



RESOLUTION # 6-4/11

ITEM # 4-23

BOARD ACTION

Adopted:
For: 25
Against: -
Abstain: -
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Other Action: _____

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ACTION

Adopted:
For: 4
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Abstain: -
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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ACTION

Adopted:
For: 4
Against: -
Abstain: -
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TO: HONORABLE MEMBERS OF THE LA CROSSE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

RE: OPPOSITION TO THE PROVISIONS OF THE GOVERNOR'S 2012-13 PROPOSED BUDGET WHICH CUT SHARED REVENUE TO COUNTIES WITHOUT PROVIDING ANY SIGNIFICANT MANDATE RELIEF OR REFORM

WHEREAS, the 2011-13 Governors' Budget reduces Shared Revenue payments to Counties by \$36.5 million beginning in 2012, estimated by the Legislative Fiscal Bureau to equal a cut of \$1,006,010 to La Crosse County, reducing the allocation to roughly the amount received in 1992; and,

WHEREAS, the Shared Revenue Program (County and Municipal Aid) provides unrestricted aid as one of the fundamental elements of Wisconsin's approach to property tax control, to partially address variances in property wealth, to compensate for property tax exemptions, to provide mandate relief and 100% of the funding received by La Crosse County is used to reduce property taxes; and,

WHEREAS, while Counties, including La Crosse County, are prepared to do our share, after three decades of zero increase in State funding for most County services required by the State, the Governor's 2011-13 Budget doesn't provide any significant mandate relief or reform of funding inequity in any particular program or service area with the exception that Act 10 shifts 50% of pension costs to employees and essentially eliminates collective bargaining.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the La Crosse County Board opposes the cut in County Shared Revenue in the Governor's proposed 2012-13 budget, without providing any significant mandate relief or reform, and urges the Governor and Legislature to take the following steps to address the issue of unfunded and underfunded mandates on Wisconsin Counties:

- Repeal changes in 2009 Act 28, Public Safety Maintenance of Effort Requirements
- Repeal changes in 2009 Act 28, Prevailing Wage Laws
- Provide an equitable share of Court surcharges to Counties to pay for State court operations
- Repeal language in Wis. Stats. 893.83 placing greater Pothole liability on Counties than State
- Reduce and streamline Health & Human Service State reporting requirements, including common templates for assessment, allowing client contact by video to satisfy contact standards and continue to work with Counties for greater local flexibility in meeting State mandates
- Revive and enable the County Mandate Waiver program to permit more local decision making to implement cost effective efficiencies and shared services

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be sent to Wisconsin Counties Association, area legislators and Governor Scott Walker.

FISCAL NOTE: La Crosse County is estimated to lose \$1,006,010 of Shared Revenue in 2012.

Date: April 11, 2011

Date: 4-14-11

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LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE CHAIR

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE CHAIR

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Co. Admin.	_____	<u>SO</u>	_____
Fin. Director	_____	<u>SI</u>	_____
Corp. Counsel	<u>WAS</u>	_____	_____
Board Chair	<u>Solman</u>	_____	_____

Requested By: Tara Johnson
Date Requested: April 6, 2011
Drafted By: Steve O'Malley

Adopted by the La Crosse County Board this 19 Day of April, 2011

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STATE OF WISCONSIN
COUNTY OF LA CROSSE

I, Ginny Dankmeyer, County Clerk of La Crosse County do hereby certify that this document is a true and correct copy of the original resolution required by law to be in my custody and which the County Board of Supervisors of La Crosse County adopted at a meeting held on the 19th day of April, 2011.

[Signature]
Ginny Dankmeyer, La Crosse County Clerk