

1 Resolution No. 61-17  
Resolution Affirming Support of Proposed Judgeship Legislation to Establish  
Third Branch of Polk County Circuit Court

2 TO THE HONORABLE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF POLK,  
3 WISCONSIN:

4 Gentlemen:

5 WHEREAS, on September 16, 2014, the Polk County Board of Supervisors adopted Resolution No.  
6 30-14 in support of proposed legislation to create additional judgeships, including the establishment  
7 of a third circuit court in Polk County; and

8 WHEREAS, the Director of State Courts of the Wisconsin Supreme Court has reported in the 2016  
9 Weighted Case Load Study that there is a continuing need for three judges in Polk County; and

10 WHEREAS, Polk County is currently authorized for two (2) circuit court judges, while the growth  
11 rate of case filings in Polk County has warranted three judges since at least 2014.

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13 WHEREAS Polk County's judge need has been identified as one of the highest in the state; and

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15 WHEREAS, the State of Wisconsin will pay the salary and benefits for the judge and the court  
16 reporter in addition to providing the needed computers and printers, while additional support may be  
17 requested of the county; and

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19 WHEREAS, in 2016, Polk County received \$111,141 in State of Wisconsin Circuit Court Support  
20 Program payments, said sum is based upon an apportionment for each branch in a county and an  
21 additional apportionment to counties with more than one circuit court based on population; and

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23 WHEREAS, the Polk County Justice Center has the prerequisite third courtroom available for a third  
24 court judge, together with sufficient room for necessary accompanying support personnel; and

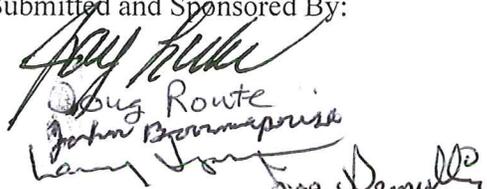
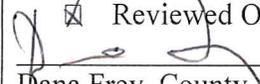
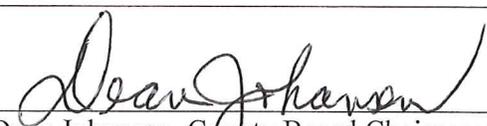
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26 WHEREAS, the support of the Polk County Board of Supervisors is required for the Director of  
27 Court's Office to include Polk County in a judgeship bill to create a third circuit court branch;

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29 WHEREAS, on recommendation of the Public Safety and Highway Committee, it is in the interest of  
30 Polk County and its citizens that the Polk County Board of Supervisors approve a resolution that  
31 affirms Polk County's support of legislation creating additional judgeships.

32 NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Polk County Board of Supervisors affirms Polk  
33 County's support of legislation creating additional judgeships and hereby requests the director of  
34 State Courts to request of the Wisconsin Legislature and Governor Scott Walker to create a third  
35 branch of the circuit Court of Polk County to better serve the citizens of Polk County.

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37 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Polk County will support both space and personnel requirements  
38 as deemed necessary for support of a third circuit judge.

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Funding Source/ Funding Amount:	
Date Reviewed as to Appropriations:	
Committee Recommendation as To Appropriation:	
Effective Date:	Upon Passage
Dated Submitted To County Board	September 19, 2017
Submitted and Sponsored By:	
	
Review By County Administrator: <input type="checkbox"/> Recommended <input type="checkbox"/> Not Recommended <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Reviewed Only  Dana Frey, County Administrator	Review By Corporation Counsel: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Approved as to Form <input type="checkbox"/> Recommended <input type="checkbox"/> Not Recommended <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Reviewed Only  Jeffrey B. Fuge, Corporation Counsel
Acknowledgement of County Board Action Mark As Appropriate:	
<p style="text-align: center;">At its regular business meeting on the 19<sup>th</sup> of September, 2017, the Polk County Board of Supervisors considered and acted on the above resolution, Resolution No. 61-17: Resolution Affirming Support of Proposed Judgeship Legislation to Establish Third Branch of Polk County Circuit Court, as follows:</p> <p> <input type="checkbox"/> Adopted by simple majority of the board of supervisors by a vote of _____ in favor and _____ against.  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted by unanimous vote.  <input type="checkbox"/> Defeated by a vote of _____ in favor and _____ against.  <input type="checkbox"/> Defeated by voice vote.  <input type="checkbox"/> Action Deferred by Procedural Action, as follows: _____         </p>	
SIGNED BY:  Dean Johansen, County Board Chairperson	
Attest:  Sharon Jorgenson, County Clerk	

**CERTIFIED COPY OF POLK COUNTY RESOLUTION**

STATE OF WISCONSIN

COUNTY OF POLK

I Sharon E. Jorgenson, Polk County Clerk due hereby certify that the attached hereto and incorporated herein is a full, true and correct copy of Resolution No. 61-17: Resolution Affirming Support of Proposed Judgeship Legislation to Establish Third Branch of Polk County Circuit Court, adopted by the Polk County Board of supervisors at its regular business meeting held on September 19, 2017

 9/19/17

Sharon E. Jorgenson, Polk County Clerk

Date