

Notice of Public Meeting
Tuesday, October 9, 2018
3:00 p.m.

**LEGISLATIVE
COMMITTEE**

Door County Government Center
Chambers Room (C102), 1st floor
421 Nebraska Street, Sturgeon Bay, WI

AGENDA

1. Call Meeting to Order
2. Establish a Quorum ~ Roll Call
3. Adopt Agenda / Properly Noticed
4. Approve Minutes of September 11, 2018 Legislative Committee Meeting
5. Communications
6. Public Comment
7. Supervisor Response
8. Old Business
 - A. Countywide Cannabis Referendum
9. New Business
 - A. Review Resolutions from Other Counties and Refer to Appropriate Committees for Recommendation as to Action of the County Board
 1. Pepin County - Support for HR 54.29 – SIREN Act of 2018
 2. Douglas County - Compensation Increases for Defense Attorneys Assigned by State Public Defender Office Supported
 3. Sawyer County - Urging the State of Wisconsin to provide the resources to fully staff the Sawyer County District Attorney's Office
10. Matters to be Placed on a Future Agenda or Referred to a Committee, Official, or Employee
11. Next Meeting Date: At Call of Chair
12. Meeting Per Diem Code
13. Adjourn

Deviation from the order shown may occur

Call Meeting to Order

Chair Nancy Robillard called the September 11, 2018 meeting of the Legislative Committee to order at 3:00 p.m. at the Door County Government Center.

Establish a Quorum – Roll Call

Committee members present – Nancy Robillard, Kathy Schultz, Linda Wait, and Bob Bultman. David Enigl was excused.

Others present – Supervisor Megan Lundahl, Supervisor Laura Vlies Wotachek, Supervisor Helen Bacon, Administrator Ken Pabich, Assistant Corp Counsel Karyn Behling, Human Services Director Joe Krebsbach, County Clerk Jill Lau, and Public.

"These minutes have **not** been reviewed by the oversight committee and are subject to approval at the next regular committee meeting."

Adopt Agenda / Properly Noticed

Motion by Bultman, seconded by Wait to approve the agenda. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Approve Minutes of June 12, 2018 Legislative Committee Meeting

Motion by Schultz, seconded by Bultman to approve the minutes of June 12, 2018 meeting. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Communications

No communications were presented.

Public Comment

- Megan Lundahl, 321 S Fulton Avenue, thanked the committee for placing the cannabis referendum on the agenda. Megan has reached out to residents and researched the topic and noted the importance of a countywide non-binding referendum.
- Joe Krebsbach, Director of Human Services, noted there are a lot of issues that the County needs to look at tied to legalizing marijuana. The number one problem in the country and Door County is alcohol and cigarettes, both legalized. It is important for people to understand there is a dependency developed from marijuana. Concerns about the message sent to youths, concerns with the effect it would have on the HS department.
- Helen Bacon, commented on the need to look at the budgetary effects legalizing marijuana would have on the County. Concerns expressed regarding dosing.
- Don Freix, Fish Creek, commented on the additional revenues generated from legalization of marijuana. Mr. Freix commented regarding decriminalizing the use.
- Don Freix, Fish Creek commented on the WCA business resolutions and asked that specific resolutions be taken out and further looked at prior to Chairman Lienau's attendance at the WCA meeting.
- Charolette Baierl, City of Sturgeon Bay, supports a county-wide referendum and decriminalizing marijuana. Her hope is that the County uses this to educate the public.
- Elliot Goettleman, Sturgeon Bay, spoke in support of holding a county-wide referendum. Would like to see Door County be a forefront pushing for legalization.
- Dan Powers, 345 W Redwood Pl, Sturgeon Bay, commented regarding having two questions on the ballot if the County moves forward one for recreational one for medical.
- Dan Powers, also thanked the committee for moving the resolution regarding Campaign Contribution Limits, on to WCA.
- Elizabeth Moriarty, commented regarding the legalization of marijuana being inevitable. The State of Washington is an ideal model to use.
- Marc Trana, 2nd Avenue, Sturgeon Bay, is happy that the County is having the conversation about legalizing marijuana. There could be many benefits.

Supervisor Response

- Supervisor Wait responded there are 16 counties that will have the legalization of marijuana on their November ballot. The time to place a question on the November ballot has expired. Door County will not be able to move forward for November which will allow the county much, much more time to thoroughly research this issue.

Old Business

No old business was presented.

New Business

Review Resolutions from Other Counties and Refer to Appropriate Committees for Recommendation as to Action of the County Board

Dunn County, Barron County, Sawyer County, Adams County, Winnebago County, Waushara County, Jackson County, Racine County – Urging the State of Wisconsin to Increase Compensation for Defense Counsel Assigned by the State Public Defender

Reviewed. Chair Robillard explained the payment to a defense counsel public defender is currently \$40/hour. As of the first of the year the court appointed counsel compensation will increase to \$100/hour. The Administrative Committee oversees the courts and the committee could send the issue forward or the Legislative Committee can take up the issue as a body without the need to send to the Administrative Committee.

Motion by Bultman, seconded by Wait to refer the issue to the Administrative Committee. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Barron County, Monroe County – Dark Stores

Reviewed. Door County has already passed a resolution.

Winnebago County – Request the WI State Legislature to Require an Audit of the Veterans Trust Fund

Reviewed. Administrator Pabich explained there has been a lot of discussion on the Veterans Trust Fund and persons believe the funds have been misused. Winnebago took the lead with this resolution. Administrator Pabich will discuss with Veterans Service Officer Scott McFarlane and will report back to the committee. This is not time sensitive.

Winnebago County – Conduct Countywide Advisory Referendum on Creation of Non-Partisan Procedure for the Preparation of Legislative and Congressional Redistricting Plans

Reviewed. Door County has already passed a resolution.

Winnebago County – Conducting a Constitutional Amendment to Allow Limits on Campaign Contributions and Conducting a Non-Binding Statewide Referendum

Reviewed. Door County has already passed a resolution.

WCA Business Resolutions

Resolutions included in the meeting packet were reviewed. No action was taken on any resolution postponed by the Resolutions Committee.

- #1 - Recommending changes to the Farmland Preservation Program – Neutral.
- #2 - Urging the Federal Government to Support the Agricultural Economic Sector by Maintaining and Strengthening Trade Ties with Canada and Mexico – Neutral.
- #3 & 4 - Supporting reform of Wisconsin's Eminent Domain Laws and prohibiting the use of Eminent Domain for forcible
- #5 - Maintaining funding for the Coastal Management Program – Support.
- #12 & 13 - Supporting an increase in payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILT) for county forest lands – support
- #14 - Requesting increased funding and oversight reforms for Wisconsin's Child Protective Services System – Support.

- #15 - Supporting the Caregiver Advise, Record, Enable (CARE) Act, a tax credit for family caregivers and expanding dementia care specialist services - Support
- #16 - Requesting the State Legislature to explore all solutions including legislation to address the long-term care workforce crisis – Support
- #17 - Opposing the reallocation of current Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC) funding – Support.
- #18 - CNA training – Support.
- #19 - Emergency Medical response: A rural crisis – Neutral.
- #22 - Opposing any legislation that automatically revokes a person’s probation if that person is charged with a crime – Neutral.
- #24 & 25 - Proposed legislation to allow a person, meeting certain requirements, to file a petition for expungement with the sentencing court after he or she completes their sentence – Support.
- #29 - Requesting the State of Wisconsin fully fund Treatment Courts – Support.
- #30 - Requesting action to address the mental health/drug addiction epidemic in County Jails – Neutral.
- #31 - Supporting proposed legislation permitting inmates confined to County Jails under a DOC contract to leave the facility to participate in employment related activities – Neutral.
- #33 - Supporting a Constitutional amendment to allow limits on campaign contributions and conducting a non-binding statewide referendum – Support.
- #34 & 35 - Requesting state law change allowing counties the use of the design-build construction method and update the statutory bidding requirements – Support.
- #39 - Workers Compensation for Public Safety Employees diagnosed with PTSD – Neutral.
- #40 - Requesting a change in Wisconsin Law to allow the state and local governments to access Wisconsin Retirement Fund Accounts of Public Employees who are convicted of stealing money from their State or Local Government employer – Support.
- #41 - Opposing Sections 52 & 53 of AB456 and SB374 relating to vehicle registration fees – Neutral.

