

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF MANDATORY MINIMUM SENTENCES AND
A THREE STRIKES LAW IN WISCONSIN**

WHEREAS, Polk County is a beautiful place to work live and play, and;

WHEREAS, the ever increasing supply of methamphetamine coming in from Mexico is cheaper and more pure than the “meth lab” version from decades ago and is finding its way into Polk County, and;

WHEREAS, the presence of the methamphetamine supply naturally leads to significant negative impacts on our community, including but not limited to: an increase on drug related crime, children being removed from the home because parents are unable to care for their children, loss in property values, decreased tourism because of the “stigma” associated with high levels of methamphetamine use, and;

WHEREAS, recidivism is rampant among defendants charged with drug related crimes and the laws regarding the factors a court must consider when setting a bond or issuing a sentence have limited the judicial system’s ability to address the increased crime and recidivism rates, and;

WHEREAS, the prevention of crime has been focused on rehabilitation and not enough on punishment as a deterrent with some of the recent sentencing reforms in Wisconsin, and;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Polk County Board of Supervisors hereby encourage and support the State Legislature’s effort in sentencing reforms that will supply Judges and Prosecutors with more options and tools at reducing and deterring crime.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, the Polk County Board of Supervisors support any statutory amendment that would implement a three strikes law that requires mandatory incarceration for violent criminal felony convictions after a defendant has already had two violent criminal felony convictions within the 10 years prior.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, the Polk County Board of Supervisors supports any statutory amendment that would require mandatory minimum sentences for certain drug related and other crime that negatively impacts the public health and safety.

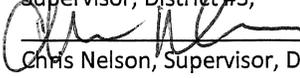
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, the Polk County Board of Supervisors commit to appropriating sufficient funds to handle the increased case-loads, the increased incarceration rate of the Polk County Jail, and the increased staff time necessary to handle the collateral impacts of the sentencing reform supported by this Resolution.

BY: _____

Brad Olson, Supervisor, District #1

Doug Route, Supervisor, District #2

Dean Johansen, Chair,
Supervisor, District #3,


Chris Nelson, Supervisor, District #4

Tracy LaBlanc, Supervisor, District #5

Brian Masters, Supervisor, District #6

Michael Prichard, Supervisor, District #7

James Edgell, Supervisor, District #8

Kim O'Connell, Supervisor, District #9

Larry Jepsen, Supervisor, District #10

Jay Luke, 1st Vice Chair,
Supervisor, District #11

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John Bonneprise, 2nd Vice Chair,
Supervisor, District #14

Joe Demulling, Supervisor, District #15

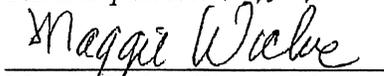
County Administrator's Note:

Matter of Policy



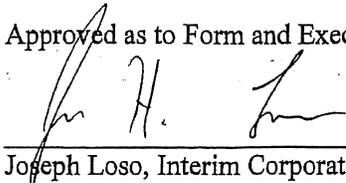
Malia Malone
Interim County Administrator

Fiscal Impact Note: No Financial Impact



Maggie Wickre, Finance Director

Approved as to Form and Execution:



Joseph Loso, Interim Corporation Counsel

Legal Impact Note: Lobbying resolution with no immediate legal impact.

Excerpt of Minutes

47 At its regular business meeting on the ____ of _____ 2020, the Polk County Board of
48 Supervisors acted upon **Resolution No. 06-20: RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF**

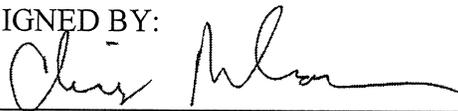
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50 **MANDATORY MINIMUM SENTENCES AND A THREE STRIKES LAW IN**
51 **WISCONSIN**
52 _____

- Adopted by a majority of the members present by a vote of _____ in favor and _____ against.
- Adopted by unanimous voice vote.
- Adopted as amended. See Below.
- Defeated
- Other:

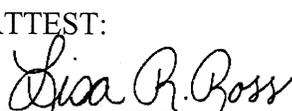
Insert amendment to resolution according to minutes:

53 Amendment to lines 33 and 34 by adding the words "violent" before the word criminal
54 and "felony" after the word criminal to read,
"that requires mandatory incarceration for violent criminal felony convictions after a
defendant has already had two violent criminal felony convictions within the 10 years
prior."

SIGNED BY:


Chris Nelson, County Board Chair

ATTEST:


Lisa Ross, County Clerk

Executive Summary

This Resolution is a lobbying effort that communicates Polk County's policy stance on the need for crime deterrent sentencing.

CERTIFIED COPY OF POLK COUNTY RESOLUTION

STATE OF WISCONSIN)
) SS
COUNTY OF POLK)

I, Lisa R. Ross, County Clerk for Polk County, do hereby certify that the attached hereto and incorporated herein is a full, true and correct copy of Polk County Resolution No. 06-20: Resolution in Support of Mandatory Minimum Sentences and a Three Strikes Law in Wisconsin as adopted by the Polk County Board of Supervisors on the 19th day of May, 2020.



Lisa R. Ross, Polk County Clerk

5/19/2020

Date