



County Clerk

Kimberly S. Bushey
County Clerk

February 9, 2021 – Walworth County Board of Supervisors

**Report of the County Clerk Regarding
Communications Received After the Agenda Mailing**

The following items were placed on Supervisors' desks and are attached to this cover sheet:

- Lincoln County Resolution 2021-01-01 in Support of Increased County Child Support Funding (To be placed on file)
- Lincoln County Resolution 2021-01-02 Expressing Lincoln County's Support for Action on Climate Change (To be placed on file)

These items were received after the agenda mailing before the meeting. Other items that were placed on the Supervisors' desks at the meeting are not included on this report. Please contact the County Clerk's office for information regarding those items.

Support of Increased County Child Support Funding

Motion by: Heller

Second by: Bialecki

Dist.	Supervisor	Y	N	Abs
19	Allen			
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Roll call				

WHEREAS: The Lincoln County Child Support Agency administers the Child Support Enforcement Program on behalf of the state, providing services to Lincoln County residents including paternity establishment, obtaining child support and health insurance orders for children, and enforcing and modifying those orders; and

WHEREAS: Our children's well-being, economic security and success in life are enhanced by parents who provide financial and emotional support; and

WHEREAS: County child support agencies collected \$935 Million in child support during 2019 and established 98,405 health insurance orders for Wisconsin children; and

WHEREAS: Lincoln County's Child Support Agency provides services to children as well as custodial and non-custodial parents that reduce childhood poverty rates, establish parental rights and promote the involvement of both parents in the lives of their children; and

WHEREAS: The economic security and social service programs provided by Lincoln County Child Support Agency are needed by Wisconsin children and families now more than ever due to the economic downturn caused by COVID-19; and

WHEREAS: State funding for county child support services has failed to keep up with county agency costs, which have steadily increased due to growing caseloads, inflation and new federal regulations; and

WHEREAS: Wisconsin's Child Support Enforcement Program has fallen from 2nd in the nation for collecting current support to 5th; and

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

WHEREAS: An abrupt federal interpretation change in June 2019 eliminated \$4.2 million in federal birth cost recovery matching funds for Wisconsin; 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 federal funding for Wisconsin; and

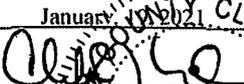
WHEREAS: Decreased federal funding results in less funding for Lincoln County's child support agency. This could lead to reductions in child support enforcement staff and services and reduced child support collections; and

WHEREAS: New state investments in child support are amplified by a generous federal match. Every \$1 of state GPR invested in the Child Support Program generates roughly \$2 in federal matching funds; and

WHEREAS: Wisconsin's Child Support Enforcement Program is incredibly cost-effective, collecting an average of \$6.20 in support for every dollar invested in the program.

STATE OF WISCONSIN)
) SS
 COUNTY OF LINCOLN)

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:

January 21, 2021

 Christopher J. Winkowski
 County Clerk


NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Lincoln County Board of Supervisors respectfully requests that state funding for county child support agencies be increased by \$4 million GPR in each fiscal year of the 2021-23 Wisconsin state budget, which will generate approximately \$7.7 million in additional federal funding each year. This investment will ensure that Wisconsin counties can continue to effectively provide economic support to our children.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be forwarded by the County Clerk to the Governor of the State of Wisconsin, State Senators and State Representatives representing Lincoln County, the Secretary of the Wisconsin Department of Administration, the Wisconsin Counties Association for consideration and all other counties.

Fiscal Impact: none

Dated this 19th day of January, 2021

Introduced by Social Services Committee
Date Passed: December 9, 2020
Committee Vote: 5-0



Drafted by: Renee Krueger, Director of Social Services

Resolution 2021-01-02

Resolution Expressing Lincoln County's Support for Action on Climate Change

Motion by: Heller

Second by: Allen

Dist.	Supervisor	Y	N	Abs
19	Allen	X		
6	Ashbeck	X		
1	Bialecki			
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4	Wendt	X		
Totals		13	8	

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WHEREAS, there is scientific consensus that human activity, especially the combustion of fossil fuels that create greenhouse gases, is an important driver of climate change; and

WHEREAS, climate change has been widely recognized by government, business, military and academic leaders as a worldwide threat to public safety, public health, local and global economies and quality of life; and

WHEREAS, local governments have an impact on greenhouse gas emissions through land use planning, transportation systems, buildings, energy, and water use and the many daily operations carried out to provide vital services to residents and visitors; and

WHEREAS, one hundred and ninety-five countries, including the United States, vowed to address climate change in agreements reached in December 2015; and

WHEREAS, clean energy technologies was one of the few sectors of the economy that kept growing through the global recession, and it continues to be the fastest growing sector in the nation and there were more people employed in the solar industry in the U.S. last year than in energy production from coal, natural gas, and oil combined; and

WHEREAS, clean energy technologies have become a key area of manufacturing industry growth and Wisconsin already has more than 500 businesses that manufacture components for clean energy technologies such as wind, solar and bio-gas systems; and

WHEREAS, some of Wisconsin's and Lincoln County's most iconic industries, including agriculture, forestry, and tourism, are threatened by climate change; and

WHEREAS, improving energy efficiency and resilience in the face of potential disruption in energy production can attract jobs and economic development opportunities to Lincoln County, and increase the county's long-term competitiveness and wealth; and

WHEREAS, actions that reduce the combustion of fossil fuels and the release of greenhouse gases, including prioritizing efficiency and transitioning to low-carbon energy sources, will improve air quality, public health, energy security, local natural environments, and quality of life for all; and

WHEREAS, Lincoln County is joined in taking action on climate change by cities, counties, states, and national governments and community and private sector leaders who recognize the importance and potential of these actions to protect and enhance the well-being of current and future generations;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lincoln County Board of Supervisors reaffirm their commitment to taking action to reduce its contribution to climate change; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Lincoln County Board of Supervisors also * recognizes that achieving a community wide goal cannot be done by county* government alone and will require leadership and commitment from businesses, community institutions, and utilities; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Lincoln County urges other counties in Wisconsin and the United States to join with it in its commitment to address climate change; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to Governor Tony Evers, Senator Tammy Baldwin, Senator Ron Johnson, Senator Mary Felzkowski, Congressman Tom Tiffany, the Wisconsin Counties Association, and all the Wisconsin Counties.

Dated: January 19, 2021

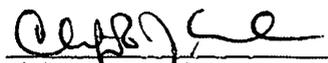
Introduced by: Land Services Committee
 Date Passed: 12-10-20 Committee Vote: 3-2
 Fiscal Impact: None

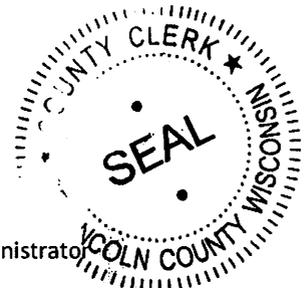
Drafted by: Mike-Huth, Zoning Program Manager/Land Service Administrator

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January 19, 2021


 Christopher J. Mariowe
 County Clerk



RESOLUTION 2021-01-02

Motion by: Weaver

Second by: Koth

to amend resolution 2021-01-02 to include the following wording after the word also and before the word government, in paragraph 12, first BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, and first line: "recognizes that achieving a community wide goal cannot be done by county"

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