



AGENDA
Eau Claire County
Committee on Administration
Tuesday, June 8, 2021, at 2:30 p.m.
Virtual Meeting

Dial In: 1-415-655-0001 Access Code: 1450 27 9728

Meeting Link:

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1. Call to order and confirmation of meeting notice
2. Roll Call
3. Public Comment
4. Review and approval of meeting minutes – **Discussion/Action**
 - a. May 11, 2021
5. File No. 21-22/005: Resolution requesting resolutions to be considered at the 2021 WCA Annual Business Meeting – **Discussion/Action**
6. File No. 21-22/021: Resolution approving the 2021 Library Plan – **Discussion/Action**
7. Proclamation proclaiming Saturday, June 19, 2021, as “Juneteenth Day” in Eau Claire County – **Discussion/Action**
8. Consideration of a resolution for ARPA funding and continuation of the COVID-19 County Taskforce – **Discussion/Action**
9. Update on the ARPA Funding: Kathryn Schauf and Norb Kirk – **Discussion/Information**
10. Administrative Update by Kathryn Schauf, County Administrator – **Discussion**
 - a. Introduction of Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Coordinator – Jeneise Briggs
 - b. Information Systems Director Recruitment
 - c. Citizen Engagement Strategies
11. Appointments – **Discussion/Action**

Prepared by: Samantha Kraegenbrink – Assistant to the County Administrator

cc: Media 8:30 a.m. 6/4/2021

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- a. Aging & Disability Resource Center Board
 - i. Dan Sippl

 - b. Groundwater Advisory Committee
 - i. Mark Kaeding (Board of Health Representative)

 - c. L.E. Phillips Memorial Public Library Board
 - i. Shelley Donnelly
12. Adjourn

Prepared by: Samantha Kraegenbrink – Assistant to the County Administrator

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MINUTES
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Present: Nick Smiar, Ray Henning, Mark Beckfield, Gerald Wilkie, Colleen Bates (2:40 p.m.)

Others: Samantha Kraegenbrink – Committee Clerk, Kathryn Schauf, Matt Theisen, Norb Kirk, Tim Sullivan, Sonja Leenhouts

Public: Supervisor Judy Gatlin, Ryan Patterson – Leader Telegram

Chair Smiar called the meeting to order at 2:30 p.m. and confirmed meeting notice.

Verbal roll call was taken by the clerk and is listed above.

No members of the public wished to make comment.

Supervisor Beckfield motioned to approve the minutes from April 13, 2021. Seconded by Supervisor Henning. No deletions or corrections. All in favor (4-0 (1 absent)), minutes approved as presented.

Administrator Schauf shared a Federal Funding Rescue Plan Update and reviewed the material provided in the packet. The Committee further discussed at length the presented plan and proposed Committee. Tim Sullivan will put together a resolution.

Motion by Supervisor Bates second by Supervisor Wilkie; the Committee discussed File No. 21-22/005: Resolution requesting resolutions to be considered at the 2021 WCA Annual Business Meeting. After further discussion, the Committee will table resolution for the June 8, 2021 committee on Administrator meeting until after Judiciary & Law Enforcement Committee meets and provides final materials. Motion by Supervisor Wilkie, seconded by Supervisor Henning, all in favor (5-0.)

The Committee discussed Enrolled No. 0164-030 Ordinance File No. 20-21/100 to create Chapter 8.35 of the Code: Covid-19 Communicable Disease Mask Requirement. The Committee will hold on decision and wait for input from the Health Director and after further discussion between the City, Health Department and the County.

Chair Smiar advised that the following would be appointed to various boards/committees:

- a. Aging & Disability Resource Center Board
 - i. Bruce Schafer – Citizen Appointment (New)
 - ii. Sandy Romey – Citizen Appointment (New)
- b. Airport Commission
 - i. Peter Hoeft - Reappointment
 - ii. Bill Hilgedick – Reappointment
- c. Groundwater Advisory
 - i. Mary Kenosian – Reappointment
- d. Nutrition Advisory Council
 - i. Kenneth King – Reappointment
- e. Human Services
 - i. Lorraine Henning – Reappointment

- ii. Paul Maulucci – Reappointment
- iii. Jim Catlin – Reappointment

Supervisor Wilkie motioned to approve, seconded by Supervisor Beckfield. All in favor.

Chair Smiar adjourned the meeting at 3:33 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

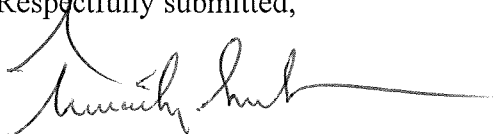
Samantha Kraegenbrink
Assistant to the County Administrator

FACT SHEET

TO FILE NO. 21-22/005

This resolution refers to resolutions adopted by the county board beginning with the June 2020 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 2021 WCA Annual Business Meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Timothy J. Sullivan", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Timothy J. Sullivan
Corporation Counsel

TS/yk

4 - REQUESTING RESOLUTIONS TO BE CONSIDERED AT THE 2021 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 2021 WCA
10 Annual Business Meeting is June 28, 2021; and

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12 WHEREAS, the following adopted resolutions, beginning with the July 2020 meeting are
13 appropriate to be forwarded for consideration at the 2021 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 2021 WCA Annual Business Meeting.

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20 1. Resolution File No. 20-21/030 – RACISM IS A PUBLIC HEALTH CRISIS (July
21 21, 2020, Agenda pp. 36-40)

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23 2. Resolution File No. 20-21/038 – REQUESTING THAT THE WISCONSIN
24 STATE SENATE CONVENE INTO AN EXTRAORDINARY SESSION TO ADDRESS THE
25 13 “WATER BILLS” PASSED BY THE ASSEMBLY EARLIER THIS YEAR
26 (July 21, 2020, Agenda pp. 67-69)

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28 3. Resolution File No. 20-21/048 – REQUESTING ASSISTANCE FROM THE
29 STATE OF WISCONSIN IN LIGHT OF THE VERSO PAPER MILL CLOSURES (July 21,
30 2020, Agenda pp. 65-66)

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32 4. Resolution File No. 20-21/079 – REQUESTING THAT THE GOVERNOR AND
33 THE WISCONSIN STATE LEGISLATURE ALLOCATE \$15 MILLION ANNUALLY FOR
34 GRANTS TO PUBLIC SAFETY ANSWERING POINTS (PSAP’S) THROUGH THE POLICE
35 AND FIRE PROTECTION FUND FOR THE UPGRADE AND MAINTENANCE OF
36 EQUIPMENT TO SUPPORT THE TRANSITION TO A DIGITAL NEXT GENERATION 911
37 (NG911); REQUESTING THE GOVERNOR AND WISCONSIN STATE LEGISLATURE TO
38 SUPPORT THE DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY AFFAIRS BUDGET REQUEST TO
39 CONTINUE THE BUILD OF THE ESINET FOR AN ANNUAL APPROPRIATION FOR THE
40 ONGOING MAINTENANCE OF THE SYSTEM (December 1, 2020, Agenda pp. 29-31)

