Bill Barribeau	YES			
Joseph Mueller	YES	Kenneth Draheim	YES	
Ed Kleckner	YES	James Stecker	YES	
Robert Stanke	YES	Ronald Dietrich	YES	
Peter Stier	(2) YES	Alice Connors	Excused	
Dave La Shay	Excused	Mike Hofberger	Excused Absent	
Matthew Budde	YES	Jeffrey Yelton	YES	
Duaine Stillman	YES	Mary Schwalenberg	Mary Schwalenberg (M) YES	
Kevin Weinberger	Absent	Gary Deiter	YES	
Merlin Gentz	YES	Heather Gibler	YES	
Ronald Green	YES	Patrick Laughrin	YES	

RESOLUTION 2016-18

RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE WISCONSIN STATE LEGISLATURE TO RETURN THE COUNTY VETERANS SERVICE OFFICE GRANT TO ITS ORIGINAL USE TO STRICTLY SUPPLEMENT THE SALARY OF COUNTY VETERANS SERVICE OFFICERS AND TO RESTRUCTURE THE PAYMENT STRUCTURE

Motion:		Adopted:	X
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	YES	NO	Α
1 BARRIBEAU	×		
2 BUDDE	×		
3 CONNORS			X
4 DEITER	X		
5 DIETRICH	X		
6 DRAHEIM	X		
7 GENTZ	X		
8 GIBLER	X		
9 GREEN	X		
10 HOFBERGER			X
11 KLECKNER	X		
12 LA SHAY	_		X
13 LAUGHRIN	X		
14 MUELLER	X		
15 STANKE	X		
16 STECKER	X		
17 SCHWALENBERG	×		
18 STIER	X		
19 STILLMAN	X		
20 WEINBERGER			X
21 YELTON	X		

To the Honorable Chair and Board of Supervisors of Calumet County, Wisconsin:

WHEREAS, The Wisconsin County Veterans Service Office has operated a block grant program for CVSO salary supplement since legislative inception in 1973, to attract and retain CVSO talent, and as a means to fund improvements to CVSO veterans services in the county; and

WHEREAS, The 2015 Wisconsin Biennium Budget restructured this long-standing CVSO block grant payment structure to a reimbursement-only structure, which has resulted in a very cumbersome program that no longer allows salary supplementation, and contains complicated rules of eligible reimbursable costs, which, together now create very troubling fiscal constraints on the smaller and poorest of Wisconsin counties that benefitted fiscally from the previous block grant payment structure; and

WHEREAS, The current block grant payment structure of the CVSO Grant is weighted unfavorably against the smaller and poorest Wisconsin counties and is weighted more favorably towards the most populous and affluent Wisconsin counties; and

WHEREAS, The smaller and poorest counties statistically have a lower number of veterans in their aggregate general population, indicating the available county revenue is at a significant fiscal advantage to the larger, more affluent Wisconsin counties, in supporting their veteran population with veteran services.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, By the Calumet County Board of Supervisors herein assembled, that the Calumet County Board of Supervisors joins other counties in the State of Wisconsin, to express their desire to the Wisconsin State Legislature to have the County Veterans Service Office Grant returned to the original 1973 intent to be used strictly for supplementing the salary of County Veterans Officers in order to attract and retain talented personnel in those positions, and to restructure the payment structure in order to benefit the smaller and poorest Wisconsin counties with a veteran population.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be sent to all of the Calumet County's State Senators, and Assembly Representatives, to the Wisconsin Counties Association, to the President of the Wisconsin County Veterans Service Officer Association and all local county veteran organizations.

Dated this 7th day of November 2016.

INTRODUCED BY THE HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES BOARD

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