Countywide Cannabis Referendum

Administrator Pabich explained the County has time. A referendum question must be filed 70 days prior to the election. It will take time to go through committee and County Board. The time to start considering this is now. Discussion regarding the question; does it have to be a yes/no or can it be multiple choice; it was noted some counties going to referendum in November are sending the multiple choice question. County staff can prepare back-up information.

It was suggested county staff research and bring information back to the committee including sample resolution language. Supervisor Bultman believes the people should be allowed to vote on the matter; the County needs to fully consider this.

Senate Bill SB 577 – Protective Status

The bill was included in the meeting packet and was reviewed. The language allows an employee to make a one-time choice to enroll into protected status. The bill gives an employee the option to pay in extra retirement and allows a higher coverage of disability. The bill was brought forward and passed through committee. The bill is on the radar to move forward in the next legislative session. Discussion and review of background of changing the jailer position from protective status to general municipal employee status.

Levy Limits

It was recommended that the committee start looking at the levy limits again and begin conversations with our legislators to begin discussion. It was suggested committee members attending the upcoming WCA Conference talk to whomever they can if the opportunity presents itself.

Matters to be Placed on a Future Agenda or Referred to a Committee, Official, or Employee

- Countywide Cannabis Referendum
- Levy Limits
- Stand Alone Bills outside of the Budget

Next Meeting Date

October 9, 2018 – 2:00 p.m.

Meeting Per Diem Code

119.

Adjourn

Motion by Schultz, seconded by Wait to adjourn. Time 5:00 p.m. Motion carried by voice vote.

Respectfully submitted by Jill M. Lau, County Clerk

RESOLUTION NO. _____

**RESOLUTION CALLING FOR AN ADVISORY REFERENDUM ON THE
LEGALIZATION AND REGULATION OF THE ADULT USE OF CANNABIS**

WHEREAS, the Fond du Lac County Board of Supervisors is authorized by Wis. Stat. § 59.52(25) to call for an advisory referendum, and

WHEREAS, criminalizing marijuana use has failed to curb its use, and more than 100 million Americans say they have used marijuana, and

WHEREAS, in a 2016 Marquette University Law School Poll, 59 percent of Wisconsinites said that marijuana “should be fully legalized and regulated like alcohol,” and recent polls show a majority of Americans favor legalization of adult recreational use of marijuana, and

WHEREAS, the Wisconsin State Legislature has failed to act on legislation to legalize and regulate marijuana and has not allowed hearings on such legislation, and

WHEREAS, an estimate by the Congressional Research Service suggests that replacing marijuana prohibition with a system of taxation and regulation could yield \$6.8 billion in federal excise taxes alone, and

WHEREAS, Alaska, California, Colorado, Maine, Massachusetts, Nevada, Oregon, and Washington have legalized adult personal use of marijuana and regulate the production, distribution, and sale of marijuana, and Vermont and the District of Columbia have legalized limited personal possession and cultivation of marijuana by adults, and

WHEREAS, the time law enforcement spends enforcing existing marijuana laws and ordinances negatively impacts the time available to solve more serious crimes and apprehend more dangerous criminals, and

WHEREAS, marijuana prohibition makes product quality control and sales regulation impossible, leaving marijuana sellers free to target children as potential customers and to peddle potentially adulterated products.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Fond du Lac County Board of Supervisors that the following advisory referendum be placed on the countywide general election ballot for November 6, 2018:

Should cannabis:

(Please select only one of the options below or your selection will be invalid)

_____ (a) Be legal for adult use, taxed and regulated like alcohol, with the proceeds from the taxes designated to provide treatment for substance addiction?

_____ (b) Be legal for medical purposes only and available only by prescription through a medical dispensary?

_____ (c) Remain a criminally illegal drug as provided under current law?

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Fond du Lac County Board of Supervisors directs the County Clerk to send a copy of this resolution to the Wisconsin Counties Association, Wisconsin state legislators, and Governor Scott Walker.

Dated _____

SUBMITTED BY:

Mary B. Hayes
District 24

Lisette A. Aldrich
District 20

FISCAL NOTE: This resolution does not require an appropriation from the county general fund. The inclusion of an advisory referendum on the countywide general election ballot for November 6, 2018, will cause additional costs to be incurred by the county for programming the referendum language, additional ballots for anticipated increased voter turnout, and required legal and information notices. These additional costs are estimated to be \$7,500 and will be charged to the adopted 2018 Election budget.

APPROVED BY:

Allen J. Buechel
COUNTY EXECUTIVE

APPROVED BY:

Meggin R. McNamara
CORPORATION COUNSEL

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5 **A RESOLUTION**

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7 providing for an advisory referendum on the November 6, 2018, election ballot to
8 measure public opinion on allowing adults 21 years of age and older to engage in the
9 personal use of marijuana, while also regulating commercial marijuana-related activities,
10 and imposing a tax on the sale of marijuana
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14 100 million Americans say they have used marijuana; and

15 WHEREAS, 59 percent of Wisconsinites in a 2016 poll said that marijuana
16 should be “fully legalized and regulated like alcohol”, and recent polls show a majority of
17 Americans favor legalization of adult recreational use of marijuana; and

18 WHEREAS, the Wisconsin State Legislature has failed to act on legislation to
19 legalize and regulate marijuana and has not allowed hearings on such legislation; and

20 WHEREAS, an estimate by the Congressional Research Service suggests that
21 replacing marijuana prohibition with a system of taxation and regulation could yield \$6.8
22 billion in federal excise taxes alone; and

23 WHEREAS, Alaska, California, Colorado, Maine, Massachusetts, Nevada,
24 Oregon, and Washington have legalized adult personal use of marijuana and regulate
25 the production, distribution, and sale of marijuana, and Vermont and the District of
26 Columbia have legalized limited personal possession and cultivation of marijuana by
27 adults; and

28 WHEREAS, legalizing and taxing marijuana could significantly increase state and
29 local revenue; and

30 WHEREAS, the time law enforcement spends enforcing existing marijuana laws
31 and ordinances negatively impacts the time available to solve more serious crimes and
32 apprehend more dangerous criminals; and

33 WHEREAS, felony second offense marijuana charges are disproportionately
34 issued against African-American males in Milwaukee County, continuing a pattern of
35 racially biased justice system outcomes with lifelong negative impacts on those
36 convicted and on their families; and

37 WHEREAS, marijuana prohibition makes product quality control and sales
38 regulation impossible, leaving marijuana sellers free to target children as potential
39 customers and to peddle potentially adulterated products; and

40 WHEREAS, the lack of a dispute resolution system for disputes in the illicit
41 marijuana trade inevitably leads to violence as disputes arise; now, therefore,

42 BE IT RESOLVED, by the County Board of Supervisors of Milwaukee County,
43 Wisconsin, as follows:

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45 Section 1. Referendum Election. The County Clerk is hereby directed to call an
46 advisory referendum election to be held in the County at the regularly scheduled
47 election to be held November 6, 2018, for the purpose of submitting to the qualified
48 electors of the county the proposition of whether the State of Wisconsin should legalize
49 and regulate the recreational use of marijuana in Wisconsin. The referendum shall be
50 held, noticed, and conducted following the procedures set forth in Section 59.52 (25) of
51 the Wisconsin Statutes.

52 Section 2. Official Referendum Ballot Form. The ballot to be used at the
53 referendum election shall be prepared in accordance with the provisions of Sections
54 5.64 (2) and 7.08 (1)(a) of the Wisconsin Statutes. The ballot shall be substantially in
55 the form attached hereto as Exhibit A.

56 ; and

57 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Department of Administrative Services is
58 authorized and directed to process an appropriation transfer of \$15,000 from Org. 1800-
59 1945 – Appropriation for Contingencies to an allocated contingency account within the
60 same org unit to reserve monies for the Election Commission to offset the additional
61 costs of the advisory referendum; and

62 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the County Clerk may request the transfer of
63 these funds through an appropriation transfer after the actual referendum expenses are
64 calculated and a determination as to whether the additional funds are necessary for the
65 Election Commission to achieve a balanced budget for 2018.

EXHIBIT A
OFFICIAL REFERENDUM BALLOT

November 6, 2018

ADVISORY REFERENDUM

Do you favor allowing adults 21 years of age and older to engage in the personal use of marijuana, while also regulating commercial marijuana-related activities, and imposing a tax on the sale of marijuana?