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42 5. Resolution File No. 20-21/085 - REQUESTING THE WISCONSIN STATE
43 LEGISLATURE TO CONVENE A SPECIAL SESSION TO PROVIDE COVID-19 DIRECTION
44 FOR THE STATE OF WISCONSIN (December 1, 2020, Agenda pp. 15-16)

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46 6. Resolution File No. 20-21/089 - REQUESTING SUPPORT FOR AT LEAST A
47 20% INCREASE IN FEDERAL SMITH-LEVER AND 1890 EXTENSION CAPACITY
48 FUNING IN THE USDA’S NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR FOOD AND AGRICULTURE
49 (December 15, 2020, Agenda pp. 22-24)

RACISM IS A PUBLIC HEALTH
CRISIS

WHEREAS, race is a social construction with no biologic basis; and

WHEREAS, racism is a social system with multiple dimensions: individual racism is internalized or interpersonal; and systemic racism is institutional or structural, and is a system of structuring opportunity and assigning value based on the social interpretation of how one looks, that unfairly disadvantages some individuals and communities, unfairly advantages other individuals and communities, and saps the strength of the whole society through the waste of human resources; and

WHEREAS, racism causes persistent racial discrimination in housing, education, employment, and criminal justice; and an emerging body of research demonstrates that racism is a social determinant of health; and

WHEREAS, more than 100 studies have linked racism to worse health outcomes; and

WHEREAS, in Wisconsin, the highest excess death rates exist for African American and Native Americans, at every stage in the life course, and our infant mortality rate for infants of non-Hispanic Black Women is the highest in the nation; and

WHEREAS, the American Public Health Association (APHA) launched a National Campaign Against Racism; and

WHEREAS, Healthiest Wisconsin 2020 states that, “Wisconsin must address persistent disparities in health outcomes, and the social, economic, educational and environmental inequities that contribute to them”; and

WHEREAS, public health’s responsibilities to address racism include reshaping our discourse and agenda so that we all actively engage in racial justice work; and

WHEREAS, while there is no epidemiologic definition of “crisis”, the health impact of racism clearly rises to the definition proposed by Galea: “The problem must affect large numbers of people, it must threaten health over the long-term, and it must require the adoption of large-scale solutions”.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Eau Claire County Board of Supervisors:

1. Asserts that racism is a public health crisis affecting our entire society

2. Conducts an assessment of internal policy and procedures to ensure racial equity is a core element of Eau Claire County, led by people who are most impacted, the Board in collaboration with Eau Claire County Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Committee, and other relevant parties and community partners, communicates results of assessment, and determines appropriate intervals for ongoing reassessments
3. Works to create an equity and justice-oriented organization, with the Board and Committees, and persons who are most impacted, in identifying specific activities to increase diversity and to incorporate anti-racist policies and principles across Eau Claire County.
4. Incorporates into the organizational workplan and Eau Claire County's strategic plan, educational efforts to address and dismantle racism, expand members' understanding of racism, and how racism affects individual and population health and provide tools to assist members to dismantle their own racism, and tools to assist members to engage actively and authentically with persons from underrepresented groups and persons most impacted by racism. Eau Claire County is committed to having people who are most underrepresented and most impacted lead this work.
5. Advocates for relevant policies that improve health in persons from racial minority demographics, and supports local, state, and federal initiatives that advance social justice, while also encouraging individual member advocacy to dismantle systemic racism
6. Works to build alliances and partnerships with other organizations that are confronting racism and encourages other local, state and national entities to recognize racism as a public health crisis

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Eau Claire County Board of Supervisors directs the County Clerk to send a copy of this resolution to Governor Tony Evers, all Wisconsin State Legislators, and the Wisconsin Counties Association. The Eau Claire County Board of Supervisors now directs the County Clerk to sign Eau Claire County on to the Wisconsin Public Health Association's declaration that Racism is a Public Health Crisis.

ADOPTED: July 21, 2020

Janet K. Loomis
County Clerk

REQUESTING THAT THE WISCONSIN STATE SENATE CONVENE INTO AN EXTRAORDINARY SESSION TO ADDRESS THE 13 “WATER BILLS” PASSED BY THE ASSEMBLY EARLIER THIS YEAR

WHEREAS, a clean, plentiful supply of rural drinking water is necessary for the health and well-being of roughly 70% of Wisconsinites; and,

WHEREAS, keeping Wisconsin’s rural drinking water free of pollutants, especially nitrogen and phosphorus, benefits not only citizens but also Wisconsin’s tourism industry as well as rural economic development; and,

WHEREAS, the 2019 Speakers Task Force on Water Quality brought attention to state legislators and the state’s residents, as well as the immensity of the problem; and,

WHEREAS, the Wisconsin Assembly took a step in addressing the problem by passing (most unanimously) 13 “water bills” on February 18, 2020; and,

WHEREAS, the State Senate never had the opportunity to consider these “water bills” when its last scheduled session on March 14, 2020 was postponed by the COVID-19 pandemic.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Eau Claire County Board of Supervisors request the Wisconsin State Senate to convene into an extraordinary session to address the 13 “Water Bills” passed in the Assembly earlier this year.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Eau Claire County Clerk is directed to send a copy of this resolution to all 72 Wisconsin Counties, members of the Assembly who represent Eau Claire County, all State Senators, the Wisconsin Land & Water Conservation Association, and the Wisconsin County’s Association.

ADOPTED: July 23, 2020

Janet K. Loomis
County Clerk

REQUESTING ASSISTANCE FROM THE STATE OF WISCONSIN IN LIGHT OF THE
VERSO PAPER MILL CLOSURES

WHEREAS, On June 9, Verso announced idling of their Duluth, MN and Wisconsin Rapids, WI pulp and paper mills by the end of July 2020 for an indefinite period; and

WHEREAS, the idling of these mills will directly impact 1,000 workers and indirectly affect thousands more across the entire state of Wisconsin that support the mills through related forestry work such as logging and transportation; and

WHEREAS, the prolonged closure of these mills will negatively affect national, state, county and private landowners financially and has the potential to affect the ability to continue proper growth and harvesting techniques on those lands to maintain a healthy forest structure; and

WHEREAS, the Wisconsin Rapids, WI mill utilizes over 25% of all pulpwood produced in the state of Wisconsin; and

WHEREAS, the forest products industry is responsible for over 600 jobs in Eau Claire County; and

WHEREAS, 38 % of total pulpwood on active sales in Eau Claire County is hardwood pulp, of which over 15% would be consumed at the Wisconsin Rapids mill; and

WHEREAS, timber revenue from the Eau Claire County Forest reduces the County levy by 5-8% and the loss of this income will financially affect the citizens of Eau Claire County and the public services available to them; and

WHEREAS, a similar impact will be felt by nearly every County operating a County Forest for timber production.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, The Eau Claire County Board of Supervisors is requesting that the Governor and Legislature work to provide direct assistance, in any way possible, to allow continuation of mill operations and/or financial assistance be considered to support the direct loss of jobs, as well as assistance for other industries impacted by the closure.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the State of Wisconsin work with Counties to identify new markets for forest products and provide flexibility and assistance to replace lost revenues.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Eau Claire County Clerk is directed to forward this resolution to Wisconsin Counties Association (WCA), Wisconsin County Forests Association (WCFA) and all local, regional, state, and federal representatives.

