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3 **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CLERK OF CIRCUIT COURT TO WRITE OFF**
4 **SMALL DEBTS, UNCOLLECTIBLE DEBTS AND CONTRACT WITH A DEBT**
5 **COLLECTOR**
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7 **WHEREAS**, the Sawyer County Clerk of Court has a number of cases with
8 outstanding fines, forfeitures, and fees; and

9 **WHEREAS**, Section 59.52(28) Wisconsin Statutes provides: *The board may adopt a*
10 *resolution authorizing the Clerk of Circuit Court, under section 59.40(4), to contract with a*
11 *debt collector, as defined in section 427.103(3), or enter into an agreement with the*
12 *department of revenue under section 71.93(8) for the collection of debt.*

13 **WHEREAS**, there are a number of fines, forfeitures, and fees existing in cases within
14 the Clerk of Court's office that may be viewed as uncollectible because of the following:

- 15 • the debtor is deceased and the death has been verified by letter, a death certificate or a
16 check of the Register of Deeds department records.
- 17 • the balance due is less than \$20.00 or the cost to collect is not effective and the
18 account has been inactive for at least 10 years.
- 19 • no action was commenced within 20 years after the judgment or decree was entered
20 (Wisconsin Statute 893.40).

21 **NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED** that the Clerk of Court shall be
22 granted the authority to write off any fines, forfeitures, and fees when the above criteria
23 exists.

24 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Sawyer County Board of Supervisors
25 authorizes the Sawyer County Clerk of Court to contract with a debt collector for the
26 collection of unpaid fines, forfeitures, and fees.

27 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Clerk of Court shall be granted the authority in
28 cases where civil judgments are entered by the court order with an annual interest rate that
29 the Clerk of Court shall be allowed the discretion to negotiate a write off of the interest if the
30 amount of the civil judgment is paid in full.

31 This Resolution is recommended for adoption by the Sawyer County Board of
32 Supervisors at its meeting on July 21, 2022, by this Sawyer County Public Safety Committee
33 on this July 7, 2022.

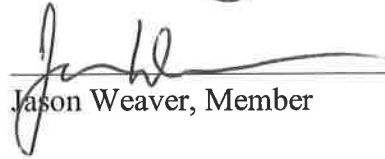
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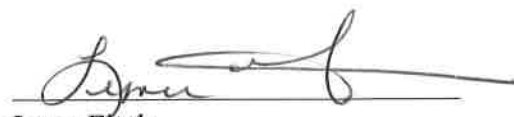

Ed Peters, Member


Marshal Savitski, Member


Jason Weaver, Member

This Resolution is hereby adopted by the Sawyer County Board of Supervisors this 21st day of July, 2022.


Tweed Shuman,
Sawyer County Board of Supervisors Chairman


Lynn Fitch,
Sawyer County Clerk