Yes

No

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2018 RES-064
REFERENDUM ON LEGALIZING CANNABIS

A resolution providing for an advisory referendum on the November 6, 2018, election ballot to measure public opinion on allowing adults 21 years of age and older to engage in the personal use of marijuana, while also regulating commercial marijuana-related activities, and imposing a tax on the sale of marijuana.

WHEREAS, criminalizing marijuana use has failed to curb its use and more than 100 million Americans say they have used marijuana; and

WHEREAS, 59 percent of Wisconsinites in a 2016 poll said that marijuana should be “fully legalized and regulated like alcohol”, and recent polls show a majority of Americans favor legalization of adult recreational use of marijuana; and

WHEREAS, the Wisconsin State Legislature has failed to act on legislation to legalize and regulate marijuana and has not allowed hearings on such legislation; and

WHEREAS, an estimate by the Congressional Research Service suggests that replacing marijuana prohibition with a system of taxation and regulation could yield \$6.8 billion in federal excise taxes alone; and

WHEREAS, Alaska, California, Colorado, Maine, Massachusetts, Nevada, Oregon, and Washington have legalized adult personal use of marijuana and regulate the production, distribution, and sale of marijuana, and Vermont and the District of Columbia have legalized limited personal possession and cultivation of marijuana by adults; and

WHEREAS, legalizing and taxing marijuana could significantly increase state and local revenue; and

WHEREAS, the time law enforcement spends enforcing existing marijuana laws and ordinances negatively impacts the time available to solve more serious crimes and apprehend more dangerous criminals; and

WHEREAS, African Americans are disproportionately arrested for marijuana use and possession, continuing a pattern of racially biased justice system outcomes with lifelong negative impacts on those convicted and on their families; and


WHEREAS, marijuana prohibition makes product quality control and sales regulation impossible, leaving marijuana sellers free to target children as potential customers and to peddle potentially adulterated products; and

WHEREAS, the lack of a dispute resolution system for disputes in the illicit marijuana trade inevitably leads to violence as disputes arise;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Dane County Board of Supervisors places the following advisory referendum on the ballot for the November 2018 election:

" Should marijuana be legalized, taxed and regulated in the same manner as alcohol for adults 21 years of age or older?"

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the Dane County Clerk shall take all necessary steps to implement this resolution.

 <p style="text-align: center;">RESOLUTION # _____</p> <p>TO: HONORABLE MEMBERS OF THE LA CROSSE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS</p>	<p>ITEM # _____</p> <p>BOARD ACTION</p> <p>Adopted: _____ For: _____ Against: _____ Abstain: _____ Abs/Excd: _____ Vote Req: _____ Other Action: _____</p>	<p>JUDICIARY & LAW COMMITTEE ACTION</p> <p>Adopted: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> For: <u>4</u> Against: <u>0</u> Abstain: <u>1</u> Abs/Excd: <u>0</u></p>	<p>EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ACTION</p> <p>Adopted: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> For: <u>7</u> Against: <u>0</u> Abstain: <u>0</u> Abs/Excd: <u>2</u></p>
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RE: ADVISORY REFERENDUM ON THE LEGALIZATION OF MARIJUANA

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WHEREAS, in 2006, pursuant to §59.54(25), La Crosse amended County ordinance §9.16 to provide that possession of small amounts of marijuana, 25 grams or less, would be treated as an ordinance violation punishable by a fine rather than as a misdemeanor under the criminal code; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Wisconsin Statute §59.52(25), the Board can conduct a county-wide advisory referendum; and

WHEREAS, a county-wide advisory referendum on the issue of the legalization of marijuana would provide guidance to the state legislature as to the will of the La Crosse County electorate;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the La Crosse County Board hereby directs the County Clerk to place the question set forth below on the November 6, 2018 ballot as an advisory referendum:

"Should the State of Wisconsin legalize the use of marijuana by adults 21 years or older, to be taxed and regulated in the same manner that alcohol is regulated in the State of Wisconsin, with proceeds from the taxes used for education, healthcare, and infrastructure?"

- a. Yes
- b. No

FISCAL NOTE: Approximately \$3,000 for the preparation and noticing of the referendum ballot.

Date: July 10, 2018

[Signature]
JUDICIARY AND LAW CHAIR

[Signature]
RECORDING CLERK

Date: July 11, 2018

[Signature]
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE CHAIR

[Signature]
RECORDING CLERK

	Reviewed Only	Recommended	Not Recommended	
Co. Admin.	_____	_____	_____	Requested By: Executive Committee Date Requested: June 21, 2018 Drafted By: Corporation Counsel
Fin. Director	_____	_____	_____	
Corp. Counsel	_____	_____	_____	
Board Chair	<u>[Signature]</u>	_____	_____	

Adopted by the La Crosse County Board this _____ Day of _____, 2018

**RESOLUTION
ROCK COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

Supervisor Yuri Rashkin
INITIATED BY



Supervisor Yuri Rashkin
DRAFTED BY

Supervisor Yuri Rashkin
SUBMITTED BY

June 11, 2018
DATE DRAFTED

**APPROVING A COUNTY WIDE ADVISORY REFERENDUM ON THE LEGALIZATION
AND REGULATION OF THE ADULT USE OF CANNABIS**

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28 adulterated products; and
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30 **WHEREAS**, the lack of a dispute resolution system for disputes in the illicit marijuana trade
31 inevitably leads to violence as disputes arise.
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33 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Rock County Board of Supervisors in session this
34 28th day of June, 2018, that the following advisory referendum be placed on the countywide general
35 election ballot scheduled for November 6, 2018:

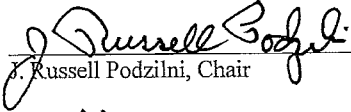
Should cannabis be legalized for adult use, taxed and regulated like alcohol, with the proceeds from the Taxes used for education, healthcare, and infrastructure?

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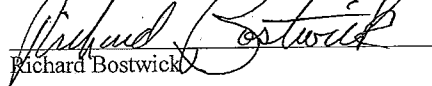
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Respectfully submitted,

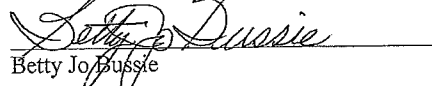
COUNTY BOARD STAFF COMMITTEE


J. Russell Podzilni, Chair

- No -
Mary Mawhinney, Vice Chair

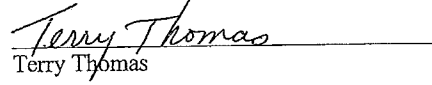

Richard Bostwick

- NO -
Henry Brill


Betty Jo Bussie

- No -
Louis Peer

absent
Alan Sweeney


Terry Thomas

absent
Robert Yeomans

BOARD OF HEALTH

Louis Peer, Chair

Dr. Connie Winter, DDS, Vice Chair

Vicki Brown

Craig Gramke

Eric Gresens, R. Ph.

Dr. Kaitlyn Meyers


Danette Rynes

Dr. Vijaya Somaraju, MC, MPH, FACP

Judy Wade, WHNP

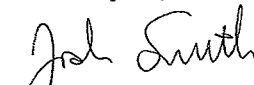
LEGAL NOTE:

The County Board is authorized to take this action pursuant to secs. 59.51 and 59.52 (25), Wis. Stats.


Richard Greenlee
Corporation Counsel


ADMINISTRATIVE NOTE:

Matter of policy.


Josh Smith
County Administrator

FISCAL NOTE:

No fiscal impact in and by itself.


Sherry Oja
Finance Director

CORPORATION COUNSEL

Brown County



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RESOLUTION/ORDINANCE SUBMISSION TO COUNTY BOARD

DATE: 07-13-2018
REQUEST TO: County Board
MEETING DATE: 07-18-2018
REQUEST FROM: Dave Hemery, Corp Counsel, per changes made at Exec Comm
REQUEST TYPE: New resolution Revision to resolution
 New ordinance Revision to ordinance

**Title: RESOLUTION FOR ADVISORY REFERENDA
REGARDING MEDICAL AND RECREATIONAL MARIJUANA**

ISSUE/BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

Resolution to put two referenda questions (re legalizing cannabis for recreational and/or medical purposes) on the ballot for the November 2018 election

ACTION REQUESTED:

Review and consider

FISCAL IMPACT:

NOTE: This fiscal impact portion is initially completed by requestor, but verified by the DOA and updated if necessary.

