



## AGENDA

Eau Claire County Board of Supervisors  
Tuesday, December 15, 2020 at 7 p.m.  
Virtual Meeting via Webex

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- (1) Indicates 1<sup>st</sup> Reading
- (2) Indicates 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading

1. Call to Order
2. Honoring of the Flag and Moment of Reflection by: Supervisor Nancy Coffey
3. Call of the Roll
4. Approval of the Journal of Proceedings from December 1, 2020 *Pages 1-3*
5. **PUBLIC COMMENT**
6. **REPORTS TO THE COUNTY BOARD UNDER 2.04.320**

### **Oral Reports**

- Recognition of Rich White and Dana Smetana for their service to the CJCC by Judge Michael Schumacher
- Passenger Rail Update from Supervisor Jim Dunning and Scott Rogers, Eau Claire Area Chamber
- Update by Outside Counsel Rich White, Weld Riley
- Update on the Carbon Neutrality Resolution from Rod Eslinger, Director of Planning & Development

## Written Reports

- 2020 Contingency Fund Report from the Finance Department *Page 4*

### 7. PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS, CLAIMS AND COMMUNICATIONS

### 8. FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES BY COMMITTEES

#### Committee on Parks and Forest

##### File No.

- 20-21/091 (1) Ordinance – To amend section 16.30.010 D. 26 of the Code: Designation of park, special use area and wayside boundaries and lands subject to this chapter; to create section 16.30.010 D. 27 of the Code: designation of park, special use area and wayside boundaries and lands subject to this chapter (**the Committee will meet on this resolution on December 14, 2020 at 5 p.m.**)  
*Pages 5-7*

### 9. FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS BY MEMBERS

### 10. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES, COMMITTEES, COMMISSIONS AND BOARDS UNDER 2.04.160 AND SECOND READING OF ORDINANCES

#### Committee on Administration

##### File No.

- 20-21/092 (1) Resolution – Creating a select committee to serve as the Building Committee for the Highway Department building project authorized by the County Board *Pages 8-9*
- 20-21/096 (1) Resolution – Commending and recognizing County Clerk Janet K. Loomis for her dedication and years of service to Eau Claire County *Pages 10-11*
- 20-21/097 (1) Resolution – Requesting that the State of Wisconsin provide increased funding for the County Child Support Program *Pages 12-13*
- 20-21/098 (1) Resolution – Supporting the creation of the Chippewa-St. Croix Rail Commission with counties and municipalities *Pages 14-18*
- 20-21/099 (1) Resolution – Authorizing the County to proceed with a project to provide broadband services to a rural area near the City of Augusta, and to apply for grant from the Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation to help pay for the project *Pages 19-21*

## Committee on Judiciary and Law Enforcement

### File No.

20-21/089 (1)

Resolution – Support pending legislation to amend hearing time frames for juveniles taken into custody under Wisconsin Statutes Chapter 938 to coincide with hearing timelines for children taken into custody under Wisconsin Statutes Chapter 48 *Pages 22-24*

## Committee on Parks and Forest

### File No.

20-21/093 (1)

Resolution – Adopting the 2021 annual work plan for the Parks and Forest Department to comply with the county forest administration grant program **(the Committee will meet on this resolution on December 14, 2020 at 5 p.m.)** *Pages 24-25*

## 11. APPOINTMENTS

Memo RE: Appointments to various Committees/Councils/Boards/Taskforces **(Memo will be provided prior to the County Board meeting but it not included in this packet)**

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNTY BOARD OF  
SUPERVISORS  
Tuesday, December 1, 2020**

The County Board of Supervisors of the County of Eau Claire convened remotely via Webex Events on Tuesday, December 1, 2020, and was called to order by Chair Nick Smiar at 7:00 p.m.

The Board honored the flag with the pledge of allegiance.

Moment of reflection was presented by Supervisor Colleen Bates.

Roll Call: 29 present: Supervisors Gary G. Gibson, Sandra McKinney, Joe Knight, Stella Pagonis, Carl Anton, Dane Zook, Steve Chilson, Kevin Stelljes, Donald Mowry, Nancy Coffey, Ray L. Henning, Colleen Bates, Connie Russell, Judy Gatlin, Nick Smiar, Chris Hambuch-Boyle, Martha Nieman, James A. Dunning, Gerald Wilkie, Nathan Anderson, Mark Beckfield, Katherine Schneider, Robin Leary, Heather DeLuka, Melissa Janssen, Tami Schraufnagel, Zoe Roberts, Kimberly A. Cronk, Missy Christopherson

Chair Smiar stepped down due to technical difficulties and First Vice Chair Bates assumed the chair.

**JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS (November 4, 2020)**

On a motion by Supervisor Leary, seconded by Supervisor Schneider, the Journal of Proceedings was approved, via voice vote.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

The following people spoke in favor of resolution 20-21/082 regarding the Chippewa Valley Regional Airport Commission Petition for airport improvement:

Bill Hilgedick, Chair of the Airport Commission and Rick Bowe Airport Commission member.

The county clerk read a statement from Glory Adams thanking the Budget Committee and the County Board Members for the time spent studying and evaluating the budget.

First Vice Chair Bates stepped down and Chair Smiar resumed the chair.

**REPORTS TO THE COUNTY BOARD UNDER 2.04.320**

The following oral reports were presented:

COVID-19 Taskforce Update by Kathryn Schauf, County Administrator, and Norb Kirk, Finance Director.

The following written reports were presented:

-Passenger Rail Report from Supervisor Dunning

-October 2020 Payments over \$10,000

-2020 Contingency Fund

**REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES, COMMITTEES, COMMISSIONS AND BOARDS UNDER  
2.04.160 AND SECOND READING OF ORDINANCES**

**Committee on Administration**

**Ordinance 20-21/078 TO AMEND TITLE 2 CHAPTER TABLE: ADMINISTRATION; TO AMEND CHAPTER 2.75 COUNTY RISK MANAGEMENT PROGRAM**

On a motion by Supervisor Hambuch-Boyle, seconded by Supervisor Janssen, the ordinance was unanimously enacted via roll call vote.

