

Resolution To Proceed With and To Authorize Contracts to Form and to Join Income Maintenance Administration MultiCounty Consortium

TO THE HONORABLE MEMBERS OF THE POLK COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:

WHEREAS, under current law, pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 49.78, the State Department of Health Services (DHS) has delegated certain duties and responsibilities related to the administration of the Income Maintenance program to counties; and

WHEREAS, under current law, Wis. Stats. § 46.031 and 49.78 require Polk County to enter into a contract with DHS for the provision of Income Maintenance program administration services; and

WHEREAS, as part of the Governor's budget proposal for the 2011-13 biennium, 2011 Assembly Bill 40, the Governor proposed that starting in calendar year 2012, responsibility for administration of the Income Maintenance program be transferred from counties to DHS; and

WHEREAS, counties across Wisconsin registered objections to the Governor's proposal and offered an alternative whereby counties would work cooperatively in creating regional consortia, which would be responsible for Income Maintenance Program administration services; and

WHEREAS, the counties offered the Legislature an alternative to the Governor's complete DHS takeover of Income Maintenance program administration, which proposal allowed, among other things, for the creation of consortia over the course of the 2011-13 biennium and a gradual phase-in of consortia-based contracts to replace the individual county contracts for Income Maintenance program administration; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature's Joint Committee on Finance accepted the counties' alternative proposal, in part, and rejected the complete DHS takeover of Income Maintenance program administration services; and

WHEREAS, the adopted 2011-13 State of Wisconsin Biennial Budget, 2011 Wisconsin Act 32, modifies current law relating to the authorization for DHS to enter into contracts with individual counties in relation to Income Maintenance program administration services and instead authorizes the formation of county-based regional consortia and further authorizes the consortia to enter into a contract with DHS related to the provision of the services; and

WHEREAS, Act 32 specifically provides that each county with a population of less than 750,000 shall participate in a multicounty consortium that is approved by the Department and that by October 31, 2011, the DHS shall approve multicounty consortia; and

WHEREAS, ACT 32 further provides that DHS may not approve more than 10 multicounty consortia; and

WHEREAS, Act 32 further provides that if a county with a population of less than 750,000 does not participate in a multicounty consortium or DHS determines that a multicounty consortium does not satisfy the DHS's performance requirements, DHS shall assume responsibility for administering income maintenance programs in that county or in the geographical area of the multicounty consortium; and

WHEREAS, Act 32 further provides that, without regard to whether a county chooses to allow DHS to take over Income Maintenance program administration services or join a consortium that will provide the services, Polk County is required to maintain a tax levy contribution to the system at an amount not less than the amount contributed in 2009; and

WHEREAS, as a result of Act 32, Polk County is faced with a choice of either fully relinquishing all responsibility for Income Maintenance program administration services to DHS or joining a multicounty consortium consistent with the requirements established in Act 32; and

WHEREAS, Polk County believes it to be in the best interests of the citizens of Polk County to join a multicounty consortium related to the provision of Income Maintenance program administration services consistent with the requirements established in Act 32 and which consists of 10 counties which surrounds Polk County (Barron, Douglas, Polk, Burnett, Washburn, St. Croix, Dunn, Pierce, Eau Claire, and Chippewa); and

WHEREAS, joining a multicounty consortium for purposes of the provision of Income Maintenance program administration services will require that Polk County enter into a contract or series of contracts with the such other counties that make up the consortium; and

WHEREAS, the contracts with other counties will establish, among other things, the following: (1) financial responsibility for the consortium; (2) financial accountability among consortium members; (3) individual county responsibilities related to the provision of services; (4) methods for service level accountability among consortium members; and (5) overall responsibility for the contract that will be entered into by and among the multicounty consortium and DHS; and

WHEREAS, the intent of this resolution is to declare the intent of Polk County to join a multicounty consortium consistent with the requirements set forth in Act 32, comprised of the 10-counties of Barron, Douglas, Polk, Burnett, Washburn, St. Croix, Dunn, Pierce, Eau Claire, and Chippewa; and

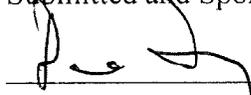
WHEREAS, it is further the intent of this resolution to authorize the Polk County Administrator and Human Services Director to enter into on behalf of Polk County any and all contracts or other documents necessary to create, form, authorize, and/or operate such a multicounty consortium of which Polk County will be a member; and

WHEREAS, this resolution shall be interpreted liberally in favor of authorizing the County Administrator and Human Services Director to take all actions necessary to effectuate the intent of this resolution.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Polk County Board of Supervisors that:

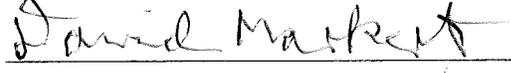
1. Polk County does declare its intent to join a multicounty consortium consistent with the requirements set forth in Act 32.
2. Polk County does declare its intent to participate in a multicounty consortium consisting of 10 counties, Barron, Douglas, Polk, Burnett, Washburn, St. Croix, Dunn, Pierce, Eau Claire, and Chippewa.
3. Polk County hereby authorizes its County Administrator and Human Services Director to enter into and execute on behalf of Polk County any and all contracts or other documents necessary to create, form, authorize and/or operate the multicounty consortium of which Polk County will be a member.
4. Polk County hereby authorizes its County Administrator and Human Services Director to take any other actions necessary to effectuate the intent of this resolution.
5. The County Clerk shall send a certified copy of this resolution to the County Clerks of other member counties and to DHS for the approval of consortium membership.

Funding Amount and Source:	Not Applicable
Date Finance Committee Advised:	Not Applicable
Finance Committee Recommendation:	Not Applicable
Effective Date:	Upon Passage
Date Submitted to County Board:	September 20, 2011
Submitted and Sponsored By:	



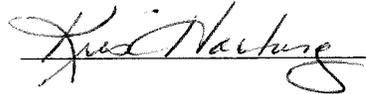






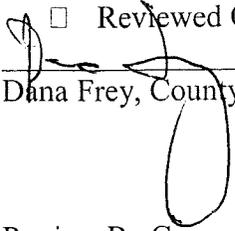






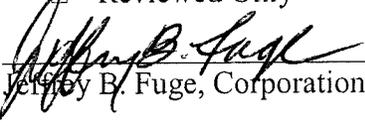
Review By County Administrator:

- Recommended
- Not Recommended
- Reviewed Only

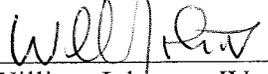

 Dana Frey, County Administrator

Review By Corporation Counsel:

- Approved as to Form
- Recommended
- Not Recommended
- Reviewed Only


 Jeffrey B. Fuge, Corporation Counsel

At its regular business meeting on September 20, 2011, the Polk County Board of Supervisors adopted the above-entitled resolution, Resolution No. 44-11: Resolution To Proceed With and To Authorize Contracts to Form and to Join Income Maintenance Administration MultiCounty Consortium, by a simple majority vote of in favor and against. *voice vote*


 William Johnson, IV, County Board Chairperson

Dated: 09.28.2011

Attest: 
 Carole Wondra, Polk County

Dated: 9-28-11