1. Is there a fiscal impact? Yes No
- a. If yes, what is the amount of the impact? Approximately \$2,000
- b. If part of a bigger project, what is the total amount of the project? \$ _____
- c. Is it currently budgeted? Yes No

1. If yes, in which account? Fiscal Note: This resolution does not require an appropriation from the General Fund. The associated expense of approximately \$2,000 will be covered in the County Clerk's 2018 budget.

2. If no, how will the impact be funded?

COPY OF RESOLUTION OR ORDINANCE IS ATTACHED

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE BROWN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
JULY 18, 2018

Pursuant to Section 19.84 and 59.14, Wis. Stats., notice is hereby given to the public that the REGULAR meeting of the **BROWN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS** was held on **Wednesday, July 18, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.**, in the Legislative Room 203, 100 North Jefferson Street, Green Bay, Wisconsin.

The following matters will be considered:

Call to order at 7:05 p.m.
Invocation.
Pledge of Allegiance.

Opening Roll Call: Sieber, De Wane, Nicholson, Hoyer, Gruszynski, Lefebvre, Erickson, Borchardt, Evans, Vander Leest, Buckley, Landwehr, Dantinne, Brusky, Ballard, Kaster, Van Dyck, Linssen, Kneiszel, Deslauriers, Tran, Moynihan, Suennen, Schadewald, Lund, Becker

Total Present: 26

No. 1 -- ADOPTION OF AGENDA.

A motion was made by Supervisor Gruszynski and seconded by Supervisor Hoyer “to amend the agenda by taking item #10i after item #2.” Voice vote taken. Motion carried unanimously.

No. 2 -- COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:

- a) State name and address for the record.
- b) Comments will be limited to five minutes.
- c) The Board’s role is to listen to public comments, and not ask questions, discuss nor take action regarding public comments.

Fifty-six people spoke in regard to the RESOLUTION FOR ADVISORY REFERENDA REGARDING MEDICAL AND RECREATIONAL MARIJUANA.

The list of commentators is on file in the County Clerk’s Office

(Item #10i was taken at this time)

Special Executive Committee

No. 10i -- RESOLUTION FOR ADVISORY REFERENDA-REFERENDUM REGARDING MEDICAL AND RECREATIONAL MARIJUANA.

TO THE HONORABLE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS
OF THE BROWN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Ladies and Gentlemen:

WHEREAS, Wisconsin State Statutes Section 59.52(25) provides for a County Board to conduct county-wide referenda for advisory purposes, and reads in its entirety as follows: *“Advisory and contingent referenda. The board may conduct a countywide referendum for advisory purposes or for the purpose of ratifying or validating a resolution adopted or ordinance enacted by the board contingent upon approval in the referendum;”* and

WHEREAS, a 2018 study in the Journal of the American Medical Association (JAMA) concluded that states that have permissive medical and adult recreational marijuana laws show decreased rates of opioid prescribing (decreases of 5.9% and 6.4%, respectively) when compared to states without said laws, and a review paper in the peer-reviewed journal Nursing Outlook shows that states with medical marijuana laws have experienced decreases in prescription opioid medication use, abuse, overdose and costs; and

WHEREAS, in states where medical marijuana is legal, marijuana prescriptions have been written to help with pain control, including pain caused by cancer, headaches and rheumatic arthritis, as well as to help patients experiencing nausea and vomiting, anxiety, sleep disorders, multiple sclerosis spasticity and loss of appetite. Marijuana prescriptions have also been written to help patients suffering from cancer, chronic diseases such as HIV/AIDS, Parkinson's disease, epilepsy/seizure disorders, glaucoma and autoimmune diseases; and

WHEREAS, criminalizing marijuana use has failed to curb its use, and more than 100 million Americans say they have used marijuana; and

WHEREAS, 59 percent of Wisconsinites in a 2016 poll said that marijuana should be *“fully legalized and regulated like alcohol,”* and recent polls show a majority of Americans favor legalization of the adult recreational use of marijuana; and

WHEREAS, the Wisconsin State Legislature has failed to act on legislation to legalize and regulate marijuana, and has not allowed hearings on such legislation; and

WHEREAS, an estimate by the Congressional Research Service suggests that replacing marijuana prohibition with a system of taxation and regulation could yield \$6.8 billion in federal excise taxes alone; and

WHEREAS, Alaska, California, Colorado, Maine, Massachusetts, Nevada, Oregon, and Washington have legalized the adult personal use of marijuana and regulate the production, distribution, and sale of marijuana, and Vermont and the District of Columbia have legalized the limited personal possession and cultivation of marijuana by adults; and

WHEREAS, legalizing and taxing marijuana could significantly increase state and local revenue; and

WHEREAS, the time law enforcement spends enforcing existing marijuana laws and ordinances negatively impacts the time available to solve more serious crimes and apprehend more dangerous criminals; and

WHEREAS, marijuana prohibition makes product quality control and sales regulation impossible, leaving marijuana sellers free to target children as potential customers and to peddle potentially adulterated products.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Brown County Board of Supervisors hereby authorizes and directs that a County-wide advisory Referendum be conducted to be held with the November 2018 general election, that Brown County staff and officials take any and all actions necessary to achieve this, and that the ~~two~~ advisory Referendum Referenda questions to be presented shall be as follows:

~~1. "Should cannabis be legalized in Wisconsin for recreational purposes, and regulated and taxed in the same manner as alcohol is for adults 21 years of age or older, with tax revenues going back to counties for tax relief and to assist with unfunded state mandates?" and~~

21. "Should cannabis be legalized in Wisconsin for medicinal purposes, and regulated in the same manner as other prescription drugs?"

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Corporation Counsel shall prepare a Notice of Referendaum to be published by the Brown County Clerk in accordance with statutory requirements, that this Resolution and the Notice of Referendaum shall be filed with the Brown County Clerk no later than 70 days prior to the election at which the question will appear on the ballot, and that any other necessary actions be taken by County officials and staff to hold ~~these~~ this Referendaum as stated above.

*As amended by the Brown County Board of Supervisors on 7/19/2018.

Respectfully submitted,
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Approved By: /s/ Troy Streckenbach Date: 07/23/2018

Authorized by: Executive Committee
Approved by: Corporation Counsel's Office

Fiscal Note: This resolution does not require an appropriation from the General Fund. The associated expense of approximately \$2,000 will be covered in the County Clerk's 2018 budget.

A motion was made by Supervisor Hoyer and seconded by Supervisor De Wane **"to approve."**

Following, a motion for separation was made by Supervisor Evans and seconded by Supervisor Lefebvre **"to take question #1 and question #2 separately."** Voice vote taken. Motion carried unanimously with no abstentions.

Following, a motion was made by Supervisor Buckley and seconded by Supervisor Erickson **"to amend the fourth Whereas by adding the following:**

Whereas: Youth and school impacts since Colorado, Washington, Oregon, Alaska, and District of Columbia legalized marijuana past-month use of the drug has continued to rise above the National Average among youth aged 12-17 in all five jurisdictions."

- **Alaska and Oregon are leading the nation in the past-year marijuana use among youth aged 12-17.**

- Colorado currently holds the top ranking for first-time marijuana use among youth representing 65% increase in the years since legalization.
- Youth adult use (youth aged 18-25) in legalized states is increasing.
- Colorado Toxicology Reports show the percentage of adolescent suicide victims testing positive for marijuana has increased.
- In Anchorage, school suspensions for marijuana use and possession increased more than 141% from 2015.
- A study in Colorado found that about 50% of youth in outpatient substance abuse treatment reported using diverted marijuana.

Whereas: Alcohol consumption not decreasing researchers from Oregon State University found that college students under the age of 21 who are binge drinkers have been one of the primary groups of marijuana users after legalization.

- The gallons of alcohol consumed in Colorado since marijuana legalization has increased by 8%.

Whereas: Drugged driving and motor vehicle fatalities have increased in states that have legalized recreational marijuana. According to a 2014 report by the Fatality Analysis Reporting System about 50% of fatal crashes nationally involved drivers whose blood tests were positive for THC.