**Resolution 20-21/085 REQUESTING THE WISCONSIN STATE LEGISLATURE TO CONVENE A SPECIAL SESSION TO PROVIDE COVID-19 DIRECTION FOR THE STATE OF WISCONSIN**

On a motion by Supervisor Mowry, seconded by Supervisor Leary, the resolution was unanimously adopted via roll call vote.

**Chippewa Valley Regional Airport Commission**

**Resolution 20-21/095** GRANTING A UTILITY EASEMENT TO NORTHERN STATES POWER COMPANY AT THE CHIPPEWA VALLEY REGIONAL AIRPORT

On a motion by Supervisor Henning, seconded by Supervisor Bates, the resolution was unanimously adopted via roll call vote.

**Resolution 20-21/082** RATIFYING AND AFFIRMING THE CHIPPEWA VALLEY REGIONAL AIRPORT COMMISSION PETITION FOR AIRPORT IMPROVEMENT AID DATED OCTOBER 16, 2020

Motion by Supervisor Beckfield, seconded by Supervisor Gatlin, for adoption.

There was no objection to allow Charity Zich, Airport Director, to speak.

On a roll call vote the resolution was adopted as follows:  
28 ayes: Supervisors Gibson, McKinney, Knight, Pagonis, Anton, Zook, Chilson, Stelljes, Mowry, Coffey, Henning, Bates, Russell, Gatlin, Smiar, Hambuch-Boyle, Nieman, Dunning, Wilkie, Anderson, Beckfield, Schneider, Leary, Janssen, Schraufnagel, Roberts, Cronk, Christopherson  
1 no: Supervisor DeLuka  
0 absent

**Committee on Human Resources**

**Resolution 20-21/086** TO RATIFY A LABOR AGREEMENT BETWEEN EAU CLAIRE COUNTY AND THE WISCONSIN PROFESSIONAL POLICE ASSOCIATION LAW ENFORCEMENT EMPLOYEE RELATIONS DIVISION FOR THE NON-SUPERVISORY UNIT EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2021 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2023: AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR OF THE COUNTY BOARD, CHAIR OF THE COMMITTEE ON HUMAN RESOURCES AND COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR TO EXECUTE SAID CONTRACT ON BEHALF OF EAU CLAIRE COUNTY

On a motion by Supervisor Gatlin, seconded by Supervisor Schneider the resolution was adopted via roll call vote as follows:

28 ayes: Supervisors Gibson, McKinney, Knight, Pagonis, Anton, Zook, Chilson, Stelljes, Mowry, Coffey, Henning, Bates, Russell, Gatlin, Smiar, Hambuch-Boyle, Nieman, Dunning, Wilkie, Anderson, Beckfield, Schneider, Leary, DeLuka, Janssen, Schraufnagel, Roberts, Christopherson  
1 no: Supervisor Cronk  
0 absent

**Committee on Planning & Development**

**Resolution 20-21/079** REQUESTING THAT THE GOVERNOR AND THE WISCONSIN STATE LEGISLATURE ALLOCATE \$15 MILLION ANNUALLY FOR GRANTS TO PUBLIC SAFETY ANSWERING POINTS (PSAP'S) THROUGH THE POLICE AND FIRE PROTECTION FUND FOR THE UPGRADE AND MAINTENANCE OF EQUIPMENT TO SUPPORT THE TRANSITION TO A DIGITAL NEXT GENERATION 911 (NG911); REQUESTING THE GOVERNOR AND WISCONSIN STATE LEGISLATURE TO SUPPORT THE DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY AFFAIRS BUDGET REQUEST TO CONTINUE THE BUILD OF THE ESINET FOR AN ANNUAL APPROPRIATION FOR THE ONGOING MAINTENANCE OF THE SYSTEM

Motion by Supervisor Henning, seconded by Supervisor Hambuch-Boyle, for adoption.

There was no objection to allow Rod Eslinger, Planning and Development Director, to speak.

The resolution was adopted unanimously via roll call vote.

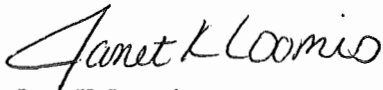
**APPOINTMENTS**

CONFIRMING CITIZEN APPOINTMENTS TO VARIOUS BOARDS, COMMISSIONS AND COUNCILS BY  
CHAIR NICK SMIAR

On a motion by Supervisor Schneider, seconded by Supervisor Mowry, the appointments were approved via voice  
vote.

The Board adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Janet K. Loomis  
County Clerk

**TO:** Honorable Eau Claire County Board of Supervisors  
**FROM:** Finance Department  
**DATE:** December 10, 2020  
**SUBJECT:** 2020 Contingency Fund

Pursuant to Section 4.04 of the County Code of General Ordinances, the following is the status of the 2020 Contingency Fund as of December 10, 2020:

January 1, 2020	2020 Contingency Fund / Budget Allocation	\$300,000
February 19, 2020	Resolution 19-20/096: Authorizing a transfer from the 2020 contingency fund in the amount of \$15,000 to replace actuators at the Lake Eau Claire Dam	\$15,000
March 17, 2020	Resolution 19-20/105: Authorizing a transfer from the 2020 contingency fund in the amount of \$18,100 to replace a jail oven	\$18,100
Balance Available		<u><u>\$266,900</u></u>

FACT SHEET

TO FILE NO. 20-21/091

**RE: Amending Section 16.30.010 D. of the code: Designating the Riverview Road Trailhead as a wayside.**

Riverview Road terminates at a trailhead at the corner of Seymour, Washington, and Lincoln Townships. Presently there is a parking area adjacent to a section of the County Forest containing approximately 407 acres. This area contains a network of trails and logging roads, including numerous access points to the south side of the Eau Claire River.

This parking area and trailhead is gated and bermed to restrict vehicle traffic. The area is widely used for walking, snowshoeing, hunting and access to the Eau Claire River. Unfortunately, the parking/trailhead area has also become a common area for uncontrolled shooting. There have been several incidents reported by users of dangerous encounters with firearm discharges accidentally coming near people. Also the area has been a chronic source of shooting litter, including spent ammunition and target debris consisting of anything from clay target pieces, glass, cans, to semi-explosive materials. Recently, there have also been incidents of firearms being used to shoot down small trees using weapons apparently capable of large round capacities.