ADOPTED: July 23, 2020

Janet K. Loomis
County Clerk

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

WHEREAS, modernizing Wisconsin's 911 system has been a priority for local governments, Public Safety Answering Points (PSAPs), law enforcement, and the telecommunications industry since the early 2000s; and

WHEREAS, the 2017-19 and the 2019-21 state biennial budgets provided funding for creation of a statewide emergency services IP network (ESInet), which is the first step in the transition to a digital Next Generation 911 (NG911) system; and

WHEREAS, a NG911 system utilizes advancements in technology to improve communication with 911 operators and provides greater efficiency in assisting individuals in crisis; and

WHEREAS, local 911 centers (PSAPs) require NG911 capable equipment to connect to the digital system; and

WHEREAS, currently many PSAPs require an upgrade of their equipment to NG911 or will require maintenance and security upgrades to their current NG911 capable equipment; and

WHEREAS, the average cost for the necessary equipment upgrades will likely exceed \$250,000 per county in addition to ongoing maintenance costs based on the number of call stations in the PSAP; and

WHEREAS, while the state has provided grant funding for counties in the past to upgrade local PSAPs, state funding has not existed in over a decade; and

WHEREAS, the state currently has a fund—the Police and Fire Protection Fund—which its original intent was to fund county PSAP upgrades; and

WHEREAS, revenue from the Police and Fire Protection Fund has been diverted to the state general fund and had never been utilized for its intended purpose.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Eau Claire County board of supervisors hereby request the Governor and Wisconsin State Legislature to allocate \$15 million annually for grants to PSAPS through the Police and Fire Protection Fund for the upgrade of their equipment and the ongoing maintenance and upgrades required; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Eau Claire County Board of supervisors request that the Governor and Wisconsin State Legislature 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.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the Eau Claire County Clerk is directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Governor, Wisconsin State Legislature, members of the Assembly who represent Eau Claire County, and the Wisconsin County's Association.

ADOPTED: December 1, 2020

Janet K Loomis
County Clerk

REQUESTING THE WISCONSIN STATE LEGISLATURE TO CONVENE A SPECIAL SESSION TO PROVIDE COVID-19 DIRECTION FOR THE STATE OF WISCONSIN

WHEREAS, city by city and county by county guidance on COVID-19 prevention and mitigation across the State of Wisconsin represents an inconsistent patchwork of direction; and

WHEREAS, this patchwork direction allows for the unmitigated spread of the COVID-19 during a worldwide pandemic; and

WHEREAS, public health is not an issue that should be politicized; and

WHEREAS, convening a special session of the legislature to provide leadership and guidance would provide township, municipal and county governmental bodies the needed and consistent direction to handle the spread of COVID-19.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Eau Claire County Board of Supervisors formally requests a special session of the Wisconsin State Legislature be convened to develop state-wide direction on the handling of COVID-19 at a time of great need and to avoid catastrophe and economic harm to Wisconsin families and communities; and,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County Clerk is directed to send copies of this resolution to all counties in the state of Wisconsin, the Office of the Governor and to all members of the legislature for the state of Wisconsin.

ADOPTED: December 1, 2020

Janet Loomis
County Clerk

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

WHEREAS, in Children in Need of Protection or Services (CHIPS) proceedings pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes Chapter 48, when a child is taken into custody and not immediately released to a parent, guardian or legal custodian, the judge or circuit court commissioner in the county where the child is being held must hold a detention hearing within 48 hours of the time in which the decision to hold the child was made (excluding Saturdays, Sundays, and legal holidays); and

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

WHEREAS, as a result of the discrepancy in the timelines between the Chapter 48 and Chapter 938 proceedings, in Chapter 938 cases county circuit court judges, commissioners, juvenile intake workers, and other courthouse staff need to be prepared to conduct hearings in circumstances in which the county courthouse may otherwise be closed, such as the Friday after Thanksgiving, extreme weather days, etc. Failing to meet the statutory deadlines places the county at risk of losing jurisdiction over the pending matter. Additionally, concerns may arise regarding transportation of juveniles and children on non-workdays in order to accommodate hearings.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Eau Claire County Board of Supervisors that it hereby supports legislation that would align the statutes that compute the detention hearing timelines for children in need of protection or services proceedings under Chapter 48 and juvenile delinquency proceedings under Chapter 938 by specifying that a day in which the Clerk of Circuit Courts Office is closed does not count toward the computation of the detention hearing timeline under Chapter 938. This will ensure county governments are in a better position to save limited resources and protect the safety of their employees and the public.

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Eau Claire County Board of Supervisors that it hereby directs the Eau Claire County Clerk to forward a copy of this Resolution to all Wisconsin Counties, the Wisconsin Counties Association, and all state senators and assembly members representing Eau Claire County constituents.

ADOPTED: December 20, 2020

Janet K. Loomis
County Clerk

REQUESTING THAT THE STATE OF WISCONSIN PROVIDE INCREASED FUNDING FOR THE COUNTY CHILD SUPPORT PROGRAM

WHEREAS, Eau Claire County administers the child support program on behalf of the State of Wisconsin, providing services to Eau Claire County residents including but not limited to the establishment of paternity, the establishment and enforcement of child support and health insurance orders, and the review and modification of those orders; and

WHEREAS, well-being, economic security, and chances of success in life are all enhanced by parents who provide emotional and financial support; and

WHEREAS, the services provided by the Eau Claire County Child Support Agency help to establish parental rights, reduce childhood poverty rates, and promote the involvement of both parents in the lives of their children; and

WHEREAS, the services of the Eau Claire County Child Support Agency are needed now more than ever during the economic downturn caused by the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, funding from the state has failed to keep up with county agency costs that have steadily increased due to growing caseloads, inflation, and increased federal regulations; and

WHEREAS, Wisconsin's Child Support Enforcement Program has fallen from being ranked number 2 in the nation for collecting child support to number 5 in the nation; and

WHEREAS, Wisconsin's decreased performance has led to the state missing out on an estimated \$70,000 in potential federal incentive payments between the calendar year 2019 and 2020; and

WHEREAS, in 2019, a change at the federal level resulted in the loss of \$4.2 million to the state child support program due to the elimination of the federal birth cost recovery matching funds; and

WHEREAS, Wisconsin's strong performance in child support is at risk without additional state funding. Further drops in performance would result in additional reductions to the federal funding allocated to the state of Wisconsin; and

WHEREAS, a decrease in federal funding will result in less funding for the Eau Claire County Child Support Agency, which could lead to reductions in the services provided to the citizens of Eau Claire County, and the further reduction of child support collections; and

WHEREAS, investments by the state in child support are amplified by a federal match. Every dollar of state GPR invested in the child support program generates roughly two dollars in matching federal funds; and

WHEREAS, Wisconsin's child support program is very cost-effective, collecting an average of \$6.20 in child support for every dollar invested into the program.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Eau Claire County Board of Supervisors requests that state funding for the county child support agencies be increased by a minimum of \$4.0 million GPR in each fiscal year of the 2021-2023 Wisconsin state budget, which in turn will generate approximately an additional \$7.7 million in additional federal funding for each year. This investment will allow Wisconsin counties to continue to provide economic support for the children of Wisconsin effectively.