Whereas: The crime rate in Colorado has increased 11 times faster than the rest of the nation since legalization.”

Following the motion to amend, a motion by substitution was made by Supervisor Linssen and seconded by Supervisor Van Dyck **“to strike the language from the second Whereas to the Now Therefore Be It Resolved.”** Voice vote taken. Motion carried with Vice Chair Lund abstaining.

Following the approved motion by substitution, a motion was made by Supervisor Linssen **“to amend question #1 to read ‘Should Wisconsin legalize and regulate cannabis for recreational use by adults over the age of 21’.”** Motion failed due to a lack of a second.

Following the failed motion, a motion was made by Supervisor Linssen **“to amend question #2 to read ‘Should Wisconsin legalize and regulate cannabis for medical use as prescribed by licensed medical professionals’.”** Motion failed due to a lack of a second.

Following the failed motion, a motion was made by Supervisor Linssen and seconded by Vice Chair Lund **“to amend the Resolution by striking November 2018 and replacing with April 2019.”** Voice vote taken. Motion failed with the nays having it in the opinion of the Chair and Vice Chair.”

Following the failed motion, a roll call vote was taken on the motion to approve question #1 as presented.

Roll Call:

Aye: Sieber, De Wane, Hoyer, Gruszynski, Lefebvre, Borchardt, Ballard, Linssen, Kneiszel, Tran, Becker.

Nay: Nicholson, Erickson, Evans, Vander Leest, Buckley, Landwehr, Dantine, Brusky, Kaster, Van Dyck, Deslauriers, Moynihan, Suennen, Schadewald, Lund.

Total Ayes: 11 Total Nays: 15

Motion failed.

Following the failed motion, a roll call vote was taken on the motion to approve question #2 as presented.

Roll Call:

Aye: Sieber, De Wane, Hoyer, Gruszynski, Lefebvre, Borchardt, Evans, Vander Leest, Ballard, Linssen, Kneiszel, Tran, Suennen, Schadewald, Lund, Becker.

Nay: Nicholson, Erickson, Buckley, Landwehr, Dantine, Brusky, Kaster, Van Dyck, Deslauriers, Moynihan.

Total Ayes: 16 Total Nays: 10

Motion carried.

ATTACHMENT TO RESOLUTION #10I

ON THE FOLLOWING PAGE

Resolution 32-8-18

ADVISORY REFERENDUM REGARDING MEDICAL MARIJUANA

1. WHEREAS, Wis. Stat. 59.52(25) permits a County Board to conduct a
2. countywide advisory referendum; and
- 3.
4. WHEREAS, although medical marijuana is illegal in Wisconsin, studies have
5. shown that marijuana can be an effective tool in the management of chronic
6. pain and other illness; and
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8. WHEREAS, currently, thirty (30) states have legalized the use of marijuana in
9. some form.
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11. NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Clark County Board of
12. Supervisors hereby directs the County Clerk to place the question set forth
13. below on the November 6, 2018 ballot as a countywide advisory referendum:
- 14.
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Question
16. "Should the State of Wisconsin legalize the use of marijuana for medical
17. purposes and regulate its use in the same manner as other prescription drugs?"
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Explanatory Statement
20. Marijuana use and possession is illegal in Wisconsin. A change in state law
21. would be required to allow for the legal use and possession of marijuana for
22. medical purposes.
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A "yes" vote indicates you agree.
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A "no" vote indicates you disagree.
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27. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the County Clerk shall forward a copy of
28. this resolution to Governor Scott Walker, Clark County's Legislative
29. Representatives, and the Wisconsin Counties Association.

EXECUTIVE, LEGISLATIVE, & JUDICIAL COMMITTEE

Wayne Hendrickson

Joe Waichulis

Chuck Rueth

Duane Boon

Jerome Krempsky

FINANCIAL IMPACT STATEMENT:	Projected new positions:	none
	Anticipated revenues:	none
	Wages & Benefits:	none
	All other costs:	\$600.00
	Space requirements:	none

Review by
County Attorney: _____
Review by
Comptroller: _____

FOREST COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS PROCEEDINGS
August 21, 2018

approve the grant application for the Highway G project in a sum not to exceed \$25,000.00.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the \$25,000.00 fee for the above-mentioned grant application be taken from the Forest County General Fund Balance.

Motion by Campbell, seconded by Karl to approve the resolution as presented. All present voting AYE (20); Absent (1). Motion carried. Resolution adopted as read.

RESOLUTION 26-2018 -Offered by the Chairman of the Forest County Board of Supervisors

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Forest County Board of Supervisors does hereby adopt a Rules and Regulations Committee to provide a recommendation concerning the necessity for additional committees and the Rules and Regulations governing said committees.

Motion by Bunda, seconded by Chaney to approve the resolution as presented. All present voting AYE (14); NAY (6); Absent (1). Motion carried. Resolution adopted as read.

RESOLUTION 27-2018- Offered by Zoning Committee

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE FOREST COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, Jeannie Fannin as Zoning Administrator shall apply for a recycling grant to be used by Forest County to operate the recycling program.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the responsibility for all matters involving the annual recycling grant shall hereinafter be the responsibility of Jeannie Fannin, the Forest County Zoning Administrator.

Motion by Tauer, seconded by Stamper to approve the resolution as presented. All present voting AYE (20); Absent (1). Motion carried. Resolution adopted as read.

RESOLUTION 28-2018- Offered by Sheriff & Justice Committee

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE FOREST COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS hereby places the following advisory referendum on the ballot for the November 6, 2018 Election:

“Should the State of Wisconsin allow individuals with debilitating medical conditions to use and safely access marijuana for medical purposes, if those individuals have a written recommendation from a licensed Wisconsin physician?”

A “yes” vote indicates that you agree.

A “no” vote indicates that you disagree.

Motion by Shaffer, seconded by Chaney to approve the resolution as presented. All present voting AYE (16); NAY (4); Absent (1). Motion carried. Resolution adopted as read.

ORDINANCES

None

ANNUAL REPORTS

2017 Child Support Annual Report

Motion by Gretzinger to put the annual report on file in the County Clerk’s Office, seconded by Dehart. All present voting AYE (20); Absent (1). Motion carried.

Motion by:
 Second by:

AUTHORIZING AN ADVISORY REFERENDUM & APPROVING OFFICIAL REFERENDUM QUESTION LANGUAGE (Legalization of Medical Marijuana)

Dist.	Supervisor	Y	N	Abs
19	Allen			
6	Ashbeck			
1	Bialecki			
11	Breitenmoser			
13	Callahan			
12	Gilk			
20	Gorski			
14	Hafeman			
8	Heller			
17	Koth			
15	Lee			
16	Loka			
3	Mueller			
21	Nowak			
22	Panfil			
10	Ratliff			
7	Rusch			
5	Saal			
18	Voermans			
2	Weaver			
4	Woellner			
9	Zeitz			

WHEREAS, medical marijuana is illegal in Wisconsin; and

WHEREAS, certain research studies have shown that marijuana can be an effective tool in the management of chronic pain and other illnesses; and

WHEREAS, at this time, the Wisconsin legislature has declined to authorize a statewide referendum on the legalization of medical marijuana; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to §59.52(25), the Board can conduct a county-wide advisory referendum; and

WHEREAS, a county-wide advisory referendum question utilizing the same language considered by the Wisconsin legislature would provide guidance to the state legislature as to the will of the Lincoln County electorate;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lincoln County Board of Supervisors does resolve to conduct a county wide advisory referendum, to be held with the Fall Election on November 3, 2018; ; and directs the following countywide advisory referendum question be placed on the ballot:

Question: Should the State of Wisconsin allow individuals with debilitating medical conditions to use and safely access marijuana for medical purposes, if those individuals have a written recommendation from a licensed Wisconsin physician?

Explanatory Statement

Marijuana use and possession is illegal in Wisconsin. A change in state law would be required to allow for legal use and possession for medical purposes.

A "yes" vote indicates you agree.

A "no" vote indicates you disagree.

Totals
 Carried
 Defeated
 Amended
 Voice vote
 Roll call

STATE OF WISCONSIN)
) SS:
 COUNTY OF LINCOLN)

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the County Clerk publish the Notice of Referendum in accordance with statutory requirements.

