

**RESOLUTION
ROCK COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

Wisconsin Counties Association
INITIATED BY

County Board Staff/Public Works
Committee
SUBMITTED BY



Nick Osborne, Assistant to the County
Administrator
DRAFTED BY

July 5, 2018
DATE DRAFTED

**URGING THE GOVERNOR AND LEGISLATURE TO PASS LEGISLATION TO
SUSTAINABLY FUND WISCONSIN'S TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM**

1 **WHEREAS**, local government in Wisconsin is responsible for about 90% of the road miles in the state; and

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3 **WHEREAS**, Wisconsin's diverse economy is dependent upon county and town roads as well as city and
4 village streets and transit systems across the state; and

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6 **WHEREAS**, while the increase in transportation funding for local government in the last budget was
7 certainly appreciated, many still are not back to 2011 levels when you adjust for inflation; and

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9 **WHEREAS**, Rock County and other local governments continue to struggle to meet even the most basic
10 maintenance needs for our transportation system; and

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12 **WHEREAS**, states surrounding Wisconsin and across the country have adopted sustainable funding plans
13 for their state and local roads; and

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15 **WHEREAS**, Wisconsin will be at a competitive disadvantage if it does not implement a revenue and
16 spending plan that addresses both our Interstates that were built in the 1950's and 60's *and* our local and
17 state roads; and

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19 **WHEREAS**, levy limits do not allow local government to make up for the deterioration of state funding;
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22 **WHEREAS**, local governments would not be forced to turn to local wheel taxes or increased borrowing or
23 exceeding their levy limits if the state would finally pass a sustainable funding plan for transportation; and

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25 **WHEREAS**, Rock County recognizes that our state highway and interstate system is the backbone of our
26 surface transportation system and plays a vital role in the economy of Wisconsin. Both local *and* state roads
27 need to be properly maintained in order for our economy to grow; and

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29 **WHEREAS**, from a competitive standpoint Wisconsin motorists pay significantly less than any of our
30 neighbors when you combine the annual cost of the state gas tax and vehicle registration fees.

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32 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Rock County Board of Supervisors duly assembled
33 this 13th day of September, 2018 urges the Governor and Legislature to Just Fix It and agree upon a
34 sustainable solution: one that includes a responsible level of bonding and adjusts our user fees to adequately
35 and sustainably fund Wisconsin's transportation system.

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37 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Rock County Board of Supervisors directs the County Clerk to
38 send a copy of this resolution to the Wisconsin Counties Association, Rock County Legislative Delegation
39 and to Governor Scott Walker.


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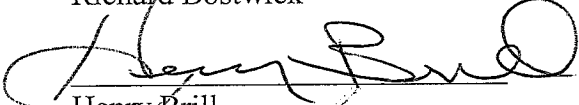
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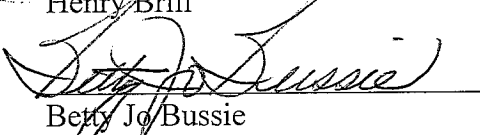
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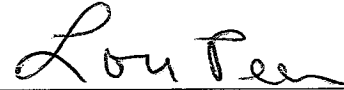

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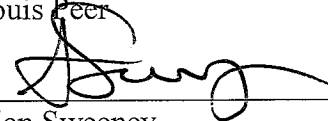

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Absent
Richard Bostwick


Henry Brill


Betty Jo Bussie


Louis Peer


Alan Sweeney

Absent
Terry Thomas


Bob Yeomans

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Dissent
Betty Jo Bussie, Chair

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Brenton Driscoll

Dissent
Rick Richard

/s/Jeremy Zajac
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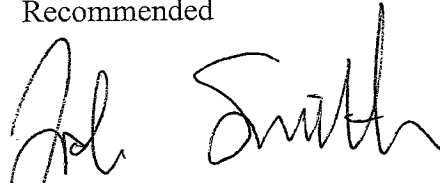
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Sherry Oja
Finance Director

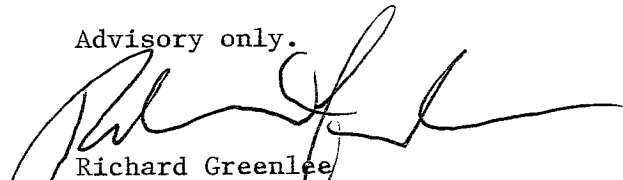
ADMINISTRATIVE NOTE:

Recommended


Josh Smith
County Administrator

LEGAL NOTE:

Advisory only.


Richard Greenlee
Corporation Counsel