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

ADOPTED: December 15, 2020

Janet K. Loomis
County Clerk

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING INCREASED FUNDING FOR AGING AND DISABILITY RESOURCE CENTERS

WHEREAS, Aging and Disability Resource Centers (ADRC) are the first place to go to get accurate unbiased information on all aspects of life related to aging or living with a disability; and

WHEREAS, ADRC services include providing information and assistance, options and benefits counseling, coordinating short-term services, conducting functional screens, and enrollment processing and counseling; and

WHEREAS, in Wisconsin, there are currently 34 single-county ADRCs, 12 multi-county/tribal ADRCs, and seven tribal Aging and Disability Resource Specialists that work with an ADRC; and

WHEREAS, ADRCs serve the fastest growing demographic of our state's population; and

WHEREAS, the funding method for ADRCs has not been revised in more than a decade, and funding for ADRCs has not increased since 2006; and

WHEREAS, it has become evident that ADRC funding needs revision for a number of reasons, including:

- The current inequitable distribution of funding among ADRCs.
- The need to increase funding so that all ADRCs may effectively meet their mission, as outlined in the Scope of Services contract addendum; and

WHEREAS, the Office for Resource Center Development (ORCD) within the Department of Health Services (DHS) established a stakeholder advisory group in 2017 to discuss ADRC funding; and

WHEREAS, the stakeholder advisory group identified a number of issues with the current funding formula, such as:

- Dollars are distributed based on the date of ADRC establishment - older ADRCs (Generation One) receive more funding than ADRCs established at a later date (Generation Two and Three ADRCs);
- The current funding formula does not address or take into account elements associated with health and social inequity that require a greater need for ADRC services – racial and ethnic minority status, income level, number of residents age 75 or older, rate of disability;
- The current formula does not adjust with need – Wisconsin's aging and disability populations continue to grow and are expected to grow significantly over the next 20 years;
- The current formula does not account for needed cost of living adjustments; and

WHEREAS, a significant state GPR investment is needed to implement the recommendations of the stakeholder advisory group; and

WHEREAS, such a significant state investment would provide consistency in ADRC funding statewide, cover the services required and recommended in the Scope of Services contract addendum, and equalize services among ADRCs; and

WHEREAS, the work of the stakeholder advisory group complements the work of the Governor's Task Force on Caregiving.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Eau Claire County Board of Supervisors does hereby support the following increases in the 2021-23 state biennial budget to ensure access to critical services provided by ADRCs to Wisconsin's aging and disability populations:

- Provide an additional \$27,410,000 GPR in funding to our state's ADRCs. It is important to note that the proposed change in the ADRC allocation methodology cannot occur unless the full \$27.4 million is allocated.
- Provide additional funding to expand/equalize ADRC services across the state:
 - Expand Dementia Care Specialist Funding Statewide: \$3,320,000
 - Fully Fund Elder Benefit Specialists Statewide: \$2,300,000
 - Expand Caregiver Support and Programs: \$3,600,000
 - Expand Health Promotion Services: \$6,000,000
 - Expand Care Transition Services: \$6,000,000
 - Fund Aging and Disability Resources in Tribes: \$1,180,000
 - Fully Fund Aging and Disability Resource Support Systems: \$2,650,000; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be sent to Governor Tony Evers, DOA Secretary Joel Brennan, The DHS Secretary-designee, the Wisconsin Counties Association, and all area legislators.

Adopted January 19, 2021

Sue McDonald
County Clerk

REQUESTING THE STATE OF WISCONSIN STRENGTHEN ITS HATE CRIME STATUTE, WIS. STAT. § 939.645, TO PROVIDE ENHANCED SECURITY TO MEMBERS OF WISCONSIN'S MARGINALIZED COMMUNITIES-

WHEREAS, the people of the State of Wisconsin are as diverse as anywhere in the United States, be they indigenous, Asian, Pacific Islander, Latin X, Black, LGBTQ, or any combination thereof, or other; and

WHEREAS, on a national, state, and local basis, the number of hate crimes committed against marginalized communities is increasing at exponential rates; and

WHEREAS, people from all walks of life deserve to be treated with dignity and respect; and

WHEREAS, people from all communities contribute to making Wisconsin a healthy and thriving environment for families and businesses; and

WHEREAS, hate crimes pose an immediate threat to the sanctity and security of every citizen and present a security risk to both the State of Wisconsin and the United States; and

WHEREAS, Wisconsin's current hate crime statute is by and large used by prosecutors as a bargaining or negotiation tool; and

WHEREAS, Wis. Stat. § 939.645, the current "hate crimes" statute, needs an update to strengthen it and provide enhanced security to members of Wisconsin's marginalized communities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Eau Claire County Board of Supervisors requests that the legislature and the governor of the state of Wisconsin enact legislation to modify Wis. Stat. § 939.645, as set forth below, by making the following changes:

939.645 (1) If a person does ~~all~~ any of the following, the penalties for the underlying crime are increased as provided in sub. (2):

939.645 (1) (b) Intentionally selects the person against whom the crime under par. (a) is committed or selects the property that is damaged or otherwise affected by the crime under par. (a) in whole or in part because of the actor's belief, values, or perception regarding the race, religion, color, disability, sexual orientation, national origin or ancestry, gender, gender identity, gender expression, age, or veteran's status of that person or the owner or occupant of that property, whether or not the actor's belief, values, or perception was correct.

939.645 (1) (c) The use of gay/transgender panic defenses is forbidden.

939.645 (4) This section does not apply to any crime if proof of race, religion, color, disability, sexual orientation, national origin or ancestry, gender, gender identity, gender expression, age, or veteran's status or proof of any person's perception or belief regarding another's race, religion, color, disability, sexual orientation, national origin or ancestry, gender,

gender identity, gender expression, age, or veteran's status is required for a conviction for that crime.

939.645 (5) This section mandates that hate crime data be collected, retained, and made publicly available based on demographic statistics by the Attorney General of the State of Wisconsin and the Wisconsin Department of Justice.

939.645 (6) this section requires law enforcement officers and officials to receive specialized hate crime training and continuing education on a biennial basis.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Eau Claire County Board of Supervisors directs the county clerk to forward a copy of this resolution to the Office of the Governor of the State of Wisconsin, the Office of the Attorney General for the State of Wisconsin, members of the Wisconsin Assembly and Senate, the county clerk for every county in the state of Wisconsin, as well as to the Wisconsin Counties Association.