I hereby certify that this resolution/ordinance is a true and correct copy of a resolution/ordinance adopted by Lincoln County Board of Supervisors on:

Dated: August 21, 2018

Introduced by: Administrative & Legislative Committee

Fiscal Impact: Marginal cost for publication of referendum information above the regular cost of conducting the election.

Drafted by: Paul Gilk

 Christopher J Marlowe,
 County Clerk

 Robert Lee, County Board Chair

RESOLUTION R-39-18

**TO CONDUCT COUNTYWIDE ADVISORY REFERENDUM ON LEGALIZATION OF
MEDICAL MARIJUANA**

WHEREAS, Wis. Stats, sec. 59.52(25), permits the County Board to conduct an advisory referendum; and

WHEREAS, medical marijuana is illegal in Wisconsin; and

WHEREAS, certain research studies have shown that marijuana can be an effective tool in the managing of chronic pain and other illnesses; and

WHEREAS, at this time, the Wisconsin legislature has declined to authorize a statewide referendum on the legalization of medical marijuana; and

WHEREAS, on June 25, 2018, the Marathon County Health and Human Services Committee met to discuss whether Marathon County should conduct its own referendum; and

WHEREAS, the committee voted to forward a recommendation to the Board to authorize a countywide referendum to determine whether the people of Marathon County favor legalization of medical marijuana; and

WHEREAS, the committee directed that the wording of the question on the Marathon County ballot should be the same as the wording considered by the Wisconsin legislature.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED AND RESOLVED, by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Marathon that:

1. A countywide advisory referendum regarding the legalization of medical marijuana shall be placed on the ballot for the upcoming Fall General Election on November 6, 2018.
2. The question shall appear on the ballot as follows:

Should the State of Wisconsin allow individuals with debilitating medical conditions to use and safely access marijuana for medical purposes, if those individuals have a written recommendation from a licensed Wisconsin physician?

A "yes" vote indicates you agree.

A "no" vote indicates you disagree.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County Board of Supervisors hereby authorizes and directs the County Clerk to issue checks pursuant to this resolution and the Treasurer to honor said checks.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all appropriate officials of Marathon County are hereby authorized and empowered to take actions necessary to effectuate the purposes of this resolution.

Accepted this _____ day of July, 2018.

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

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Fiscal Note: The additional cost over and above the regular cost of conducting the election would be for publication of referendum information.

RESOLUTION NO. 106 - 2018

**RESOLUTION TO CONDUCT COUNTYWIDE ADVISORY
REFERENDUM ON LEGALIZATION OF MEDICALLY PRESCRIBED
MARIJUANA**

Background: Medical marijuana is illegal in Wisconsin, however, many studies and reports have demonstrated that medical marijuana can be an effective tool for managing chronic pain and a variety of other illnesses. Medical marijuana is clearly safer than opiates as it is impossible to overdose on and far less addictive according to Harvard Health Publishing. Medical marijuana appears to ease the pain of multiple sclerosis, lessen tremors in Parkinson's disease, along with easing the pain of fibromyalgia, endometriosis, and interstitial cystitis. It is used successfully for nausea, weight loss, glaucoma, Crohn's disease, epilepsy, and Rett syndrome.

In order to determine whether the people of Sauk County believe medical marijuana should be legalized so people have the ability to seek the best medical care for their needs in consultation with their physician, the County Board will conduct a countywide advisory referendum, pursuant to Wis. Stat. 59.52(25), in the Fall Election on November 6, 2018.

Fiscal Impact: None Budgeted Expenditure Not Budgeted

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Sauk County Board of Supervisors, met in regular session, authorizes the following countywide advisory referendum be placed on the November 6, 2018, ballot:

The question shall appear on the ballot as follows:

Should the State of Wisconsin legalize medical marijuana so that people with debilitating medical conditions may access medical marijuana if they have a prescription from a licensed Wisconsin physician?

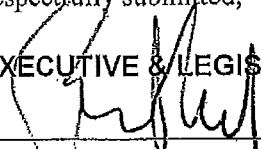
A "yes" vote indicates you agree.

A "no" vote indicates you disagree.

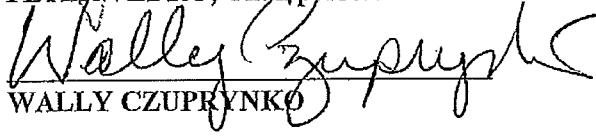
For consideration by the Sauk County Board of Supervisors on July 17, 2018.

Respectfully submitted,

EXECUTIVE & LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE


PETER VEDRO, Chairperson

WILLIAM HAMBRECHT


WALLY CZUPRYNSKI

WILLIAM WENZEL

THOMAS KRIEGL

Fiscal Note: No fiscal impact. *ICPB*
MIS Note: No MIS impact.

1 Enrolled No.

2 RESOLUTION

3 File No. 18-19/051

4 - DIRECTING THE COUNTY CLERK TO PLACE THE REFERENDUM QUESTION
5 CONTAINED IN THIS RESOLUTION REGARDING LEGALIZATION OF CANNABIS ON
6 THE NOVEMBER 6, 2018 BALLOT-

7 WHEREAS, A non-binding advisory referendum can gauge public opinion and give voters
8 an opportunity to learn about a public health issue that will likely be before the legislature; and

9 WHEREAS Alaska, California, Colorado, Maine, Nevada, Oregon, and Washington have
10 legalized adult personal use of marijuana, and regulate the production, distribution, and sale of
11 cannabis; and

12 WHEREAS, Vermont and the District of Columbia have legalized limited personal
13 possession and cultivation of cannabis by adults; and

14 WHEREAS, Michigan and Illinois may fully legalize and tax cannabis within the next
15 year; and

16 WHEREAS, in order to determine whether the people of Eau Claire County support or
17 oppose the legalization of cannabis, the County Board may conduct a countywide advisory
18 referendum, pursuant to Wis. Stat. 59.52(25), in the Fall Election on November 6, 2018.
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20 WHEREAS, other Wisconsin Counties will be offering advisory cannabis referendums
21 for their constituents' consideration on November 6, 2018.

22 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Eau Claire County Board of
23 Supervisors authorizes the following countywide advisory referendum be placed on the
24 November 6, 2018 ballot:

25 Should cannabis:

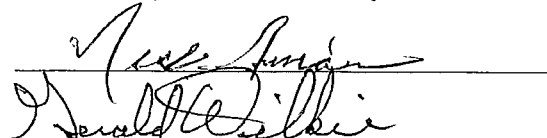
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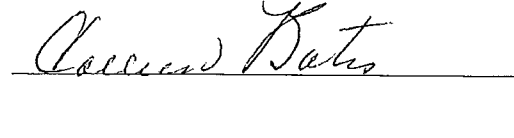
27 _____(a) Be legal for adult, 21 years of age and older, recreational or medical use,
28 taxed and regulated like alcohol, with the proceeds from the taxes used for education,
29 healthcare, and infrastructure in Wisconsin?

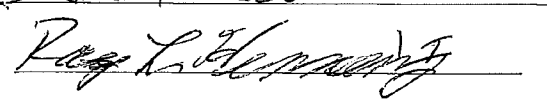
30 _____(b) Be legal for medical purposes only and available only by prescription
31 through a medical dispensary?

32 _____(c) Remain a criminally illegal drug as provided under current law?
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34 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Eau Claire County Board of Supervisors directs
35 the county clerk to forward this resolution to the governor, assembly members and senators
36 representing Eau Claire county and the Wisconsin Counties Association.

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41 Committee on Administration
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43 APPROVED BY
44 CORPORATION COUNCIL
45 AS TO FORM

46 Dated this 1 day of August 102, 2018.

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Sharon McKinney
Gene Miller
Donald Dalke
Steve Pagan

Committee on Judiciary and Law

KRZ/yk

Dated this 10th day of August, 2018.

