

**OUTAGAMIE COUNTY BOARD MEETING
MAY 24, 2016**

RESOLUTION NO. 11—2016-17

Supervisor Patience moved, seconded by Supervisor Thyssen, for adoption.

RESOLUTION NO. 11—2016-17 IS ADOPTED.

1. THOMPSON	YES	13. WEGAND	YES	25. NOOYEN	YES
2. MILLER	YES	14. DE GROOT	YES	26. DUNCAN	YES
3. GRADY	YES	15. VANDEN HEUVEL	YES	27. CULBERTSON	YES
4. PATIENCE	YES	16. LEMANSKI	YES	28. STURN	YES
5. GABRIELSON	YES	17. GROOT	Absent	29. BUCHMAN	YES
6. STRENN	YES	18. SPEARS	YES	30. GRIESBACH	YES
7. HAMMEN	YES	19. STUECK	YES	31. CLEGG	YES
8. T. KRUEGER	YES	20. THOMAS	YES	32. VANDERHEIDEN	YES
9. J. KRUEGER	YES	21. THYSSEN	YES	O'CONNOR-SCHEVERS	YES
10. LAMERS	YES	22. HAGEN	YES	34. RETTLER	YES
11. MEYER	YES	23. KLEMP	YES	35. MELCHERT	YES
12. McDANIEL	YES	24. PLEUSS	YES	36. SUPRISE	YES
Item 8	Passed (35 Y - 0 N - 0 A - 1 Absent)			Majority Vote	>

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TO THE HONORABLE, THE OUTAGAMIE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN:

MAJORITY

1 The process used to develop the UW-Cooperative Extension Multi-County
2 Reorganization plan was flawed and provided little opportunity for meaningful
3 consideration of county concerns. The proposed plan reduces flexibility, decreases local
4 relevance, and removes accountability to local elected officials, partners, and participants.
5 The proposed plan jeopardizes the partnership between the UW-System and Wisconsin
6 counties, a partnership built on communication, collaboration, and engagement.
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8 The current Cooperative Extension System has a proven track record of success for more
9 than 100 years as a single county based model for governance, locally set levy
10 contribution and county determined educational programming priorities under the
11 oversight of each County Extension Education Committee designated by the elected
12 county board.
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14 The reorganization plan imposes drastic changes to the current UW Extension System.
15 The reduction target allocated by the plan to Cooperative Extension of \$1.2 million
16 annually does not justify the complete dismantling of the current County-Based
17 Cooperative Extension system when there are multiple options to address the budget
18 shortfall.
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20 The reorganization plan eliminates 80 local faculty education positions, a reduction of
21 nearly 50% in direct education staff, while adding an unnecessary bureaucratic layer of at
22 least 18 “area-leader-director” positions who will not be accountable to local elected
23 officials, community partners, program priorities, community needs, volunteers, funders
24 or participants. Wisconsin counties are unlikely to continue the current level of county
25 tax levy support in future years if direct educational services are significantly decreased,
26 thereby making the proposed reorganization plan financially unstable.
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28 NOW THEREFORE, the undersigned members of the Agriculture, Extension Education, Zoning
29 & Land Conservation Committee and the Legislative/Audit & Human Resources Committee
30 recommend adoption of the following resolution.

31 BE IT RESOLVED, that the Outagamie County Board of Supervisors hereby oppose the UW-
32 Cooperative Extension Multi-County Reorganization Plan approved by Chancellor Sandeen, and

33 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Outagamie County Board of Supervisors calls upon
34 University System President Ray Cross and the UW-Board of Regents to direct the Chancellor of the

1 UW Colleges and UW Cooperative Extension to retract all portions of the plan imposing a multi-county
2 system on county/tribal extension offices and engage counties/tribes as equal partners to consider
3 individual county options to address their share of the \$1.2 million reduction target, while maintaining
4 the current single county extension system, and

5 BE IT STILL FURTHER RESOLVED, Outagamie County is not willing to continue providing
6 local tax levy funding at the current level if direct educational faculty services are decreased as
7 described in the plan while eliminating accountability to the County Extension Education Committee
8 and the County Board, and

9 BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Outagamie County Clerk be directed to forward a copy
10 of this resolution to the Outagamie County UW Extension Director, the Outagamie County Executive,
11 all 72 Wisconsin counties, Wisconsin Counties Association, President Ray Cross and the Board of
12 Regents, and the Outagamie County Lobbyist for distribution to the Legislature and Governor.

13 Dated this 24th day of May 2016

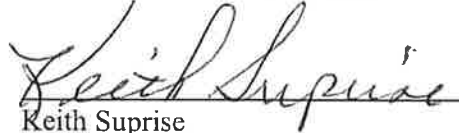
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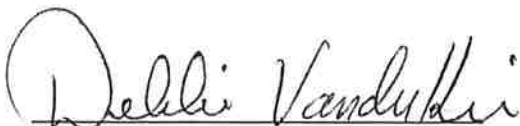
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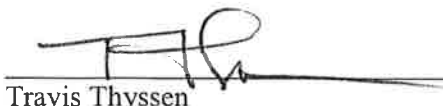
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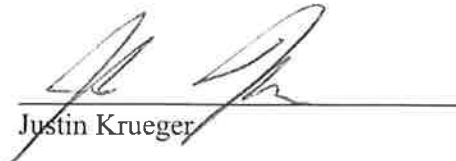
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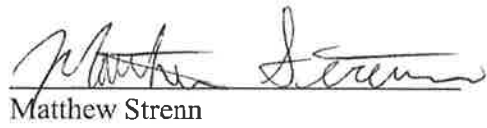


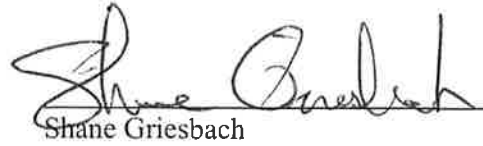
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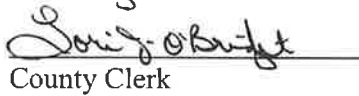

Justin Krueger


Matthew Strenn


Shane Griesbach


Duly and officially adopted by the County Board on: May 24, 2014

Signed: 
Board Chairperson


County Clerk

Approved: 5.25.14

Vetoed: _____

Signed: 
County Executive