Adopted: April 7, 2021

Sue McDonald
County Clerk

FACT SHEET

TO FILE NO. 21-22/021

The Library Planning Committee was established pursuant to county board resolution 20-21/060.

The Library Planning Committee created a comprehensive Library Plan. The Library Planning Committee approved the plan, 10 in favor, 0 against, 1 absent. The Library Plan continues to rely on the statutory framework for town payments for library services. Reimbursements are based on circulation from the prior year as laid out by statute.

Given the disruption the covid-19 pandemic had on library services, the statutory per cost unit calculations for the coming year will be based on 2019 circulation statistics rather than 2020 statistics. During 2020, libraries were closed or had limited hours, and consequently the circulation statistics are down. Services that were provided by the libraries were more staff intensive, requiring greater time to fulfill requests. Information on library activities for 2020 is included in the plan to provide a glimpse at the extra effort the libraries put forth.

Currently there is an intra-municipal agreement by which municipalities reimburse each other for library usage and the County. Fairchild opts out of the agreement every year. This year, the Village of Fall Creek have given notice of the decision to opt out. The committee anticipates additional changes to the intra-municipal agreement in the next year or two. Therefore, this plan suggests the 2021 Library Planning Committee will remain in place pending changes to the intra-municipal plan. When the proposed changes occur, it will require an amendment to the plan.

Also, included in the appendix of this plan is an extensive history of library development and planning. The prior plan had a very abbreviated history, so the inclusion of this timeline further describes the efforts that have been made over the years for library services .

Fiscal Impact: \$0.00

Respectfully Submitted,

Charles R. Ellefsen, III

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3 RESOLUTION APPROVING THE 2021 LIBRARY PLAN

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5 WHEREAS, the 2021 Library Planning Committee was established pursuant to Eau
6 Claire County Resolution 20-21/060; and

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8 WHEREAS, the Library Planning Committee approved the plan on May 12th 2021 by a
9 vote of 10 in favor, 0 against, 1 absent; and

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11 WHEREAS, the Library Plan continues to rely on the statutory framework for town
12 payments for library services; and

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14 WHEREAS, by statute, reimbursements are based on circulation from the prior year.
15 However, given the disruption the COVID-19 Pandemic has on library services, the statutory per
16 cost unit calculations for the coming year will be based on 2019 circulation statistics rather than
17 2020 statistics. During 2020, libraries were closed or had limited hours, and consequently the
18 circulation statistics are down. Services that were provided by the libraries were more staff
19 intensive, requiring greater time to fulfill requests. Information on library activities for 2020 is
20 included in the plan to provide a glimpse at the extra effort the libraries put forth; and

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22 WHEREAS, currently there is an intra-municipal agreement by which municipalities
23 reimburse each other for library usage, the committee anticipates additional changes to the intra-
24 municipal agreement in the next year or two. Therefore, the plan suggests the 2021 Library
25 Planning Committee will remain in place pending changes to the intra-municipal plan at which
26 time an amendment will be made to the plan; and

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28 WHEREAS, the Library Committee recommends approval of the plan.

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30 NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Eau Claire County Board of
31 Supervisors approve the 2021 Library Plan.

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34 I hereby certify that the foregoing
35 correctly represents the action of the
36 Committee on Administration on
37 June ____, 2021, by a vote of ____ for,
38 and ____ against.

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41 _____
42 Nick Smiar, Chair
43 Committee on Administration

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May 27 2021

Honorable Nick Smiar
Chair, Board of Supervisors
Eau Claire County

Re: Library Plan 2021

Dear Chair Smiar,

On behalf of the Library Planning Committee established pursuant to county board resolution 20-21/060, I submit the final draft of the library plan to the Committee on Administration to advance to the County Board of Supervisors.

The Library Planning Committee approved the plan, 10 in favor, 0 against, 1 absent.

The Library Plan continues to rely on the statutory framework for town payments for library services.

Two notable differences of this plan include:

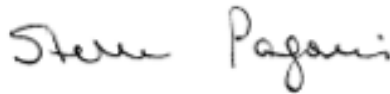
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One other item of note: Included in the appendix of this plan is an extensive history of library development and planning. The prior plan had a very abbreviated history, so the inclusion of this timeline further describes the efforts that have been made over the years for library services.

Therefore, I ask respectfully for you to present the 2021 Library Plan for consideration at the next Administration Committee meeting. If approved, I ask that you forward to the County Board of Supervisors for adoption. The Library Planning Committee recommends adoption.

My sincere thanks goes to all the members of the planning committee for their dedication, insight, supplementary information, and editorial acumen. I would also like to thank Charles Ellefsen and Samantha Kraegenbrink for their support and assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Stella Pagonis".

Stella Pagonis

cc: Library Planning Committee
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I. Introduction

The five municipalities of Eau Claire County, Altoona, Augusta, Eau Claire, Fairchild and Fall Creek, offer library services to the residents of Eau Claire County. The services provided to the residents of the county are outlined in this Plan of Library Service. The county has developed this plan for the financial support of services provided by these libraries.

II. Mission Statement

Eau Claire County shall promote equitably accessible and well-funded libraries which provide quality library services for all residents.

III. Background

A. Statutory Requirements for County Planning:

Wisconsin Statutes § 43.11 County Library Planning Committees.

§ 43.11 (1) CREATION. Any county board may appoint a county library planning committee under this section. If a county board, in a county where all public library service is administered or coordinated by an existing county library board or where there is a single-county public library system board, determines to appoint a committee under this section, the existing library board may serve as the county library planning committee. The county board shall notify the division immediately upon appointment of the committee.

§ 43.11 (3) DUTIES AND POWERS. (a) The committee may prepare a new plan for the organization of a county or multicounty system, revise an existing plan or change the boundaries of a public library system. It shall conduct public hearings concerning these plans, revisions and changes to which representatives of all libraries in the county shall be invited.

(b) The committee's final report, including a new plan, revisions to an existing plan or changes to the boundaries of a public library system and copies of any written agreements necessary to implement the proposal, shall be filed with the county board, and submitted to the division. Plans for multicounty systems shall include a method for allocating system board membership among the member counties.

(c) The plan of library service for a county, whether for a single county or a multicounty system, shall provide for library services to residents of those municipalities in the county not maintaining a public library under this chapter. The services shall include full access to public libraries participating in the public library system, and the plan shall provide for reimbursement for that access. Services may include books-by-mail service, or other services deemed appropriate by the committee. Services may be provided by contracting with existing public

libraries in the county or in adjacent counties, or with the public library system, or by creating a county library organization under this chapter. The plan of library service for a county may provide for improving public library service countywide and in municipalities that have libraries. The plan shall specify the method and level of funding to be provided by the county to implement the service described in the plan, including the reimbursement of public libraries for access by residents of those municipalities in the county not maintaining a public library.

(d) The plan of library services for a county may include minimum standards of operation for public libraries in the county. The county shall hold a public hearing on any standards proposed under this paragraph. The standards shall take effect if they are approved by the county and the public library boards of at least 50% of the participating municipalities in the county that contain, according to the most recent estimate prepared under §16.96, at least 80% of the population of participating municipalities in the county.

