## JOURNAL OF THE MEETING OF THE SHEBOYGAN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

#### October 18, 2022

Pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 59.11, the October 18, 2022 session of the Sheboygan County Board was called to order by Chairperson Vern Koch at 6:00 p.m. Chairperson Koch noted that the notice of meeting was posted on October 14, 2022 at 2:00 p.m. in compliance with the open meeting law. The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance by all present.

The roll call was taken and recorded with 25 Supervisors present; (1) Supervisor attended remotely: Supervisor Gruber.

Supervisor Wegner moved for approval of the September, 2022 Journal, which was distributed to all supervisors prior to the meeting. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Brauer and carried on unanimous roll call vote of the board.

#### **PRESENTATIONS - NONE**

#### **LETTERS AND COMMUNICATIONS**

The Clerk presented resolutions from the Eau Claire and Langlade, and Wood County Boards of Supervisors requesting the State of Wisconsin review and revise the entry level compensation rate for assistant district attorneys. By Chairperson referred to the Law Committee.

The Clerk presented a resolution from the Waupaca County Board of Supervisors supporting Operation Green Light for Veterans. By Chairperson referred to the Health & Human Services Committee.

The Clerk presented a resolution from the Jackson County Board of Supervisors regarding prohibiting private funding for election administration. By Chairperson received for information.

#### **COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

County Administrator Adam Payne reminded everyone that the proposed 2023 budget binders were on their desks, which is also available for review on the county website. In brief, Administrator Payne shared that the total property tax levy is increasing by 1.66% and the property tax rate is \$4.37, which is a decrease of 8.28%. Since 2012, the average annual increase of the property tax levy has been a modest 1.29%. Administrator Payne said that if anyone has questions, please contact himself, the Deputy Administrator, or any member of the Finance Committee or respective Department. Mr. Payne thanked and acknowledged the Finance Committee Chairman Roger Te Stroete, liaison committees and all staff involved with preparing the proposed \$182 million annual budget. Administrator Payne also spoke briefly about the good work of the Sheboygan County Economic Development Corporation, and encouraged county board members to register for the annual meeting which will be held on November 3, 2022 at the Wade House.

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

The Clerk read the report of the Executive Committee regarding Resolution No. 13 (2022/23) Disallowance of Albert Claim Against Sheboygan County recommending adoption.

**Supervisor Goehring moved to adopt the resolution.** The motion was seconded by Supervisor Wegner and carried on unanimous roll call vote of the board.

The Clerk read the report of the Executive Committee regarding Resolution No. 14 (2022/23) Renewing Corporation Counsel Contract recommending adoption.

Supervisor Goehring moved to adopt the resolution. Supervisor Brauer seconded the motion which carried on unanimous roll call vote of the board.

The Clerk read the report of the Executive Committee regarding Resolution No. 15 (2022/23) Supporting Housing Development at UW-Green Bay, Sheboygan Campus recommending additional time be granted to consider the matter until the January 17, 2023 County Board meeting.

Pursuant to Rule 2.13, the Chairperson has authorized the Executive Committee to defer decision-making until the December Executive Committee meeting and defer action until the January 17, 2023 County Board meeting.

The Clerk read the report of the Finance Committee regarding Resolution No. 12 (2022/23) Amending 2022 Budget to Provide for an All Employee Appreciation Gift recommending adoption.

**Supervisor Te Stroete moved to adopt the resolution.** Supervisor Wegner seconded the motion which carried on unanimous roll call vote of the board.

The Clerk read the report of the Finance Committee regarding Resolution No. 16 (2022/23) Petitioning the Secretary of Transportation for Airport Improvement Aid recommending adoption.

**Supervisor Te Stroete moved to adopt the resolution.** The motion was seconded by Supervisor Brauer and carried on unanimous roll call vote of the board.

The County Board received for information correspondence from the Human Resources Committee to fulfill Section 2.12(5) of the County Code regarding Annual Report on Health Insurance.

(Vice-Chairperson Abler presiding)

Pursuant to Rule IV of the Rules of Order, the following resolutions and ordinances were introduced by the Clerk and referred by the Vice-Chairperson as indicated:

**Resolution No. 17 (2022/23)** Re: Approving WE Energies Easement for Asphalt Plant referred to the Executive Committee.

