

RESOLUTION NO.: 15—2023-24

TO THE HONORABLE, THE OUTAGAMIE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN:

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1 Outagamie County works in partnership with the State of Wisconsin to provide important
2 services to our constituents such as roads, public safety, conservation, and human services.
3 The County has implemented many efforts to improve efficiency, effectiveness, and fees
4 for services. However, the lack of increase in State funding is seriously impacting the
5 level of service provided to our constituents and is putting more and more financial burden
6 on the property tax levy. Many programs have not realized increases despite the effects
7 of inflation. According to the United States inflation rate, \$100,000 in year 2003 will
8 need to be increased to \$164,041.30 in year 2023 to maintain purchasing power.
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10 This resolution respectfully requests that the State of Wisconsin provide regular revenue
11 increases for mandated county programs at the rate of inflation. State levy limits will keep
12 funding gaps from being shifted onto property taxpayers. However, a lack of inflationary
13 increases in mandated programs will result in programs being cut back, poorly
14 administered, and longer wait lists. This will continue to increase public cynicism in
15 government efficiency.
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17 The Shared Revenue program operated by the State is one program that is neglected from
18 year to year. In 1993, the State program shared \$900 million with local governments.
19 Thirty years later, inflation would bring that amount to \$1.879 billion. Instead, the
20 program has been cut to \$830 million. According to the Legislative Fiscal Bureau, in
21 January 2023, Outagamie County only received \$1,517,985 in County and Municipal Aid
22 or Shared Revenue. With the County having a population of 192,938, this results in a per
23 capita amount of \$7.87. Citizens of Outagamie County are not being treated fairly. Other
24 counties received higher per capita amounts of up to \$101.93.
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26 In 1993, when the State shared \$900 million with local governments, the State income tax
27 revenue was \$3.45 billion. In 2021, when the State shared \$830 million, the State income
28 tax revenue was \$9.28 billion.
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30 Due to State imposed levy limits, quality of programs operated by the County is now in
31 the sole control of the State government. The County Board urges the State to provide
32 improved funding in order to maintain programs operated by the County for the benefit of
33 Wisconsin residents.
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35 NOW THEREFORE, the undersigned members of the Legislative/Audit and Human Resources

36 Committee recommends adoption of the following resolution.

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1 BE IT RESOLVED, that the Outagamie County Board of Supervisors does hereby respectfully
2 request that the State of Wisconsin provide regular revenue increases for mandated county programs at
3 the rate of inflation in order to maintain programs operated by the County for the benefit of Wisconsin
4 residents, and

5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Outagamie County Board of Supervisors does
6 respectfully request that the Shared Revenue program be increased in order to provide additional state aid
7 to local governments, and

8 BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Outagamie County Clerk be directed to forward a copy of
9 this resolution to the Wisconsin Counties Association and the Outagamie County Lobbyist for distribution
10 to the State Senators and State Representatives representing Outagamie County and the Governor of the
11 State of Wisconsin.

12 Dated this ____ day of May 2023

13 Respectfully submitted,

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15 LEGISLATIVE/AUDIT & HUMAN RESOURCES
16 COMMITTEE

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20 Cathy Spears

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29 Duly and officially adopted by the County Board on: _____

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31 Signed: _____

Board Chairperson

County Clerk

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34 Approved: _____

Vetoed: _____

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36 Signed: _____

County Executive