(e) The plan of library services for a county may require that a municipality located in whole or in part within the county that operates a public library compensate another municipality located in whole or in part within the county that operates a public library whenever the latter public library provides library services to residents of the municipality that operates the former public library. The compensation for each loan may not exceed the actual cost of the loan, as defined by the department by rule.

B. History of Library Development and Planning in the County

The Library Planning Committee of 2021 was established by a resolution of the Eau Claire County Board in August 2020, for the purposes of reviewing the Library Plan and the Library Services Agreement and making a recommendation to the County Board of Supervisors and to the respective town boards.

See Attachment 3 for the complete history.

C. County Membership in IFLS

Eau Claire County libraries have been members of IFLS since 1978. The public libraries have access to a variety of services and resources including MORE (online catalog and circulation system); courier; interlibrary loan; technology support; and library consultants who provide information on library administration, technology, youth services, and services for individuals with special needs. The libraries are also eligible for both state and federal grants through IFLS.

By virtue of its membership in IFLS, the County appoints three citizens of Eau Claire County to the IFLS Board, one of which is usually a County Board member. In addition, L. E. Phillips Memorial Public Library (LEPMPL) is the resource library for IFLS. A member of the LEMPL board serves on the IFLS Board.

IV. Current Library Services to County Residents

A. Inventory of Services.

The five municipal libraries in Eau Claire County provide access to wide ranging resources and services, geared to the community. Each library has a board of trustees that determines library policy and the scope and extent of services provided by that library.

During the 2020-2021 COVID-19 pandemic, all the Eau Claire County libraries reduced barriers to library services by eliminating fines on most items and forgiving outstanding fines. The pandemic required the libraries to limit in-person visits to the library, to implement curbside pick-up services, and to encourage usage of on-line library services.

See Attachment 1 for a complete list of services.

B. Governance Structure of Library Organizations

Each library in Eau Claire County is governed by a board of trustees appointed by the respective municipality. Additional county representatives may be appointed in accordance with Wisconsin Statute § 43.60(3). Board members serve a 3-year term. The towns have representation through the citizens at large from outside the city appointment.

Current board composition is as follows:

<p>Altoona-7 members 1 Public School Representative City Council Representative Citizens at Large from the City Citizens at Large from outside the City</p>	<p>Augusta-7 members 1 Public School Representative City Council Representative Citizens at Large from the City Citizens at Large from outside the City</p>	<p>Eau Claire-9 members 1 Public School Representative City Council Representative Citizens at Large from the City Citizens at Large from outside the City</p>
<p>Fairchild-7 members 1 Public School Representative Village of Fairchild Town of Fairchild</p>	<p>Fall Creek -7 members 1 Public School Representative Village Board Representative Citizens at Large from the Village Citizens at Large from outside the Village</p>	

C. Library Usage Statistics for County Residents

As of June, 2020 all Five Eau Claire County libraries will be members of MORE (the online catalog and circulation system) which maintains detailed automated circulation statistics. The statistics indicate daily circulation based on residence, including whether an item circulated is checked out by a resident of a municipality with a library or a resident of a municipality without a library (towns).

The 2019 circulation statistics of Eau Claire County libraries:

	Pop.	Res. Circ	Eau Claire County with a Library	Eau Claire County without a Library	IFLS Counties with a Library	IFLS Counties without a Library	Non-IFLS Adjacent Counties with a Library	Non-IFLS Adjacent Counties without Library	All other state residents Circ	Users from out of State Circ	Total Circ
Altoona	7,797	58,962	35,625	32,247	2,270	5,060	8584	1,918	59	18	137,017
Augusta	1,523	13,531	655	8,662	1395	221	610	1,105	5	45	24,973
Eau Claire	68,057	546,544	28,536	132,742	19,104	57913	4,061	9,175	1,238	157	799,420
Fairchild	899	3,130	-	-	-	-	-	1,651			4,781
Fall Creek	1,268	13,841	813	14,172	211	356	15			8	29,416

2020 usage statistics of Eau Claire County libraries

The following data illustrates the modifications as well as some of the new service models the libraries in Eau Claire County were required to design and implement in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. These services limited in-person visits to libraries, implemented alternative methods to select and retrieve materials, encouraged usage of electronic services, and required libraries to be creative while still meeting objectives of the library plan. These services were put into place to address the health and safety restrictions put into place.

The libraries intend to reopen by June 2021.

Altoona 2020

Website: <https://altoonapubliclibrary.org/>

2020 Usage and service statistics:

11,789 WiFi sessions.

69 electronic databases available.

16,401 e-resources downloaded

8 public Internet computers were used 1,415 times.

2,659 curbside pickups

4,047 in-library pick-ups (3,226 grab and go appointments in 2021 through April)

427 technical appointments

1,603 browsing appointments

Augusta 2020

Website: <https://www.augustalibrary.org>

2020 Usage and service statistics:

8,562 WiFi sessions

69 electronic databases available

4,588 e-resources downloaded

6 public Internet computers were used 582 times.

674 curbside pickup service

70 computer appointments

193 browsing appointments

3 home delivery

Fall Creek 2020

Website: <https://www.fallcreekpubliclibrary.org>

2020 Usage and service statistics:

6,276 WiFi sessions

69 electronic databases available

2,178 e-books

1,767 e-audio

5 e-video

1,020 curbside pickup

192 computer appointments

240 browsing appointments

Eau Claire L.E. Phillips Memorial Public Library

Website: <https://www.ecpubliclibrary.info/>

2020 Usage and service statistics:

7,418 WiFi Sessions

143,857 uses of electronic materials:

81,488 ebooks

62,210 e-audiobooks

59 e-videos

192,680 electronic collection retrievals (185,570 owned locally and 7,110 owned statewide).

324 activity kits checked out by families.

Hosted virtual programming or recorded content of 17 events.

Offered drive-thru checkout of 12,710 physical items.

Offered vestibule checkouts of 3,453 physical items.

Delivered 535 physical items via mail or drop-off

Provided Reference Services: 3,242 interactions via email, chat, telephone, and other online communication tools.

1,013 people were referred to local organizations for mental and physical health, crisis management, housing, financial resources, and support during no-cost consultations with our licensed social worker.

382 Grab 'N' Go grocery food bags given away in collaboration with Feed My People.

V. Funding Methodology

A. Required Funding Under Wisconsin Statute § 43.12

In 1997, the Wisconsin Legislature enacted Act 150, which became Wisconsin Statute § 43.12. The statute developed a formula for municipalities with libraries to obtain reimbursement for library usage from municipalities without libraries. The statute includes a method of calculating the per item cost based on operating expenditures divided by circulation. Capital expenditures and Federal funds are specifically excluded.

This plan adopts the reimbursement procedure established by Wisconsin Statute § 43.12 for municipalities without libraries. The county will be responsible to collect funds and to reimburse the libraries based on the statutory formula using the unit cost of circulated materials.

