconsin Counties Association, all members of the State Legislature and all Wisconsin Counties.

ADOPTED: December 3, 2019

Janet K. Loomis  
County Clerk

SUPPORTING PROPOSED LEGISLATION AB 612 ESTABLISHING AUTHORITY FOR A COUNTY TO ENACT AN ORDINANCE REQUIRING REGISTRATION OF ANIMAL-DRAWN VEHICLES

WHEREAS, under current law, an animal-drawn vehicle is not required to be registered for use of public roadways.

WHEREAS, recent fatalities and accidents on highways in Wisconsin by animal-drawn vehicles continue to increase in frequency; and

WHEREAS, registering animal-drawn vehicles will allow for enforcement of lighting requirements as well as any other local ordinances; and

WHEREAS, registration fees will be used for transportation-related purposes and administrative costs related to the registration program itself;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Eau Claire County Board of Supervisors hereby supports Assembly Bill 612 and will send this resolution of support to the Wisconsin Counties Association as well as the legislators that are authors of this bill.

ADOPTED: January 21, 2020

Janet K. Loomis  
County Clerk



IN SUPPORT OF 2019-2020 SENATE BILL 576, CREATION OF THE CHIPPEWA VALLEY REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY

WHEREAS, 2019-2020 Senate Bill 576 is currently pending before the Wisconsin Legislature. This bill proposes the creation of a Regional Transit Authority known as the Chippewa Valley Regional Transit Authority (CVRTA) for the purpose of establishing, maintaining and operating a comprehensive local transportation system, primarily for the transportation of persons, and includes the use of railroads, motor vehicles, motor buses and any combination thereof; and,

WHEREAS, the CVRTA would be public body corporate and a separate governmental entity. If SB 576 is adopted by the state and becomes law, the CVRTA would be created if the governing body of Eau Claire County adopts a resolution authorizing the county to become a member of the CVRTA and the resolution is then ratified by the electors at a referendum held in Eau Claire County; and,

WHEREAS, if the CVRTA is created, any municipality located in whole or in part within Eau Claire County shall be a member of the authority; and,

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 576 allows Chippewa County to join the CVRTA, after the creation of the authority, if the governing body of Chippewa County adopts resolution to join the authority and the resolution is then ratified by the electors at a referendum held in Chippewa County; and

WHEREAS, the governing body of the CVRTA would be a board of directors appointed according to the statutes and would be a combination of directors appointed by the county board, municipalities and an appointment by the governor.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED; the Eau Claire County Board of Supervisors supports the adoption of Senate Bill 576 by the Wisconsin Legislature and Governor Evers for the purpose of creating the Chippewa Valley Regional Transportation Authority; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, a copy of the resolution shall be forwarded by the county clerk to members of the Wisconsin Legislature, Governor Tony Evers, and Chippewa County.

ADOPTED: February 19, 2020

Janet K. Loomis  
County Clerk

SUPPORTING A CHANGE IN STATE REGULATIONS OR LEGISLATION TO REQUIRE LOCAL INPUT IN THE SITING OF WINDFARMS

WHEREAS, Eau Claire County is in support of clean energy and in 2019 adopted resolution 19-20/003 calling for 100 percent renewable energy and carbon neutrality by the year 2050; and

WHEREAS, a private energy company is proposing the siting and development of a windfarm in the Towns of Clear Creek and Pleasant Valley in Eau Claire County, and has gone so far as to have entered into agreements with some landowners for placement of wind turbines; and,

WHEREAS, the proposed windfarm is a “large electrical generating facility” and as a result and according to Wisconsin Statutes and the administrative regulations, permits for the windfarm will be determined by the Public Service Commission (PSC) and not by the town(s) or county and without local review or control; and,

WHEREAS, a windfarm will have a potential impact on the landowners who agree to have a wind turbine placed on their property and for their neighbors. The siting of a windfarm can and has been shown to create changes in property values and create issues for residents living near the wind turbines such as noise, shadow flicker and electrical interference; and,

WHEREAS, Eau Claire County supports the ability of local residents and municipalities being able to participate and provide input concerning the permitting, siting and development of potential windfarms, that exceed 100 megawatts in size.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED; Eau Claire County supports the efforts and ability of the local residents and municipalities to participate and provide input into the siting, permitting and development of windfarms that are classified as a large electrical generating facility, and urges the state to make the necessary changes in the laws and regulations to allow the maximum amount of input by local residents and municipalities who are impacted by siting and development of large windfarms; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, The County Clerk is directed to send a copy of this resolution to Governor Tony Evers, the Wisconsin Counties Association, members of the Wisconsin legislature, and the Wisconsin Public Service Commission.