**Ordinance No. 03 (2022/23)** Re: Amending Section 47.03 of the Sheboygan County Code Wage Ranges referred to the Finance Committee.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Supervisor Te Stroete moved to adjourn. Supervisor Clarke seconded the motion which carried on unanimous roll call vote of the board. The meeting was adjourned at 6:16 p.m. The next scheduled meeting is Tuesday, October 25, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.

# REQUESTING THE STATE OF WISCONSIN REVIEW AND REVISE THE ENTRY LEVEL COMPENSATION RATE FOR ASSISTANT DISTRICT ATTORNEYS

WHEREAS, Assistant District Attorneys serve as the backbone of the State of Wisconsin's ability to prosecute cases in all of its seventy-two counties; and

WHEREAS, any shortage of these Assistant District Attorneys creates backups in the justice system, which can lengthen cases, create more pressure on existing staff and delay or deny justice to individuals party to these cases; and

WHEREAS, the entry level compensation rate for Assistant District Attorneys in Wisconsin in 2022 \$26.70 per hour or approximately \$55,000 per year; and

WHEREAS, this entry level compensation rate for Assistant District Attorneys has not kept up with the rate of inflation and sits well below the national average for similar positions in District Attorney offices across the country; and

WHEREAS, this entry level compensation rate for Assistant District Attorneys sits below other public sector attorney positions in both Eau Claire County and around the State of Wisconsin; and

WHEREAS, this entry level compensation rate for Assistant District Attorneys is not competitive in today's workforce environment, accelerates staffing turnover in District Attorney offices around the State of Wisconsin and endangers public safety; and

WHEREAS, in an effort to make District Attorney offices more competitive in their entry level compensation offerings for Assistant District Attorneys, Eau Claire County requests that the State of Wisconsin review and revise the entry level compensation rate for Assistant District Attorneys to remain competitive with similar positions in District Attorney offices around the country, other public sector attorney positions, and the private sector, as well as to keep up with the rate of inflation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Eau Claire County Board of Supervisors hereby requests the State of Wisconsin review and revise the entry level compensation rate for Assistant District Attorneys in order to remain competitive with similar positions in district attorney offices around the country, other public sector attorney positions, and the private sector, as well as to keep up with the rate of inflation.

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 for the State of Wisconsin, members of the Wisconsin Assembly and Senate, every county in the State of Wisconsin, and the Wisconsin Counties Association.

ADOPTED: October 4, 2022

Sue McDonald County Clerk LANGLADE COUNTY

VOTE
15 AYES
0 NAYS
5 ABSENT
1 VACANCY

**RESOLUTION #37-2022** 

INTRODUCED BY: COUNTY BOARD CHAIRMAN & VICE CHAIRMEN

INTENT: REQUEST THE STATE OF WISCONSIN TO REVIEW AND REVISE THE ENTRY LEVEL COMPENSATION RATE FOR ASSISTANT DISTRICT ATTORNEYS

WHEREAS, Assistant District Attorneys serve as the backbone of the State of Wisconsin's ability to prosecute cases in all of its seventy-two counties; and

WHEREAS, any shortage of these Assistant District Attorneys creates backups in the justice system, which can lengthen cases, create more pressure on existing staff and delay or deny justice to individuals party to these cases; and

WHEREAS, the entry level compensation rate for Assistant District Attorneys in Wisconsin in 2022 sits at \$26.70 an hour which is approximately \$54,000.00 per year; and

WHEREAS, this entry level compensation rate for Assistant District Attorneys has not kept up with the rate of inflation and sits well below the national average for similar positions in the District Attorney offices across the country; and

WHEREAS, this entry level compensation rate for Assistant District Attorneys sits below other public sector attorney positions in both Langlade County and around the State of Wisconsin; and

WHEREAS, this entry level compensation rate for Assistant District Attorneys is not competitive in today's workforce environment, accelerates staffing turnover in District Attorney offices around the State of Wisconsin and endangers public safety; and

WHEREAS, in an effort to make District Attorney offices more competitive in their entry level compensation offerings for Assistant District Attorneys, Langlade County requests that the State of Wisconsin review and revise the entry level compensation rate for Assistant District Attorneys to remain competitive with similar positions in District Attorney offices around the country, other public sector attorney positions and the private sector as well as to keep up with the rate of inflation.