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The reimbursement by the towns will be apportioned across the towns based on equalized value. The amount will be collected as part of the county property tax

Eau Claire County residents are permitted to borrow materials from adjacent counties. Libraries in adjacent counties will be reimbursed at a minimum of 70 percent of the actual cost.

Statutory per Unit Calculations Using 2019 Data for Payment in 2021

Eau Claire County Funding

	Total Operational minus Federal Funding	Total Circulation	Cost Per Circulation	Eau Claire County Circulation Without a Library	County Payment
Altoona	\$528,197.00	137,017	\$ 3.8550	32,247	\$ 124,311.35
Augusta	\$149,846.00	24,973	\$ 6.0003	8,662	\$ 51,974.77
Eau Claire	\$4,537,522.00	799,420	\$ 5.6760	132,742	\$ 753,445.93
Fairchild	\$29,861.00	4,781	\$ 6.2458	-	\$ -
Fall Creek	\$103,060.00	29,416	\$ 3.5035	14,172	\$ 49,652.10

B. Intra-municipal Funding

An agreement was signed in 1997 by Altoona, Augusta, Eau Claire and Fall Creek to fund use by resident of their respective municipalities at libraries in other municipalities. As of June 2021 that agreement remains in effect. This committee will reconvene to address potential changes to the Intra-municipal funding agreement.

C. Fiscal Impact

The primary intent of this plan is to remain as neutral as possible to the libraries and to the individual taxpayers. The libraries will continue to collect revenues based on circulation and unit charges, as is the current practice.

The county will use the equalized property valuation to assess library funding which will standardize the property tax for all the town property owners.

VI. Goals and Objectives of the Library Plan

A. Goal: To provide equitable access to library services to all residents of Eau Claire County.

Objectives: All libraries will

- 1) Continue to provide hours of operation and a range of services in accordance with Wisconsin Statute § 43.11(c) to all residents of Eau Claire County.
- 2) Provide interlibrary loans in the manner prescribed by IFLS and will follow System guidelines, policies, and procedures.
- 3) Continue to provide services to individuals with special needs, childcare centers, nursing homes and group homes, on an individual library basis.
- 4) Continue to provide shared research and information service.
- 5) Continue courier service among public libraries.
- 6) Support literacy activities and programs.
- 7) Support and encourage non-participating municipalities in providing library services.
- 8) Participate in MORE. (MORE-My Online Resource; Online circulation/online catalog for sharing resources)
- 9) Consider the feasibility of mobile library services to reach residents living in remote areas or who lack transportation.

B. Goal: To promote equitable and well-funded libraries.

Objectives:

- 1) Maintain full reimbursement as calculated by the formula included in Wisconsin Statute § 43.12(1) for each public library established under Chapter 43 of Wisconsin Statutes within Eau Claire County that serves Eau Claire County residents without a library.
- 2) Maintain the compensation to libraries outside county boundaries at a rate of 70 percent of the cost of circulation.
- 3) Encourage library trustees, library staff, County Board members and patrons to work with legislators to promote equitable funding of libraries.

C. Goal: To maintain the relevance of the Library Plan

Objectives:

- 1) The Library Directors in Eau Claire County and the IFLS Director will meet annually to evaluate and review the plan; make recommendations to the County for changes that need to be made; and evaluate compliance with the Wisconsin Public Library Standards.
- 2) The Library Planning Committee will meet as deemed necessary by the County Board Chair to revise the plan. Other units of government and librarians will be invited to participate.
- 3) The current library planning committee will reconvene for the purposes of considering changes to Intra-municipal funding.

D. Goal: Eau Claire County will continue to be represented on the IFLS Advisory Council of Libraries.

E. Goal: The Eau Claire County Library Directors shall hold regular meetings to communicate and cooperate effectively. The meetings shall be on a rotating location basis.

F. Goal: To increase awareness of the scope of library services to county residents.

Objectives:

- 1) Publicize library services and programs within each library service area utilizing techniques such as:
 - a. Library newsletters and mailings
 - b. Local press releases
 - c. Special interest stories to local newspapers
 - d. Social media
 - e. Community Outreach
 - f. Collaborations with schools, the Family Resource Center, Feed my People and other community agencies.
 - g. New library card registration packets and events.
 - h. School tours and engagements
 - i. Municipal community events
 - j. Book Bike
- 2) Encourage Eau Claire County to maintain links on the county web site to all county libraries.

G. Goal: To encourage all libraries to achieve compliance with the Basic Level Standards as set forth in the most recent edition of the Wisconsin Public Library Standards.

The Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction has set library standards as stewards of state and federal funds and sustainers of statutory compliance. These standards can be found at the DPI website: <https://dpi.wi.gov/pld/boards-directors/library-standards>.

VII. Implementation

Library Boards of Trustees of each library in the county shall develop and implement policies to achieve the goals and objectives of this plan. Municipalities with a library will adopt a plan for cross municipal reimbursement consistent with VI(B)(3) of this plan. Individual libraries in the county will provide the services as required to all individuals within and outside the county.

Reimbursement to the libraries for rural residents' library use will be determined based on statistical information provided by the libraries to the County. These figures will be taken directly from the Public Library Annual Report that is filed with the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction. These payments are made as direct payments to the library per the requirement in Wisconsin Statutes 43.12.

VIII. Updating, Evaluating, and Amending the Plan

This plan is subject to the passing of time, and may require updates and modifications. Plan monitoring and evaluation is an ongoing process. The time that elapses between the adoption of the plan and the need to update the plan will depend on a change in circumstances or legislation that necessitates reevaluation of the plan. The library directors shall be tasked with the responsibility to apprise the chair of the Eau Claire County Board of Supervisors of changing developments. The chair will determine if the Planning Committee needs to reconvene.

IX. Attachments

- 1. Inventory of Services**
- 2. Resolution Establishing Library Planning Committee**
- 3. History of Library Planning in Eau Claire County**

ATTACHMENT 1

2021 Inventory of Library Services

Services available at all libraries

Collection

Books	Audiobooks (compact disc or MP3)
Videos/DVDs/Blu-Ray	Music CDs
Magazine and newspaper subscriptions	Digital book, audiobook, and magazine collections
Community and family history	Interlibrary loans

Services

Reference and readers advisory service	Student homework resources
Programming for children and adults	Summer reading programs
Income tax forms	Proctoring of exams
Online information resources	Outreach services
Technology help	

Equipment

Public computers with internet access and/or Word processing capabilities	Copy machines with color capabilities for the public
WiFi access for the public	Fax machine for the public
Meeting room(s) at all but one library	Scanner for the public

Services available only at specific libraries

Collection

Theme Kits for Kids	
Book Club In A Bag	
Braille books	
Themed activity kits	
Health & wellness kits	
Art prints	
Musical instruments	
Creating/maker kits	
Board games	
Games disc/cartridge	

Services

ACT prep class	
Dept. of Workforce Job Development	
Library Social Worker	
Early literacy services	
Grant writing search	
Language learning services	
Career development services	