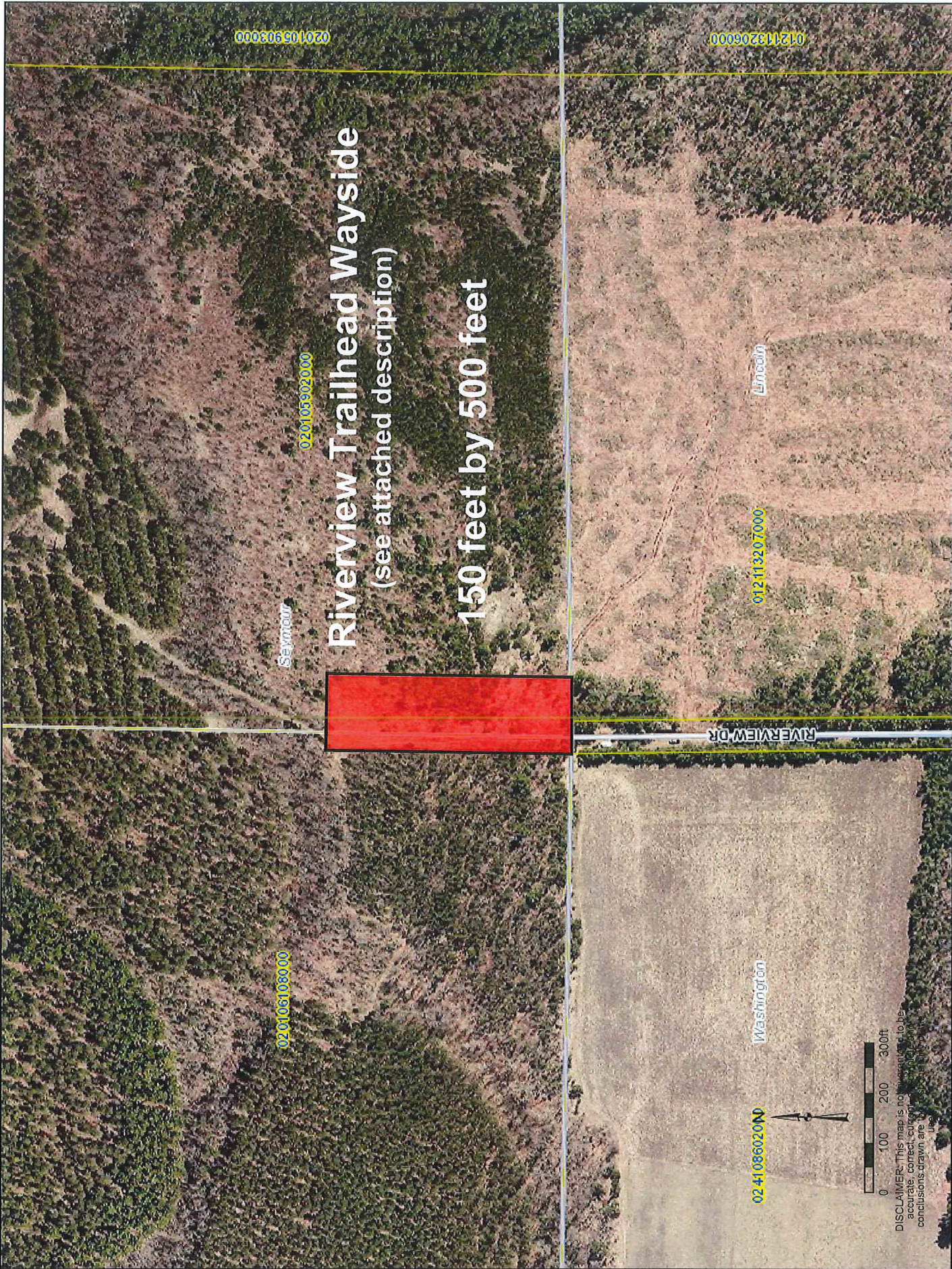
The proposed ordinance will designate the trailhead area of approximately 1.7 acres as a wayside. Existing County code 16.30.180 prohibits the possession of loaded firearms in the named waysides. Loaded firearms will continue to be allowed in the remaining 405 acres. The legal description and map of the wayside will be retained by the Parks and Forest office as noted in existing code. A copy of the map is attached for reference only.

**Fiscal Impact: None**

Respectfully Submitted,

Kevin Stelljes  
Chair, Committee on Parks and Forest





**Riverview Trailhead Wayside**  
(see attached description)  
**150 feet by 500 feet**

DISCLAIMER: This map is not warranted to be accurate, correct, current, or complete. The conclusions drawn are for informational use only.

1 Enrolled No.

ORDINANCE

File No. 20-21/091

2  
3 TO AMEND SECTION 16.30.010 D. 26. OF THE CODE: DESIGNATION OF PARK,  
4 SPECIAL USE AREA AND WAYSIDE BOUNDARIES AND LANDS SUBJECT TO THIS  
5 CHAPTER; TO CREATE SECTION 16.30.010 D. 27 OF THE CODE: DESIGNATION OF  
6 PARK, SPECIAL USE AREA AND WAYSIDE BOUNDARIES AND LANDS SUBJECT TO  
7 THIS CHAPTER

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9 The County Board of Supervisors of the County of Eau Claire does ordain as follows:

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11 SECTION 1. That paragraph 26. of Subsection D. of Section 16.30.010. of the code be  
12 amended to read:

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14 26. Computer #004-1130-05, PIN #18004-2-261003-110-2002, formerly  
15 W4133 Porterville Road;

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17 SECTION 1. That paragraph 27. of Subsection D. of Section 16.30.010. of the code be  
18 created to read:

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20 27. Riverview Road Trailhead.

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22 I hereby certify that the foregoing  
23 Correctly represents the action of the  
24 Committee on Parks and Forest on  
25 November \_\_\_, 2020, by a vote of \_\_\_  
26 For, and \_\_\_ against.