ORDINANC/18-19/051

Reviewed by Finance Dept.
for Fiscal Impact

RESOLUTION NO. 2018-47S

RESOLUTION BY THE GOVERNMENT SERVICES COMMITTEE PROVIDING FOR AN ADVISORY REFERENDUM ON THE NOVEMBER 6, 2018, ELECTION BALLOT TO MEASURE PUBLIC OPINION ON PERMITTING USE OF MARIJUANA FOR MEDICAL PURPOSES, ALLOWING ADULTS 21 YEARS OF AGE AND OLDER TO ENGAGE IN THE PERSONAL USE OF MARIJUANA, REGULATING COMMERCIAL MARIJUANA-RELATED ACTIVITIES, AND IMPOSING A TAX ON THE SALE OF MARIJUANA

To the Honorable members of the Racine County Board of Supervisors:

WHEREAS, criminalizing marijuana use has failed to curb its use and;

WHEREAS, recent polls show a majority of Americans favor legalization of marijuana; and

WHEREAS, thirty states have legalized medicinal marijuana; and

WHEREAS, legalizing and taxing marijuana could lead to an increase in state and local revenue through sales and excise taxes; and

WHEREAS, an estimate by the Congressional Research Service suggests that replacing marijuana prohibition with a system of taxation and regulation could yield \$6.8 billion in federal excise taxes alone; and

WHEREAS, Alaska, California, Colorado, Maine, Massachusetts, Nevada, Oregon, and Washington have legalized adult personal use of marijuana and regulate the production, distribution, and sale of marijuana, and Vermont and the District of Columbia have legalized limited personal possession and cultivation of marijuana by adults; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the undersigned members recommend adoption of the following resolution; that Racine Board of Supervisors does resolve to conduct a countywide advisory referendum, to be held with the November 2018 general election; that a concise statement of the questions are given and that the questions will state as follows:

Question No. 1: "Should marijuana be legalized for medicinal use?"

Question No. 2: Should marijuana be legalized and regulated for adults 21 years of age or older?"

Question No. 3: Should marijuana sales be taxed for state and local revenue?"

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Corporation Counsel prepare a Notice of Referendum to be published by the Racine County Clerk in accordance with statutory requirements; and

BE IT STILL FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution and the referendum shall be filed with the Racine County Clerk no later than 70 days prior to the election at which the question will appear on the ballot.

1 Res No. 2018-47S

2 Page Two

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Respectfully submitted,

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6 1st Reading _____

Government Services Committee

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8 2nd Reading _____

Janet Bernberg, Chairman

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10 BOARD ACTION

11 Adopted _____

Thomas Roanhouse, Vice-Chairman

12 For _____

13 Against _____

14 Absent _____

Melissa Kaprelian-Becker, Secretary

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16 VOTE REQUIRED: Majority

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18 Prepared by:
19 Corporation Counsel

John A. Wisch

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Scott Maier

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Tom Kramer

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Eric C. Hillery

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29 **The foregoing legislation adopted by the County Board of Supervisors of**
30 **Racine County, Wisconsin, is hereby:**

31 **Approved: _____**

32 **Vetoed: _____**

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34 **Date: _____,**

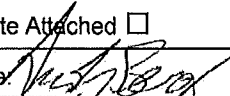
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Jonathan Delagrave, County Executive

KENOSHA COUNTY
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

RESOLUTION NO.

Subject: To Place an Advisory Referendum on the November 2018 Ballot on Permitting use of Marijuana for Medical Purposes	
Original <input type="checkbox"/> Corrected <input type="checkbox"/> 2nd Correction <input type="checkbox"/> Resubmitted <input type="checkbox"/>	
Date Submitted: August 21, 2018	Date Resubmitted:
Submitted By: Supervisor Andy Berg	
Fiscal Note Attached <input type="checkbox"/>	Legal Note Attached <input type="checkbox"/>
Prepared By: Andy Berg	Signature: 

WHEREAS, Wisconsin is suffering from an "opioid epidemic" with 800 overdoses reported last year alone; and

WHEREAS, research shows cannabis is an effective option for pain management and states that legalize its use see opioid prescriptions and dosages plummet; and

WHEREAS, the federal Food and Drug Administration has now approved the first ever cannabis-derived treatment for epilepsy; and

WHEREAS, criminalizing cannabis use has failed to curb its use and more than 100 million Americans say they have used cannabis; and

WHEREAS, 59 percent of Wisconsinites in a 2016 poll said that cannabis should be "fully legalized and regulated like alcohol," and recent polls show a majority of Americans favor legalization of adult recreational use of cannabis; and

WHEREAS, an estimate by the Congressional Research Service suggests that cannabis prohibition with a system of taxation and regulation could yield \$6.8 billion in federal excise taxes alone; and

WHEREAS, legalizing and taxing cannabis could significantly increase state and local revenue noting that the state of Colorado generate over \$300 million in 2017 from cannabis taxes and fees; and

WHEREAS, thirty states have legalized medicinal cannabis; and

WHEREAS, Alaska, California, Colorado, Maine, Massachusetts, Nevada, Oregon, and Washington have legalized adult personal use of cannabis and regulate the production, distribution, and sale of cannabis; and

WHEREAS, Vermont and the District of Colombia have legalized limited personal possession and cultivation of cannabis by adults; and

WHEREAS, neighbors of Wisconsin have either decriminalized possession, or will be doing so in the near future, including Minnesota, Michigan, and Canada; and

WHEREAS, the time law enforcement spends enforcing existing cannabis laws and ordinances negatively impacts the time available to solve more serious crimes and apprehend more dangerous criminals; and

WHEREAS, the Wisconsin State Legislature has failed to act on legislation to legalize and regulate cannabis and has not allowed hearings on such legislation; and

WHEREAS, Wisconsin State Statute 59.52(25) allows for a county board to conduct a county-wide referendum for advisory purposes;

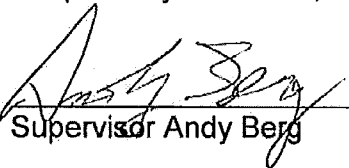
NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Kenosha County Board of Supervisors does resolve to conduct a county-wide advisory referendum, to be held with the November 2018 general election, to advise the State of Wisconsin as to the level of support within the Kenosha County population for allowing the use of marijuana for medical purposes; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that said advisory referendum read as follows:

Should the State of Wisconsin allow individuals with debilitating medical conditions to use and safely access marijuana for medical purposes, if those individuals have a written recommendation from a licensed Wisconsin physician?

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Corporation Counsel's Office shall fulfill its statutory obligations with respect to drafting an explanation of the above referendum question and that the Clerk be directed to place said question and explanation on the November 6, 2018 ballot.

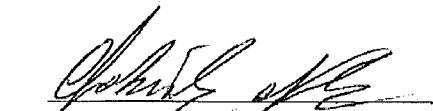
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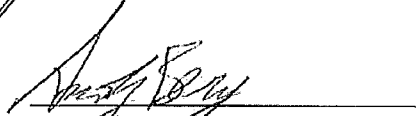

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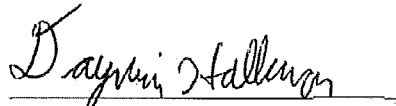
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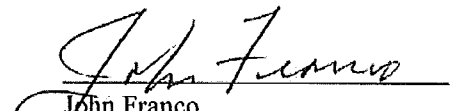
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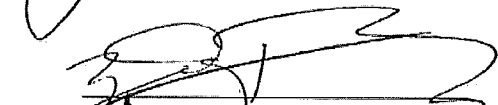

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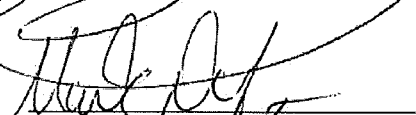

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RESOLUTION NO. 20-18

Support for HR 54.29 – SIREN Act of 2018

WHEREAS, the sustainability of rural emergency medical services has been a concern of Emergency Medical Service (EMS) professionals, policymakers and citizens for many years, and;

WHEREAS, most rural EMS agencies who provide basic life support services to relatively small populations spread across large geographic areas with low daily call volumes have difficulty recruiting and retaining qualified ambulance personnel, and;

WHEREAS, rural EMS agencies have the same training requirements and equipment needs as those in suburban and urban areas and;

WHEREAS, EMS is a vital link in the healthcare continuum and without it, community members in need will suffer unnecessary disability or death.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Pepin County Board of Health is in support of the House of Representatives bill 5429 SIREN Act of 2018 which is intended to provide grant funding to rural EMS for recruitment and training of EMS personnel, the purchase of EMS equipment, and to acquire personal protective equipment as required by Occupational Safety and health Administration.

