

1 **RESOLUTION TO PROCEED WITH ANALYSIS OF PROCESS OF SETTING**
2 **REFERENDUM TO EXCEED LEVY LIMIT**

3
4 **WHEREAS**, Wis. Stat. § 66.0602(2) sets forth restrictions that limit a political subdivision's
5 ability to exceed its levy limit, and these statutory restrictions apply to Sawyer County (the "County")
6 by virtue of Wis. Stat. § 66.0602(1)(c);
7

8 **WHEREAS**, the impact of Wis. Stat. § 66.0602(2) is that the County may not increase its
9 property tax levy beyond an amount equal to or less than the amount of net new construction unless the
10 County can utilize a statutory exception or conduct a referendum in which the Sawyer County Board of
11 Supervisors ("County Board") approves the increase;

12 **WHEREAS**, the County Board may only vote to increase the property tax levy by resolution
13 beyond the restricted amount set forth in Wis. Stat. § 66.0602(2) if such resolution is approved in a
14 referendum, pursuant Wis. Stat. § 66.0602(4);

15 **WHEREAS**, Wis. Stat. § 66.0602 sets forth a specific process and requirements for a
16 referendum, and certain provisions of Wis. Stat. § 66.0602 were recently amended by 2019 Wisconsin
17 Act 126;

18 **WHEREAS**, the County is facing significant budget shortfalls and the holding a referendum to
19 increase its property tax levy beyond an amount equal to or less than the amount of net new construction
20 is an option to address the budget shortfalls;

21 **WHEREAS**, the issue of a referendum, the statutory process, and restrictions of such referendum
22 was discussed at the County Public Safety Committee meeting on March 5, 2020 and the County Public
23 Safety Committee voted to forward the option of a referendum to the County Board for consideration;

24 **WHEREAS**, the County Public Safety Committee also voted to recommend that the County
25 work with the Lac Courte Oreilles Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians ("LCO") to address options
26 for collaborative work with LCO on the matters potentially impacted by the constraints set forth in Wis.
27 Stat. § 66.0602(2); and

28 **WHEREAS**, at its meeting on March ¹²~~N~~, 2020, the County Finance Committee reviewed the
29 issue of whether to recommend further analysis of the County holding a referendum to increase its
30 property tax levy beyond the restricted amount set forth in Wis. Stat. § 66.0602(2).

31 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, the Sawyer County Board of Supervisors
32 determines, adopts and directs the following:

- 33 1. The Recitals set forth above are true and accurate, and are therefore incorporated into the
34 Resolution and shall be used not just for reference.
35
36 2. The County Board of Supervisors determines that further analysis of whether the County
37 should hold a referendum to increase the levy limit beyond the restricted amount set forth in
38 Wis. Stat. § 66.0602(2) in order to address the significant budget shortfalls.
39
40 3. The County Board of Supervisors directs the County Administrator to analyze the option of
41 holding a referendum to increase the levy limit beyond the restricted amount set forth in Wis.
42 Stat. § 66.0602(2).
43

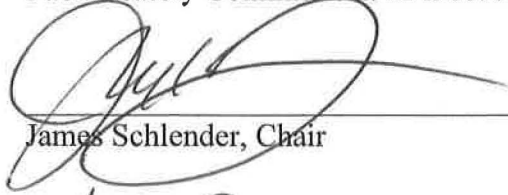
44
45
46
47
48
49
50
51
52
53
54
55
56
57
58
59
60
61
62
63
64
65
66
67
68
69
70
71
72
73
74
75
76
77
78
79
80
81
82
83
84
85
86
87
88
89
90

4. The County Board of Supervisors also directs the County Administrator to work with legal counsel to determine the impact of 2019 Wisconsin Act 126, the process of holding a referendum, and the needed requirements for a referendum in order to comply with the requirements of Wis. Stat. § 66.0602.
5. The County Board of Supervisors directs that the County address options for collaborative work with LCO on the matters potentially impacted by the constraints set forth in Wis. Stat. § 66.0602(2).

FISCAL IMPACT: None

(Signatures appear on the following page(s))

91 This subject matter of this Resolution was discussed and recommended for adoption by the
92 Sawyer County Board of Supervisors at its meeting on March 19, 2020 by this Sawyer County
93 Public Safety Committee at its meeting on March 5, 2020.

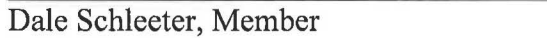
94
95
96
97 
James Schlender, Chair


Ron Buckholtz, Vice-Chair

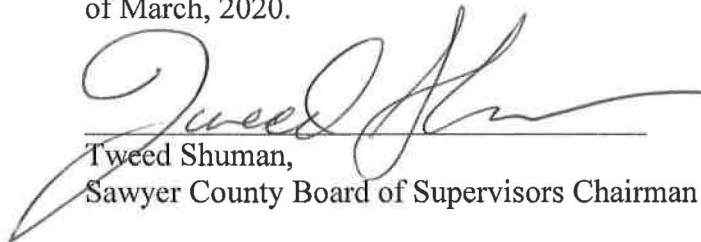
98
99
100 
101 Helen Dennis, Member

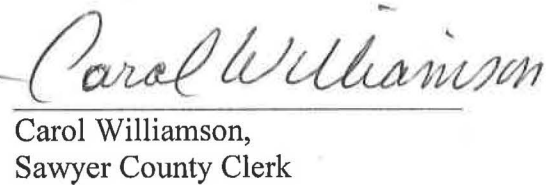
102
103
104
105
106
107
108
109
110
111
112
113
114
115
116
117
118
119
120
121
122

Dawn Petit, Member

104
105
106
107
108
109
110
111
112
113
114
115
116
117
118
119
120
121
122

Dale Schleeter, Member

109 This Resolution is hereby adopted by the Sawyer County Board of Supervisors this 19th day
110 of March, 2020.

111
112
113
114
115
116
117
118
119
120
121
122

Tweed Shuman,
Sawyer County Board of Supervisors Chairman


Carol Williamson,
Sawyer County Clerk