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30 Kevin Stelljes, Chair  
31 Parks and Forest Committee

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Reviewed by Finance Dept.  
for Fiscal Impact

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**APPROVED BY  
CORPORATION COUNSEL  
AS TO FORM**

**FACT SHEET**  
**for File No. 20-21/092**

The Eau Claire County Board of Supervisors has approved borrowing funds for a major building project in the form of the new county Highway Department Facility. This resolution creates the Highway Building Committee to exercise the County Board's oversight responsibilities more effectively for the major project. The committee will comprise of seven members and has a termination date of June 30, 2023.

**Fiscal Impact:** Per diem per meeting (\$30.00) to County Board Supervisor's who serve on the committee

Respectfully submitted by,



Samantha Kraegenbrink  
Administrative Specialist III

1 Enrolled No.

RESOLUTION

File No. 20-21/092

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3 -CREATING A SELECT COMMITTEE TO SERVE AS THE BUILDING COMMITTEE FOR  
4 THE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT BUILDING PROJECT AUTHORIZED BY THE COUNTY  
5 BOARD

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7 WHEREAS, the Committee on Administration has oversight responsibilities for the courthouse  
8 buildings and has traditionally served as the county's building committee; and  
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10 WHEREAS, the Eau Claire County Board of Supervisors has approved borrowing funds through  
11 issuing bonds, for a major building project in the form of the new county highway department facility, the  
12 cost of which should not exceed Twenty Four Million and no/100 Dollars (\$24,000,000.00); and  
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14 WHEREAS, the Eau Claire County Board of Supervisors could more effectively exercise its  
15 oversight responsibilities for the major project by having a slightly larger, broader membership on the  
16 building committee,  
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18 NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Eau Claire County Board of Supervisors  
19 creates a seven member select committee to serve as the building committee for the building project that  
20 includes a new highway facility, the cost of which should not exceed \$24 Million dollars  
21 (\$24,000,000.00.) The building committee shall exercise general oversight responsibility for the project.  
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23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the seven members of the building committee shall include  
24 three elected officers of the board, a member of the highway committee, a member of the finance and  
25 budget committee and two additional county board supervisors, or more if needed to attain a total of  
26 seven members.  
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28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the building committee shall have a termination date of June  
29 30, 2023.  
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34 I hereby certify that the foregoing  
35 correctly represents the action of the  
36 Committee on Administration December 8,  
37 2020, by a vote of 5 for, and 0 against.  
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41 Nick Smiar, Chair  
42 Committee on Administration  
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45 Reviewed by Finance Dept.  
46 for Fiscal Impact

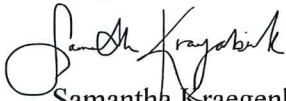
APPROVED BY  
OPERATION COUNSEL  
TO FORM

**FACT SHEET**  
**for File No. 20-21/096**

County Clerk Janet K. Loomis has provided dedicated service to the citizens of Eau Claire County as the County Clerk since January 2001 and as Deputy Clerk for Eau Claire County since 1993. This resolution commends and recognizes County Clerk Loomis for her service of 27 years.

**Fiscal Impact:** None

Respectfully submitted by,



Samantha Kraegenbrink  
Administrative Specialist III

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3 COMMENDING AND RECOGNIZING COUNTY CLERK JANET K. LOOMIS FOR HER  
4 DEDICATION AND YEARS OF SERVICE TO EAU CLAIRE COUNTY

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6 WHEREAS, Janet K. Loomis was hired on December 13, 1993 as the Deputy County  
7 Clerk; and,

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9 WHEREAS, Janet K. Loomis was elected to perform the duties of County Clerk during  
10 the 2000 general election; and,

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12 WHEREAS, County Clerk Loomis took the oath of office and was seated in the position  
13 of County Clerk on the first day of January 2001; and,

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15 WHEREAS, Clerk Loomis has been a trusted and dedicated official elected by the  
16 citizens of Eau Claire County for seven consecutive terms; and,

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18 WHEREAS, Clerk Loomis has brought dedication, professionalism and commitment to  
19 managing the day-day activities of the County Clerk; and has overseen numerous elections that  
20 have been 100% error-free; and,

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22 WHEREAS, Clerk Loomis has provided leadership and guidance to the county's  
23 municipal clerks finding ways to improve operations, often at a cost of her own time and energy.

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26 NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Eau Claire County Board of  
27 Supervisors formally recognizes County Clerk Loomis for her dedicated service to the citizens of  
28 Eau Claire County for 27-years; and,

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30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Eau Claire County Board of Supervisors, as  
31 friends and colleagues wish to record their appreciation for the dedicated and valuable services  
32 rendered by County Clerk Loomis, and recognize her exemplary public service throughout her  
33 tenure with Eau Claire County.

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35 ADOPTED:

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37 **Reviewed by Finance Dept.**  
38 **for Fiscal Impact**  
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43 **APPROVED BY**  
44 **CORPORATION COUNSEL**  
45 **AS TO FORM**  
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I hereby certify that the foregoing  
correctly represents the action of the  
Committee on Administration on  
December 8, 2020 by a vote  
of 5 for, and 0 against.

  
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Nick Smiar, Chair  
Committee on Administration



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### CORPORATION COUNSEL

*Timothy J. Sullivan*

December 01, 2020

#### FACT SHEET: FILE 20-21.097

This resolution is requesting that the State of Wisconsin increase funding for the Wisconsin Child Support Program.

The Wisconsin child support program is administered at the local level by the county child support agency. County child support agencies receive funding both from the federal government (indirectly, as a pass through from the state) and from the State of Wisconsin.

Wisconsin has a proud and strong child support tradition. The child support program in Wisconsin has typically been one of the top performing programs in the country. It has been ranked as high as #2 in the nation but most recently has fallen to #5. Federal funding is based in part on the performance of the State as a whole. The decrease in ranking has caused a reduction in federal funding at the local level.