SO, NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Langlade County Board of Supervisors that the State of Wisconsin is hereby requested to review and revise the entry level compensation rate for Assistant District Attorneys in order to remain competitive with similar positions in District Attorney offices around the country, other public sector attorney positions and the private sector as well as to keep up with the rate of inflation.

BE IT FURTHERED RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution is sent to Governor Tony Evers, all members of the Wisconsin State Legislature representing Langlade County, the Wisconsin Counties Association and all other Wisconsin Counties.

Ben Pierce, Chairman

Rich Wiegert, Vice Chair

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Robert Benishek	Ronald E. Krueger Sr.	<u>Absent</u> Brian T. Zaverousky				
Todd R. Mayr	Carol Bardo	Joel Wagner				
Daniel Persen	Reinhard Balcerzak	Serge Shinners				
Vacant	James A. Schulz	Joseph Novak III				
Bruce McDougal	Rick Bina	Warren W. Wagner				
Roger Buck	Sally Mulhollon Sally Mulholion	Douglas W. Curler				
FISCAL NOTE:						
ADOPTED BY THE COUNTY BOARD OF LANGLADE COUNTY THIS 26 th DAY OF Suptember., 2022.						
Judy Nagel, Langlade County Clerk						

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#### Resolution No. 21 (2022-2023)

Subject: Supporting Operation Green Light for Veterans

WHEREAS, the residents of Waupaca County have great respect, admiration, and the utmost gratitude for all of the men and women who have selflessly served our country and this community in the Armed Forces; and

WHEREAS, the contributions and sacrifices of the men and women who served in the Armed Forces have been vital in maintaining the freedoms and way of life enjoyed by our citizens; and

WHEREAS, Waupaca County seeks to honor these individuals who have paid the high price for freedom by placing themselves in harm's way for the good of all; and

WHEREAS, Veterans continue to serve our community in the American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, religious groups, civil service, and by functioning as County Veteran Service Officers in 29 states to help fellow former service members access more than \$52 billion in federal health, disability and compensation benefits each year; and

WHEREAS, approximately 200,000 service members transition to civilian communities annually; and

WHEREAS, an estimated 20 percent increase of service members will transition to civilian life in the near future; and

WHEREAS, studies indicate that 44-72 percent of service members experience high levels of stress during transition from military to civilian life; and

WHEREAS, Active Military Service Members transitioning from military service are at a high risk for suicide during their first year after military service; and

WHEREAS, the National Association of Counties encourages all counties, parishes and boroughs to recognize Operation Green Light for Veterans; and

WHEREAS, Waupaca County appreciates the sacrifices of our United State Military Personnel and believes specific recognition should be granted.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED with designation as a Green Light for Veterans County, Waupaca County hereby declares from October through Veterans Day, November 11th 2022 a time to salute and honor the service and sacrifice of our men and women in uniform transitioning from Active Service; that in observance of Operation Green Light, Waupaca County encourages its citizens in patriotic tradition to recognize the importance of honoring all those who made immeasurable sacrifices to preserve freedom by displaying a green light in a window of their place of business or residence.

BE IT FUTHER RESOLVED that the Waupaca County Clerk be directed to forward a copy of this resolution to Governor Tony Evers, the Wisconsin Counties Association, Waupaca County's elected state representatives and to each Wisconsin County.

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	Passed this 27th day of Sept. 2022
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	ATTEST:
	Kristy K. Opperman Waupaca County Clerk
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# ORIGINAL

## RESOLUTION 38-10-2022

### RE: PROHIBITION OF PRIVATE FUNDING OF ELECTION ADMINISTRATION

WHEREAS, during the Wisconsin's 2020 General Election a private, non-profit entity, the Center for Tech and Civic Life, funded in part by Facebook founder Mark Zuckerberg, furnished approximately \$8.5 million to five Wisconsin cities and an additional \$1.6 million to over 200 other Wisconsin municipalities; and

WHEREAS, voters need to be able to trust that their election officials are acting in a non-partisan capacity and are not under the influence of private resources that might impact how an election is administered.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Jackson County Board of Supervisors, insists upon the prohibition of the use of private donations from special interest groups, people or other private entities by government, for the purpose of election administration.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Jackson County Clerk is directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Governor of the State of Wisconsin, the Wisconsin Counties Association, the Wisconsin Towns Association, State Senators and State Representatives representing Jackson County and each Wisconsin County Board.

Respectfully Submitted;
Executive and Finance Committee

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