ADOPTED: February 19, 2020

Janet K. Loomis  
County Clerk

## REQUESTING THE WISCONSIN LEGISLATURE ACT TO PROTECT REFUGEES LIVING IN THE STATE OF WISCONSIN

WHEREAS, refugees living in the State of Wisconsin were in some cases brought here because they aided United States interests and fought besides American soldiers; and,

WHEREAS, some refugees living in the State of Wisconsin are seeking safety from political regimes and drug cartels that seek to potentially destroy their personal safety through violence including but not limited to physical harm, rape, incest, and murder; and,

WHEREAS, refugees living in the State of Wisconsin should be protected from deportation and return to living conditions that may result in murder or genocide; and,

WHEREAS, some refugees choose to not become citizens because they hold out hope for a time when they can safely return with their families to their homeland; and,

WHEREAS, some refugees living in the State of Wisconsin could be fleeing environmental catastrophe; and,

WHEREAS, refugees living in the State of Wisconsin have faced long and burdensome journeys often resulting in the loss of all they own; and,

WHEREAS, some refugees living in the State of Wisconsin exist in conditions whereby they are often seen as second class or less than; and,

WHEREAS, most refugees living in the State of Wisconsin do not have the language skills, or the cultural background knowledge required to deal with issues of deportation; and,

WHEREAS, many refugee groups have long established roots in the State of Wisconsin; and,

WHEREAS, refugees living in the State of Wisconsin make important economic contributions by both performing hard physical labor and by paying taxes; and,

WHEREAS, refugees living in the State of Wisconsin enrich our society by contributing to the rich multi-cultural heritage of our state; and,

WHEREAS, refugees living in the State of Wisconsin have friends, families, lives and livelihoods worthy of a protected status.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, The Eau Claire County Board of Supervisors is requesting the Wisconsin Legislature to take action to protect refugees living and working in the State of Wisconsin; and,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Eau Claire County Board of Supervisors directs the County Clerk to send a copy of this resolution to Governor Tony Evers, the Wisconsin Counties Association, all members of the State Legislature, and all Wisconsin Counties.

ADOPTED: March 17, 2020

Janet K. Loomis  
County Clerk

REQUESTING SUPPORT FOR AT LEAST A 20% INCREASE IN FEDERAL SMITH-LEVER AND 1890 EXTENSION CAPACITY FUNDING IN THE USDA'S NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR FOOD AND AGRICULTURE

WHEREAS, the Cooperative Extension system is the core mechanism through which land grant colleges and universities bring vital, practical information to agricultural producers, small business owners, consumers, families, and young people in rural and urban settings;

WHEREAS, Cooperative Extension has a presence in virtually every county, parish and borough in the country;

WHEREAS, these programs include 4-H, the country's largest youth development organization, which serves nearly 6 million youth and focuses on social and economic mobility for all kids, workforce development, and positively impacting the health of all Americans.

WHEREAS, capacity funding through Smith-Lever and 1890's Extension is the backbone of the Extension system, which is leveraged many times over to implement science-based education programs and support local educators;

WHEREAS, capacity funds give Extension the ability to respond quickly to extreme and emerging issues that fall outside of standard programs including responding to natural disasters and emerging health crises;

WHEREAS, Smith-Lever capacity funding has not increased for the past several years, severely limiting the ability of the Extension system to meet counties' most pressing problems.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Eau Claire County Board of Supervisors requests and supports at least a 20% increase in federal Smith-Lever and 1890 Extension capacity funding in the USDA's National Institute for Food and Agriculture in the FY21 budget.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Eau Claire County Board directs the county clerk to forward a copy of this resolution to the state legislators representing Eau Claire County, Governor Tony Evers and local elected officials within Eau Claire County. In addition, the county clerk is directed to provide a copy of this resolution to the Wisconsin Counties Association and the National Association of Counties, requesting their advocacy to support these goals.

ADOPTED: March 17, 2020

Janet K. Loomis  
County Clerk

PROCLAMATION

PROCLAIMING JULY 26<sup>TH</sup> AS AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT  
AWARENESS DAY IN EAU CLAIRE COUNTY

WHEREAS, on July 26, 1990, President George H.W. Bush signed into law the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) to ensure the civil rights of people with disabilities, and this legislation established a clear and comprehensive national mandate for the elimination of discrimination against individuals with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, the county of Eau Claire affirms the principles of equality and inclusion for persons with disabilities as set forth of the State of Wisconsin and as embodied in the ADA, the laws of the State of Wisconsin, and the ordinances of the county of Eau Claire

WHEREAS, numerous organizations in the county of Eau Claire and the State of Wisconsin work with constituents and communities to bring forth the promise of hope and freedom that is envisioned by the passage of the ADA

WHEREAS, July 26, 2020 celebrates the 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act

NOW THEREFORE, the County Board of Supervisors does hereby extend greetings and best wishes to all observing July 26, 2020 as Americans with Disabilities Act Awareness Day. We renew our commitment to empowering Americans with disabilities through equal access so they can achieve their full potential, and we celebrate their contributions to this great nation. As we commemorate the anniversary of the ADA, we recommit to working together to ensure Americans with disabilities have every opportunity to actualize their own American dreams.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Nick Smiar, chair of the Eau Claire County Board of Supervisors, do hereby proclaim July 26, 2020:

American with Disabilities Act Awareness Day

PRESENTED: This 5<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2020

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Nick Smiar, County Board Chair