Funding at the state level has failed to keep pace with increased agency costs that are due to increased caseloads, inflation, and changes in federal regulations. Failure to maintain funding by the state will likely result in decreased services and performance by the county child support agencies. In 2019 the federal government changed its interpretation of a federal regulation regarding reimbursement for the federal birth cost recovery matching funds, resulting in a loss of approximately \$4.2 million to the state child support program, and the county child support agencies. This resolution is requesting that the state increase its funding by approximately \$4 million GPR in each fiscal year of the 2021-2023 state budget. An increase in state funding will bring in matching federal funding of approximately \$7.7 million per year.

The child support program is essential during this period of economic uncertainty. It helps to provide economic security for children and families in Eau Claire County. Typically, the child support program collects on average \$6.20 in child support for every dollar invested into the program. This is money that is spent on the welfare of children and families in our community.

Timothy J. Sullivan  
Corporation Counsel

2  
3 REQUESTING THAT THE STATE OF WISCONSIN PROVIDE INCREASED FUNDING FOR  
4 THE COUNTY CHILD SUPPORT PROGRAM  
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6 WHEREAS, Eau Claire County administers the child support program on behalf of the  
7 State of Wisconsin, providing services to Eau Claire County residents including but not limited to  
8 the establishment of paternity, the establishment and enforcement of child support and health  
9 insurance orders, and the review and modification of those orders; and  
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11 WHEREAS, well-being, economic security, and chances of success in life are all enhanced  
12 by parents who provide emotional and financial support; and  
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14 WHEREAS, the services provided by the Eau Claire County Child Support Agency help  
15 to establish parental rights, reduce childhood poverty rates, and promote the involvement of both  
16 parents in the lives of their children; and  
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18 WHEREAS, the services of the Eau Claire County Child Support Agency are needed now  
19 more than ever during the economic downturn caused by the COVID-19 pandemic; and  
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21 WHEREAS, funding from the state has failed to keep up with county agency costs that  
22 have steadily increased due to growing caseloads, inflation, and increased federal regulations; and  
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24 WHEREAS, Wisconsin’s Child Support Enforcement Program has fallen from being  
25 ranked number 2 in the nation for collecting child support to number 5 in the nation; and  
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27 WHEREAS, Wisconsin’s decreased performance has led to the state missing out on an  
28 estimated \$70,000 in potential federal incentive payments between the calendar year 2019 and  
29 2020; and  
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31 WHEREAS, in 2019, a change at the federal level resulted in the loss of \$4.2 million to the  
32 state child support program due to the elimination of the federal birth cost recovery matching  
33 funds; and  
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35 WHEREAS, Wisconsin’s strong performance in child support is at risk without additional  
36 state funding. Further drops in performance would result in additional reductions to the federal  
37 funding allocated to the state of Wisconsin; and  
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39 WHEREAS, a decrease in federal funding will result in less funding for the Eau Claire  
40 County Child Support Agency, which could lead to reductions in the services provided to the  
41 citizens of Eau Claire County, and the further reduction of child support collections; and  
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43 WHEREAS, investments by the state in child support are amplified by a federal match.  
44 Every dollar of state GPR invested in the child support program generates roughly two dollars in  
45 matching federal funds; and  
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47 WHEREAS, Wisconsin’s child support program is very cost-effective, collecting an  
48 average of \$6.20 in child support for every dollar invested into the program.  
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1 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Eau Claire County Board of  
2 Supervisors requests that state funding for the county child support agencies be increased by a  
3 minimum of \$4.0 million GPR in each fiscal year of the 2021-2023 Wisconsin state budget, which  
4 in turn will generate approximately an additional \$7.7 million in additional federal funding for  
5 each year. This investment will allow Wisconsin counties to continue to provide economic support  
6 for the children of Wisconsin effectively.

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8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the county clerk forward a copy of this resolution to the  
9 governor of the State of Wisconsin, members of the Wisconsin Legislature representing Eau Claire  
10 County, and the Secretary for the Wisconsin Department of Administration.

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12 I hereby certify that the foregoing  
13 correctly represents the action of the  
14 Committee on Administration on  
15 December 8, 2020 by a vote  
16 of 5 for, and 0 against.

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19 Nick Smiar, Chair  
20 Committee on Administration

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**APPROVED BY  
CORPORATION COURT  
AS TO FORM**

**Reviewed by Finance Dept.  
for Fiscal Impact**

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**FACT SHEET**  
**for File No. 20-21/098**

Eau Claire County has participated in efforts to expand passenger rail services into western Wisconsin and the Chippewa Valley along the I-94 corridor from St. Paul, Minnesota. This resolution supports the creation of the Chippewa-St. Croix Rail Commission with counties and municipalities.