RECOMMENDED BY THE PEPIN COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH:

	COMMITTEE MEMBERS VOTE
<u> /s/ Bill Ingram </u>	<u> 5 </u> <u> 0 </u> <u> 2 </u> <u> 0 </u>
Chair	In favor Oppose Absent Abstain

FISCAL IMPACT REVIEWED – No direct impact to Pepin County as grant funding would be provided by other governmental entity funds.

<u> /s/ Pam DeWitt </u>	<u> X </u>	
Finance Director	Recommend	Not Recommended

COUNTY BOARD ACTION:

<u> X </u> ADOPTED	
<u> </u> DEFEATED	by the Pepin County Board of Supervisors on this <u>15th</u> day of <u>August</u> , 2018
<u> </u> TABLED	In favor <u> 10 </u> Oppose <u> 0 </u> Absent <u> 2 </u> Abstain <u> 0 </u>

 /s/ Audrey Bauer
County Clerk

 /s/ Steven L. Anderson
County Board Chair

History of EMS

The modern EMS System began to take shape in the U.S. during the 1960s following the publication of a report titled "Accidental Death and Disability: The Neglected Disease of Modern Society," by the National Research Council.¹ As we progressed through the 1970s and '80s, Americans were provided prehospital care by trained members of local ambulance corps, police or fire departments. Throughout the late 20th century, many developments in medicine and emergency medical care created the need for additional training, certification and continuing education for pre-hospital providers. With these industry developments, volunteer EMS agencies began to decline as volunteer members found it difficult to meet these new requirements.

Across the nation, training requirements have increased to support the expectations for the EMT. No matter how low the call volume, ambulances still need to be fully equipped and personnel properly trained and ready to respond at a moment's notice. It is not just answering the call for a heart attack or a motor vehicle incident; EMS are on stand-by for athletic and community events, completing welfare checks and responding to opioid overdoses. The expectation in rural area is that the EMS is available anytime, for anything, anywhere.

Our capability to provide adequate pre-hospital care to citizens in need across the country has become greatly diminished. The current staffing shortages in EMS have taxed our response system, increased response times and left patients without adequate levels of care. The average interval between a call to 911 and arrival of EMS is 7 minutes.² This interval can as much as triple in rural areas according to the results of a 2015 study published in JAMA Surgery. For these cases of severe bleeding, life-threatening allergic reactions, cardio-pulmonary arrest or other time sensitive illnesses, the only thing worse than having to wait 30 minutes for EMS is for no EMS to respond. This is the path that we are on in rural Wisconsin and until everyone is made aware of the problem and measures are taken to stave off the impending disaster, the current EMS system will continue to collapse around us.

1. National Academy of Sciences—National Research Council Committees on Trauma and Shock. Accidental Death and Disability: The Neglected Disease of Modern Society. National Research Council: Washington, D.C., 1966.
2. JAMA Surgery—Emergency Medical Service Response Times in Rural, Suburban and Urban Areas, July 19, 2017.



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DOUGLAS COUNTY MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of Douglas County is to provide cost-effective services, with equal access to all citizens; to continue and enhance partnerships; to responsibly manage our resources and plan for the future.

September 24, 2018

TO: Governor Scott Walker WI Supreme Court
WI State Public Defender's Office WI Towns Association
Wisconsin Counties Association League of WI Municipalities
Wisconsin State Legislators All Wisconsin Counties

SUBJECT: Douglas County, Wisconsin - Resolution #55-18
Compensation Increases for Defense Attorneys Assigned by State Public
Defender Office Supported

Attached is above referenced Resolution #55-18, certified and adopted by the Douglas County Board of Supervisors at their September 20, 2018, meeting.

Your support for the intent of this Resolution is appreciated.

Best regards,

//Mark Liebaert, Chair
Douglas County Board of Supervisors
mark.liebaert@douglascountywi.org

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Enclosure

Roll Call		
District Number	Yes	No
1. Pomush		
2. White		
3. Finn		
4. Clark		
5. Baker		
6. Leino		
7. Glazman		
8. Raunio		
9. Jaques		
10. Quam		
11. Finendale		
12. Lear		
13. Allen		
14. Ryan		
15. Hendrickson		
16. Luostari		
17. Liebaert		
18. Moen		
19. Long		
20. Borgeson		
21. Bergman		
Roll: Ayes _____ Noes _____ Absent _____ Abstain _____ Passed _____ X _____ Lost _____ Refer _____ Amend _____ Other _____		
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RESOLUTION #55-18
RESOLUTION BY THE PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

Subject: Compensation Increases for Defense Attorneys Assigned
 by State Public Defender Office Supported

WHEREAS, there is a severe shortage of criminal defense attorneys in Douglas County, and

WHEREAS, State Public Defender appointed private bar attorneys regularly travel over 100 miles, one way, to represent Douglas County clients, and

WHEREAS, the lack of defense attorneys is causing excessive delays and inefficiencies for the Douglas County criminal justice system, including but not limited to excess pre-trial confinement in the Douglas County Jail, and

WHEREAS, in an effort to protect the constitutional rights of the citizens of Douglas County, the Douglas County circuit court judges are being forced to appoint private attorneys to represent individuals at the expense of the citizens of Douglas County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Douglas County Board of Supervisors urge the State of Wisconsin to provide sufficient resources to the Office of the Public Defender ensuring the criminal justice system is operated effectively and efficiently thereby protecting the constitutional rights of its citizens, including increasing the rate of reimbursement for private attorneys appointed by the Public Defender to a market rate that will ensure the prompt appointment of counsel and that cases are handled in a timely, efficient and competent manner.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the County Clerk is directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Wisconsin Governor, the Wisconsin Supreme Court, the Wisconsin State Public Defender, the Wisconsin Counties Association, the Wisconsin Towns Association, the League of Wisconsin Municipalities, all Wisconsin state legislators, and each Wisconsin county.

Dated this 20th day of September, 2018.
 (Committee Action: Unanimous)
 (Fiscal Note: None)

ACTION: Motion by Pomush, second Lear, to adopt. Motion carried.

STATE OF WISCONSIN
)SS:
(COUNTY OF DOUGLAS)

I hereby certify that this resolution is a true
and correct copy of a resolution adopted by the
Douglas County Board of Supervisors on
9-20-18

Susan T. Sandvick
Susan T. Sandvick, County Clerk

Resolution 2018-31

Urging the State of Wisconsin to provide the resources to
fully staff the Sawyer County District Attorney's Office

WHEREAS, the public demands law enforcement to effectively and efficiently pursue prosecution of crime on behalf of victims; and,

WHEREAS, in order to meet that demand, there must be sufficient attorneys to review each referral in detail and seek the appropriate legal response; and,

WHEREAS, the total number of cases filed by the Sawyer County District Attorney's Office has always increased over the last five years; and,

WHEREAS, the total number of complex felony cases have more than doubled over that same five year time period; and,

WHEREAS, the 2017 Caseload Study reports Sawyer County should have 4.34 full-time staff attorneys; and

WHEREAS, Sawyer County has two full-time attorneys, thus being staffed at 46.11%; and,

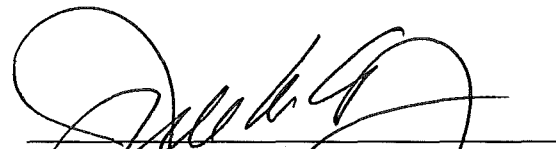
THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Sawyer County Board of Supervisors does hereby urge the State of Wisconsin to provide sufficient resources to fully staff the Sawyer County District Attorney's Office, ensuring continued efficient and effective prosecution of crime on behalf of victims and citizens; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the County Clerk is directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Governor of the State of Wisconsin, all members of the state legislature, and to each Wisconsin County.

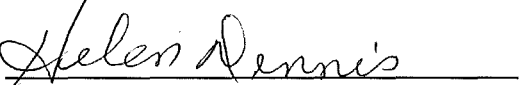
Recommended for adoption by the Sawyer County Public Safety Committee this 20th day of September, 2018.



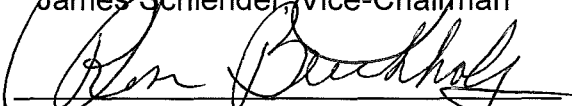
Bill Voight, Chairman



James Schlender, Vice-Chairman



Helen Dennis, Member



Ron Buckholtz, Member

Dale Schleeter, Member