

RESOLUTION NO. 2-0105

Placing Referenda Questions On The April Ballot

WHEREAS, county government acts in partnership with state government in Wisconsin to provide programs and services for the citizenry; and

WHEREAS, state government requires county government to provide programs and services that are not always funded by the state government; and

WHEREAS, the major funding source for county government is the county property tax; and

WHEREAS, some mandated programs and services are not funded or fully funded by the state, causing the county property taxpayer to supplement funding with property tax dollars; and

WHEREAS, the public has an increased concern over how property tax dollars are being expended; and

WHEREAS, two statewide commissions (Kettl and Sheehy) suggested that the circuit court system and human services should not be funded by the property tax; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 59.52 (25) of the State Statutes states "*the board may conduct a countywide referendum for advisory purposes or for the purpose of ratifying or validating a resolution adopted or ordinance enacted by the board contingent upon approval in the referendum.*"; and

WHEREAS, the following advisory referenda questions are an effective way to determine how the citizenry believes the court system and human services should be funded:

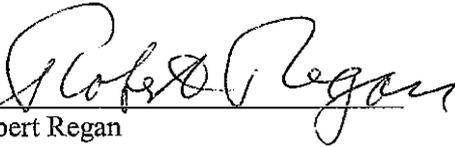
Should the State of Wisconsin, not the county taxpayer, pay
for the cost of the state mandated court system in Iowa County?

Should the State of Wisconsin, not the county taxpayer, pay
for the cost of state mandated human services in Iowa County?

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Iowa County will place the above mentioned questions on the April ballot as advisory referenda questions.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Wisconsin Counties Association.

Adopted this 18 day of January, 2005.


Robert Regan
Iowa County Chairman