**Fiscal Impact:** None

Respectfully submitted by,



Samantha Kraegenbrink  
Administrative Specialist III

2  
3 SUPPORTING THE CREATION OF THE CHIPPEWA-ST. CROIX RAIL COMMISSION  
4 WITH COUNTIES AND MUNICIPALITIES  
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6 WHEREAS, Eau Claire County has participated in efforts to expand passenger rail services  
7 into western Wisconsin and the Chippewa Valley along the I-94 corridor from St. Paul, Minnesota;  
8 and  
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10 WHEREAS, every day there are thousands of individuals who travel between the Twin  
11 Cities and the St. Croix Valley and the Chippewa Valley for purposes of commuting to work;  
12 conducting business; pursuing higher education; engaging in tourism, shopping, and recreation  
13 activities; and connecting to travel hubs for national and international travel; and  
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15 WHEREAS, both the Wisconsin State Rail Plan and the Minnesota State Rail Plan, federally  
16 mandated official transportation plans created by the respective states, include the Twin Cities-Eau  
17 Claire line as a planned future passenger rail route; and  
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19 WHEREAS, over the past several years, the West Central Wisconsin Rail Coalition has  
20 worked to develop partners to create a public-private partnership to bring passenger rail service to  
21 the West Central Wisconsin area, including the Chippewa Valley and the St. Croix Valley. This  
22 coalition was initially formed out of the Momentum West economic development organization and  
23 has seen interest or involvement from the counties and municipalities in the I-94 corridor, including  
24 the counties of Eau Claire, Chippewa, Dunn, St. Croix and Pierce, and the municipalities of Hudson,  
25 Baldwin, New Richmond, River Falls, Menomonie, Eau Claire, Chippewa Falls, and Altoona; and  
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27 WHEREAS, the Wisconsin Gateway Corridor Coalition, a similar predecessor initiative,  
28 was involved in the bi-state Gateway Corridor Study Alternative Analysis that showed promise for  
29 future public transportation in the Twin Cities-Eau Claire corridor; and  
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31 WHEREAS, the West Central Rail Wisconsin Coalition and its Passenger Rail Organizing  
32 Council has been working with Union Pacific Railroad, owner of the tracks, to implement  
33 passenger service, and Union Pacific Railroad has indicated that it will enter into a memorandum  
34 of understanding regarding service implementation upon satisfactory completion of an engineering  
35 study of the existing Union Pacific Railroad rail line to determine the need for capacity and capital  
36 improvements; and  
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38 WHEREAS, the continued planning and development of the rail corridor is critical to the  
39 transportation needs of the St. Croix Valley and the Chippewa Valley. It is necessary to have a  
40 multijurisdictional body independent of any one county or municipality to govern the  
41 implementation, creation, and continuation of passenger rail service through the multiple counties  
42 and municipalities that the proposed rail corridor will pass through to oversee the relationship  
43 between the private and public sector, coordinate guidelines for site selection and development of  
44 stations, apply for federal grant programs, coordinate with jurisdictions in the state of Minnesota,  
45 and coordinate with the Wisconsin Department of Transportation and the Federal government; and  
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47 WHEREAS, the multijurisdictional body or commission would need to be independent,  
48 but supported by the individual counties and municipalities to promote decisions that are  
49 independent and made for the best interest of the passenger rail corridor; and  
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1 WHEREAS, the purpose of the commission would be to advance the public interest by  
2 pursuing the implementation of passenger rail service and other public transportation  
3 improvements to serve the St. Croix Valley and the Chippewa Valley; and  
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5 WHEREAS, activities that the commission could participate in may include:  
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- 7 • Identify the public benefits of passenger rail and other public transportation  
8 improvements to connect the Chippewa/St. Croix region to the Twin Cities, as well as  
9 Madison, Milwaukee, and Chicago.
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- 11 • Identify, support, and facilitate initiatives to implement passenger rail service,  
12 including public-private partnerships, sponsors, operators, federal and state funding  
13 opportunities, relationships among governments and stakeholders, feasibility studies,  
14 and the like.
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- 16 • Pursue opportunities for transit orientated development, value capture financing, and  
17 other community-related benefits at station locations to ensure the fullest possible  
18 economic benefits from service implementation.
- 19
- 20 • Foster cooperation among Wisconsin and Minnesota governments, agencies, and other  
21 entities. Determine the long-term role of the commission, or other organization that  
22 might be created to coordinate public involvement in the service, including any  
23 legislative or other action that might be needed. Participate in determining the  
24 appropriate project roles for this commission, state DOTs, counties and municipalities,  
25 private partners and real estate developers, and advocacy or educational organizations  
26 like the West Central Rail Coalition.
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- 28 • Determine and coordinate zoning, environmental, safety, and other regulatory-related  
29 requirements.
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- 31 • Participate in current and future planning processes, including the Wisconsin and  
32 Minnesota State Rail Plans, Federal Railroad Administration Midwest Corridor Study,  
33 and the local MPO; and  
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35 WHEREAS, creation of a commission will require the individual counties and  
36 municipalities to adopt a resolution committing to being a part of and agreeing to assist in the  
37 development and creation of the commission and its by-laws, and committing to appointing the  
38 appropriate individuals to serve on the commission; and  
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40 WHEREAS, initially, it would be beneficial if the counties and municipalities adopting a  
41 resolution similar to this one, agreeing to participate in the creation of the Chippewa-St. Croix Rail  
42 Commission, each appoint one representative to a committee to create rules and by-laws for the  
43 commission and to recommend enabling resolutions and/or agreements for all participating  
44 counties and municipalities. The West Central Wisconsin Rail Coalition shall have at least 2  
45 members appointed to the committee for the creation of the Chippewa-St. Croix Rail Commission;  
46 and  
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1 WHEREAS, pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes Section 66.0301 "municipalities," including  
2 counties, may enter into agreements for the purpose of intergovernmental cooperation, including  
3 the development of joint transportation commissions.  
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5 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Eau Claire County Board of  
6 Supervisors supports the creation of the Chippewa-St. Croix Rail Commission, and agrees to  
7 commit the necessary resources and individuals for the development of an intergovernmental  
8 agreement and by-laws for the creation of a transportation commission that will oversee the  
9 implementation, creation, and continuation of passenger rail service in the Chippewa Valley and  
10 St., Croix Valley of Western Wisconsin.  
11

12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Eau Claire County commits to development of a  
13 transportation rail commission upon the ratification of a resolution of commitment, the same or  
14 similar to this resolution, by at least 8 of the 12 of the following governmental bodies: Eau Claire  
15 County, Chippewa County, Dunn County, St. Croix County, and the municipalities of Eau Claire,  
16 Chippewa Falls, Altoona, Menomonie, Baldwin, New Richmond, River Falls, and Hudson.  
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18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the county clerk send a copy of this resolution to the  
19 clerks of the afore-mentioned counties and municipalities.  
20

21 I hereby certify that the foregoing  
22 correctly represents the action of the  
23 Committee on Administration on  
24 December 8, 2020 by a vote  
25 of 5 for, and 0 against.  
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28 Nick Smiar, Chair  
29 Committee on Administration  
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### **RE: Fact Sheet 20-21.099. Broadband & SpaceX**

In 2019 the County Board authorized the creation of a county wide Broadband Committee to investigate ways to improve broadband services to the rural areas of Eau Claire County.

The Broadband Committee in cooperation with the Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation (WEDC) has identified a 12-month pilot project with SpaceX corporation to provide highspeed satellite services to the rural areas near the City of Augusta (See the attached map). This pilot project would provide internet services to 50 users/households. Because this is a pilot project SpaceX is requiring that there be an "Angel" account that would be responsible for the payment of the fees during the 12-month period. It is anticipated that after the end of the 12-month period, and if successful that SpaceX would expand it service not only in Eau Claire County but also in Wisconsin and provide service directly to the users.