Equipment

Microfilm Reader	
Low-vision reader	
3D Printer	
Equipment checkout (e.g. projectors)	
Wifi Hotspot checkout	
Braille Printer	
iPads	
Die cut machine and die cuts	
Sewing machines	
Maker equipment: mug press, 3D pens	

Other

Art Gallery	
Young Adult Area	
Makerspace	
Play and Learn for kids	
Volunteer opportunities	
Teen Advisory Council	

Attachment 2 Resolution Establishing 2020 Eau Claire

1 Enrolled No. RESOLUTION File No. 20-21/060

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3 ESTABLISHING A LIBRARY PLANNING COMMITTEE FOR EAU CLAIRE COUNTY
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5 WHEREAS, library services in Eau Claire County are currently provided through means of a
6 library services agreement that was originally adopted in 1988 and then updated in 1997; and
7 through a Library Services Plan that was adopted in 2012; and,
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9 WHEREAS, the 2012 Library Services Plan called for reconvening the Library Planning
10 Committee in January 2017 to update the plan, this has not yet been done; and,
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12 WHEREAS, the County is interested in exploring changes to the current Library Services
13 Agreement or the updating of the current Library Services Plan; and,
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15 WHEREAS, Wisconsin Statutes section 43.11 established the process for library planning
16 and allows the County Board of Supervisors to create a library planning committee.
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18 NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED; that the Eau Claire County Board of
19 Supervisors hereby creates an 11 member ad hoc Library Planning Committee composed of the
20 following: Two county Board Supervisors; one representative from each of the Eau Claire,
21 Altoona, Fall Creek and Augusta libraries; Two Town Board chairmen; one town resident from a
22 town that does not maintain a library; one resident from a city, village or town that maintains a
23 library; and one representative from the Indianhead Federated Library System; and,
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25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Library Planning Committee shall review the
26 current library services agreement, the current Library Services Plan and explore changes to the
27 agreement/plan, including the possible creation of a public library system under Wis. Stats §§
28 43.19 or 43.21, and submit its report and recommendations to the Committee on Administration,
29 library boards and chief elected officers in the County no later than December 31, 2020; and,
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31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the County Board Chairman is authorized to
32 appoint members of the Library Planning Committee.
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35 ADOPTED:
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38 I hereby certify that the foregoing
39 correctly represents the action taken by the
40 undersigned Committee on Administration
41 by a vote of 5 for, 0 against.

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45 Committee on Administration
46 Nick Smiar, Chair

47 Dated this 11th day of August, 2020.
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Library Planning Committee

ATTACHMENT 3

History of Library Development and Planning in Eau Claire County

- In 1972, as a result of state legislation, Eau Claire County created a Library Services Planning Committee. The committee recommended Eau Claire County create a library system and provide funding for non-city residents. The Eau Claire County Board of Supervisors rejected the plan.
- Indianhead Federated Library System (now IFLS) began operating in 1978, and the county agreed to join. The county provided some funding to cover the cost of non-city residents but it was soon determined to be insufficient.
- In 1982, the City of Altoona and the Village Boards of Fairchild and Fall Creek voted to exempt themselves from the county library levy effective January 1, 1983.
- In 1983-1984, the county implemented a countywide library services agreement that funded libraries based on usage. This agreement lasted two years. Towns objected to the cost and withdrew.
- In 1984, a four-year contract for countywide library services began with a plan to phase in charges over a four-year period.
- According to the terms of the contract L.E. Phillips Memorial Public Library was entitled to reimbursement for services in 1985 at double the amount paid in 1984 because the county's percentage of library use had jumped from 10% to 20%. The costs were based on a percentage of the library's net operating budget.
- The contract for countywide library services was terminated December 31, 1984.
- In 1985, LEPMPL offered to sign contracts with individual municipalities in the county. Residents of the Cities of Eau Claire, Altoona, and Augusta and residents of the Town of Washington became eligible for library cards.
- By the end of 1985 the county agreed to a five year contract that included doubling their costs following a three year phase-in period.
- In 1986 – The Village of Fall Creek and the Town and Village of Fairchild chose not to participate in Eau Claire County Library services.

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- In 1987, The Village of Fall Creek agreed to participate.
- In 1988, -The Town Board of the Town of Fairchild requested exemption from the Eau Claire county tax levy and entered an agreement with the Village of Fairchild with which to jointly operate a library, requesting to designate their portion of the county tax levy to the joint library. Fairchild continued to be exempt from the county tax through 2012.
- These municipalities participated in the library agreement from 1988 - 1997: Altoona, Augusta, Bridge Creek, Brunswick, Clear Creek, Drammen, Fall Creek, Lincoln, Ludington, Otter Creek, Pleasant Valley, Seymour, Union, Washington, and Wilson.
- The County Board approved the library service contract for 1990-1995 on the condition that all municipalities in the county enter into separate agreements with the county to participate in the countywide agreement (except for municipalities which are eligible to exempt themselves under state statute). A provision indicated the agreement would be automatically renewed every year, unless one party gave formal notification of its intent to withdraw from the agreement.
- In 1992, maintaining privacy of non-city library patrons was implemented. LEPMPL sent reports indicating the number of library card holders residing in each municipality, instead of card holders' names.
- In 1997, the County-Wide Library Services Agreement was implemented. The ten-year agreement provided the municipal libraries, excluding Fairchild, with funding based upon usage. The towns and the municipalities with libraries were included in the funding portion of the agreement, based on respective circulation.
- In January 2012, a library planning committee was established by the Eau Claire County Board of Supervisors to assess the library services agreement and to determine if the county should continue with the current agreement, or use the provisions provided in Wisconsin Statute § 43.12 for county library funding.
- In June 2012, a Plan of Library Service for 2013 to 2018 was adopted by the County Board to promote equitable access and well-funded library services for all county residents. The municipalities of Altoona, Augusta, Eau Claire, Fairchild and Fall Creek agreed to offer library services to all residents according to the provisions in the agreement, which outlined standards of operation and a system of reimbursement.

PROCLAMATION

PROCLAIMING SATURDAY, JUNE 19, 2021, AS “JUNETEENTH DAY” IN EAU CLAIRE COUNTY

WHEREAS, Juneteenth is the oldest known celebration commemorating the Emancipation Proclamation, the document which ended slavery in the United States; and

WHEREAS, June 19, 1865 is recorded in history as the date when word of the Emancipation brought freedom to the last remaining slaves in the country; and

WHEREAS, this occasion in the United States has grown into a global celebration which encourages self-development and appreciation for all races and cultures; and

WHEREAS, many area organizations and community members have organized a celebration to heighten awareness of this observance and to provide an opportunity for all people in the community to get together and share in an atmosphere of respect and inclusion.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE EAU CLAIRE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS hereby proclaim Saturday, June 19, 2021, as Juneteenth Day in the County of Eau Claire and encourages all residents to join in recognizing this day of unity, freedom, and opportunity and to honor the diversity of all racial and ethnic groups in our community.

Dated this ____ day of June 2021

Nick Smiar, Eau Claire County Board
Chairperson