The overall cost of the project is approximately \$85,000. The first \$25,000 of the cost is for purchasing the equipment that would be provided to the users/households chosen to participate in the agreement. WEDC has indicated to Eau Claire County that they have a grant program that would pay approximately \$25,000 for a broadband project such as this to be used for the purchase of equipment for the users/households chosen to participate. Eau Claire County would need to apply for the grant and be approved by WEDC to receive this funding.

The remaining \$60,000 is the cost to provide highspeed internet service to the 50 users during the 12-month period. It works out to be approximately \$100 per month, per user. WEDC has indicated to Eau Claire County that if we were to move forward with this project and they provide grant funding that they would like to see the county seek contributions from entities and/or persons in the community, to make this a community based project as opposed to just a county project. It is believed that individuals, business, or entities that may be or have employees located within the pilot area may have an interest in contributing towards providing high speed internet service for this pilot project.

This resolution authorizes the County through the Broadband Committee to move forward with this project, to apply for the grant from the WEDC and to determine the 50 users who participate in the pilot project and to develop and agreement for those users.

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3 AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY TO PROCEED WITH A PROJECT TO PROVIDE  
4 BROADBAND SERVICES TO A RURAL AREA NEAR THE CITY OF AUGUSTA, AND TO  
5 APPLY FOR GRANT FROM THE WISCONSIN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT  
6 CORPORATION TO HELP PAY FOR THE PROJECT

7  
8 WHEREAS, the Eau Claire County Board created a Broadband Committee in 2019 to investigate  
9 and find ways to improve broadband and high-speed internet service to the rural areas of Eau Claire  
10 County; and

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12 WHEREAS, the Broadband Committee, in cooperation with the Wisconsin Economic  
13 Development Corporation (WEDC), has identified a pilot project operated by SpaceX to provide  
14 high-speed satellite internet service in a rural area of Eau Claire County near the City of Augusta;  
15 and

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17 WHEREAS, the pilot project offered by SpaceX, known as “Starlink Beta Enterprise,” initially  
18 would be for 50 users or households for 12 months. The pilot project would require payment of  
19 approximately \$85,000.00, \$25,000.00 of which would be to purchase the equipment to be used  
20 by the 50 users/households, and the remaining \$60,000.00 for the satellite internet service provided  
21 by SpaceX; and

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23 WHEREAS, the agreement with SpaceX calls for a payment of approximately \$60,000.00 for  
24 service to the 50 users in the pilot project, which is equivalent to approximately \$100.00 per  
25 month per user; and

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27 WHEREAS, it is likely that if the pilot project is successful that at the end of the 12 months,  
28 SpaceX would continue to provide service directly to the user/households and other interested  
29 customers in this area and possibly expand their service to other rural areas in Eau Claire County  
30 and Wisconsin; and

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32 WHEREAS, if Eau Claire County enters into the agreement with SpaceX, it would be ultimately  
33 responsible for the payment of the entire cost of the program to SpaceX. However, WEDC has a  
34 grant program that would pay approximately \$25,000.00 for a broadband project such as this to  
35 be used to purchase the equipment for those households selected to receive the service. Eau  
36 Claire County, through its Broadband Committee, would need to apply for and be awarded the  
37 grant; and

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39 WHEREAS, the WEDC has indicated that it would require community involvement in the  
40 funding of the service portion of the agreement as part of any grant. It would like to see  
41 contributions to the cost of the monthly service provided by SpaceX from individuals and entities  
42 located in Eau Claire County to develop community interest in the expansion of broadband  
43 service to rural areas; and

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45 WHEREAS, it is believed that individuals, businesses who have employees located within the  
46 affected areas, and other entities public and private may be interested in contributing to this pilot  
47 project to allow individuals to work remotely and to promote the development of  
48 broadband/highspeed internet service in rural areas of Eau Claire County; and

1 WHEREAS, it would be the intent and the responsibility of the Broadband Committee,  
2 consistent with the requirement of WEDC to have community involvement in the pilot project, to  
3 seek contributions from public and private entities and individuals to pay for all or part of the  
4 cost of service under the SpaceX agreement; and

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6 WHEREAS, if the Broadband Committee cannot raise all the funds necessary through  
7 contributions, then Eau Claire County would be responsible for the difference, up to the full  
8 amount of approximately \$60,000.00, for service under the contract.

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10 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Eau Claire County is committed to the  
11 development of broadband service to the underserved rural areas of Eau Claire County, and sees  
12 this pilot project as a method of providing high-speed internet service to areas in the county  
13 which do not have access to high-speed internet service. The County Board authorizes Eau  
14 Claire County, through the Broadband Committee, to move forward with the above-mentioned  
15 pilot project with SpaceX, contingent upon the application for and the award of a grant to Eau  
16 Claire County from the WEDC for approximately \$25,000.00 for the purchase of the equipment  
17 needed by the users under the SpaceX agreement; and

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19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, consistent with the requirements of the WEDC grant, the  
20 Broadband Committee is directed to seek contributions from the community to help fund the  
21 service portion of the pilot project. Eau Claire County seeks to limit its contribution to 50% of  
22 the approximate total of \$60,000.00. As part of this requirement, the Broadband Committee  
23 should work with the Corporation Counsel to develop an agreement to be used with those entities  
24 and individuals that choose to contribute to the pilot project, and to develop criteria for selecting  
25 the individuals or entities that will be chosen to participate in the pilot program.

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27 I hereby certify that the foregoing  
28 correctly represents the action of the  
29 Committee on Administration on  
30 December 8, 2020 by a vote  
31 of 5 for, and 0 against.

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34 Nick Smiar, Chair  
35 Committee on Administration  
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**FACT SHEET: RESOLUTION 20-21/089**

This resolution is being offered to encourage the State legislature to change the hearing timelines for cases in Juvenile In Need of Protection or Services Cases (JIPS - Chapter 938) to coincide with the hearing timelines for Children in Need of Protection or Services (CHIPS - Chapter 48) cases. JIPS cases include juvenile justice cases and can include minors accused of committing acts that would be considered crimes if they were an adult.

If a juvenile is detained in a JIPS case, a hearing must be held within 24 hours of the detention. If a child is detained in a CHIPS case, the hearing must be held within 48 hours of the detention. The timelines for both Chapter 48 & 938 exclude Saturdays, Sundays, and legal holidays. There are days that are not state holidays when the county is closed. Under Chapter 938 staff are currently required to come to work to hold a detention hearing on those days to remain in compliance with the 24-hour timeline. Failure to hold the hearing could result in the loss of jurisdiction over the case. This resolution is requesting that the legislature change the language in Chapter 938 to make it consistent with the language of Chapter 48, by adjusting the time to hold a hearing to 48 hours.

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3 SUPPORT PENDING LEGISLATION TO AMEND HEARING TIME FRAMES FOR  
4 JUVENILES TAKEN INTO CUSTODY UNDER WISCONSIN STATUTES CHAPTER 938  
5 TO COINCIDE WITH HEARING TIMELINES FOR CHILDREN TAKEN INTO CUSTODY  
6 UNDER WISCONSIN STATUTES CHAPTER 48  
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8 WHEREAS, in Children in Need of Protection or Services (CHIPS) proceedings pursuant  
9 to Wisconsin Statutes Chapter 48, when a child is taken into custody and not immediately  
10 released to a parent, guardian or legal custodian, the judge or circuit court commissioner in the  
11 county where the child is being held must hold a detention hearing within 48 hours of the time in  
12 which the decision to hold the child was made (excluding Saturdays, Sundays, and legal  
13 holidays); and  
14

15 WHEREAS, in similar actions involving Juvenile Justice proceedings pursuant to  
16 Wisconsin Statutes Chapter 938, when a juvenile is taken into custody and held by a county, the  
17 circuit court must hold a detention hearing within 24 hours after the end of the day on which the  
18 decision to hold the juvenile was made (excluding Saturdays, Sundays, and legal holidays); and  
19

20 WHEREAS, as a result of the discrepancy in the timelines between the Chapter 48 and  
21 Chapter 938 proceedings, in Chapter 938 cases county circuit court judges, commissioners,  
22 juvenile intake workers, and other courthouse staff need to be prepared to conduct hearings in  
23 circumstances in which the county courthouse may otherwise be closed, such as the Friday after  
24 Thanksgiving, extreme weather days, etc. Failing to meet the statutory deadlines places the  
25 county at risk of losing jurisdiction over the pending matter. Additionally, concerns may arise  
26 regarding transportation of juveniles and children on non-workdays in order to accommodate  
27 hearings.  
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29 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Eau Claire County Board of  
30 Supervisors that it hereby supports legislation that would align the statutes that compute the  
31 detention hearing timelines for children in need of protection or services proceedings under  
32 Chapter 48 and juvenile delinquency proceedings under Chapter 938 by specifying that a day in  
33 which the Clerk of Circuit Courts Office is closed does not count toward the computation of the  
34 detention hearing timeline under Chapter 938. This will ensure county governments are in a  
35 better position to save limited resources and protect the safety of their employees and the public.  
36

37 THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Eau Claire County Board of  
38 Supervisors that it hereby directs the Eau Claire County Clerk to forward a copy of this  
39 Resolution to all Wisconsin Counties, the Wisconsin Counties Association, and all state senators  
40 and assembly members representing Eau Claire County constituents.  
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42 **Reviewed by Finance Dept.**  
43 **for Fiscal Impact**  
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I hereby certify that the foregoing correctly  
represents the action of the Committee on Judiciary  
and Law Enforcement on November 25, 2020, by a  
vote of 5 for, and 0 against.

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48 Gerald Wilkie, Chair  
49 Committee on Judiciary and Law Enforcement  
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50 **APPROVED BY**  
**OPERATION COUNSEL**  
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**FACT SHEET**

**TO FILE NO 20-21/093**

As stated in the resolution, County Board approval is required to comply with the requirements of the Forest Administration Grant. Details of the Parks & Forest Director's wages and fringe benefits are submitted to the state to determine the grant amount.

The Forest Administration grant will be approximately \$50,500 in positive fiscal impact.

Respectfully submitted,



Josh Pedersen  
Parks & Forest Director

4 ADOPTING THE 2021 ANNUAL WORK PLAN FOR THE PARKS AND FOREST  
5 DEPARTMENT TO COMPLY WITH THE COUNTY FOREST ADMINISTRATION GRANT  
6 PROGRAM

7 WHEREAS, each year the county is eligible to receive 50% of the actual salary and up to  
8 50% of the fringe benefit costs of a county-employed professional forester in the position of  
9 county forest administrator or assistant county forest administrator, except that the fringe  
10 benefits may not exceed 40% of the position's annual salary; and

11  
12 WHEREAS, the parks and forest director, in his position, qualifies for this funding; and

13  
14 WHEREAS, per Wis. Stat. § 28.11 (5)(b) and Wis. Admin. Code NR 47.75 for the  
15 county forest administration grant program, the county board must approve an annual county  
16 forest work plan which must also be approved by the department of natural resources to comply;  
17 and

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19 WHEREAS, the 2021 Annual Work Plan implements projects included in the adopted  
20 2021 budget and other projects involving only staff time with no other budget expenditures; and

21  
22 WHEREAS, a copy of the approved 2021 Annual Work Plan and a copy of this adopted  
23 resolution must be received by the department of natural resources prior to January 31, 2021.

24  
25 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Eau Claire County Board of  
26 Supervisors hereby adopts the attached 2021 Annual Work Plan for the parks and forest  
27 department.

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29 ADOPTED:

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31 I hereby certify that the foregoing  
32 correctly represents the action taken  
33 by the undersigned Committee on  
34 December \_\_\_\_, 2020 by a vote of \_\_\_\_  
35 for, and \_\_\_\_ against.

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40 Kevin Stelljes, Chair  
41 Parks and Forest Committee

42 **Reviewed by Finance Dept.**  
43 **for Fiscal Impact**  
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