

**Recommendations by Standing Committees
for Amendments to the 2019-2021 Legislative Agenda**

EANR AMENDMENTS

Surface and Ground Water Quality

- **Water Quality:** Maintain level of DNR funds for water quality planning and watershed projects. Support increased DNR financial assistance as an incentive to reduce non-point source pollution. Seek a fair share of state funding for inland waterways and lakes. Target state funds to where there is a high likelihood of project success, where recipient units of government have a proven track record of meeting state and local water resource goals. Support legislation to provide additional funding and staffing for local water quality protection, improvement and unfunded mandates.
- **Soil Erosion:** Support full implementation and funding of the state's water quality and established runoff pollution performance standards for agriculture, non-agriculture and transportation facilities standards.
- **Comprehensive Approach to Control Lake Levels:** Request the DNR to adopt a comprehensive approach to managing the levels of the lakes through collaboration with affected parties, including dam operators, municipalities and regulatory agencies toward improving natural hydrologic conditions and habitat. To address recent flooding, support efforts to manage the Yahara Chain of Lakes, improve the volume of water leaving the Yahara River system, reduce stormwater runoff volumes through increased stormwater infiltration and better management of stormwater on impervious surfaces.
- **Keep Asian Carp Out of Wisconsin Waterways:** Call on the WI Department of Natural Resources and the federal government to increase their efforts to stop the destructive advance of the Asian carp through Wisconsin.
- **Mining Reform:** Monitor mining reform legislation, support provisions that restore local government role and suspend floodplain rules that would nullify flood insurance and federal disaster assistance.
- **Water Management:** Support local governmental efforts to improve water management through water conservation, a balanced water budget and enhanced groundwater recharge.
- **High Capacity Wells:** Support science based regulation of high capacity wells that considers the individual and cumulative effects of high capacity irrigation wells on nearby waterbodies.
- **Public Trust Doctrine:** Oppose legislation that erodes the Public Trust Doctrine and DNR's ability to regulate navigable waters and wetlands.

Natural Resources Conservation

- **Stewardship Fund:** Support ongoing appropriations for the state stewardship fund that are strong and annually adjusted for inflation. Eliminate stewardship fund requirements for hunting and trapping.
- **State Urban Forestry Grants:** Allow towns, counties, and non-profits to access both the federal and state funds in the Urban Forestry Grant Program.
- **Payments in Lieu of Taxes:** Authorize counties to make payments in lieu of taxes to other local units of government when the county takes land off the tax rolls for conservation purposes.
- **DNR Staffing:** Support DNR staff levels that benefit Dane County water programs, including regulatory programs, lake/fishery, runoff specialists, conservation wardens, land conservation and parks programs.

Sustainable Agricultural Practices

- **State Commercial Building Code:** Support the exemption from the state Commercial Building Code of farm buildings used for agricultural purposes or horse boarding/stabling facilities.
- **Funding for Soil & Water Resource Management Program:** Support increased county conservation staff funding for implementation of the county's land and water resource management plan. Increase available cost share funding to support agricultural producers with implementation of conservation practices to grow the state's agricultural economy as well as protect soil and water resources.
- **Foreign Interests in Farmland:** Oppose legislation that removes limits on foreign ownership of Wisconsin agricultural land.
- **Non-Therapeutic Use of Antibiotics in Livestock:** Support statewide ban on on-therapeutic use of antibiotics in livestock production/agriculture.

Climate Change: Mitigation, Adaptation & Resilience

- **Renewable Energy Production:** Support legislation and statewide funding in the form of grants and incentives to encourage the increased use and viability of water-to-energy and renewable energy sources, such as wind, solar and biomass.
- **Green Jobs Economic Development:** Support statewide funding in the form of grants or incentives, for counties to develop, create and attract green job opportunities with green companies or industries.
- **Renewable Energy:** Support legislation that encourages waste-to-energy and renewable energy sources as viable energy sources for utilities and consumers.
- **Clean Energy Choice:** Support legislation to increase affordability/sustainability of renewable energy in Wisconsin.
- **Divestment from Fossil Fuels:** Support zero investments in fossil fuel companies for all local governments and state institutions.
- **Balanced & Fair Partnership Between Digesters, Gas Recovery Programs & Utility Companies:** Create a statewide reimbursement competitive grant program to enhance and fund bioenergy projects.
- **Climate Change:** Support legislative efforts to address climate change. Enhance county authority and funding for county-level action planning, mitigation, adaptation, and resilience around the impacts of climate change, including climate change influenced by human activity.
- **Energy Efficiency:** Work to defend and strengthen the statewide Focus on Energy Program and actively support efforts to increase funding and customer access to that program. Support efforts to return local control to local units of government for energy related decision making such as establishing commercial building codes. Restore school districts' energy efficiency exemption to the revenue limit.

Bicycle and Recreational Trails:

- **Transportation Aids:** Support the use of transportation aids for the construction and maintenance of bicycle trails with significant commuter traffic.
- **Bike Trail Task Force:** Support the creation and development of a statewide Bike Trail Task Force.
- **Commuter Transportation:** Support integrating bicycle transportation into future commuter transportation systems.
- **Trail System Development:** Request DNR assistance in the development of regional trail systems.
- **Eminent Domain:** Support efforts to restore the ability of state and local governments to use eminent domain to acquire land or interests in land for the purpose of building or extending state recreational trails, bike lanes or sidewalks.

Environmental Health

- **Reduce Fine Particle Emissions:** Target fine particle pollution non-attainment areas by providing increased funding and new incentives for fine particle emission reduction programs, including programs that reduce emissions from transportation sources and point sources through the increased use of alternative fuels, renewable energy sources, and energy efficiency improvements.
- **Diesel Idling Regulations:** Support statewide implementation of diesel idling regulations for trucks, buses and other diesel engines.
- **Mercury Rules:** Support changes to the mercury rules to achieve a 90% reduction per DNR rule.
- **Perfluorinated Compounds:** Support adopting a state-directed threshold standard of PFAS, PFOA and PFOS and the state exploring and identifying contamination and remediation options, including the associated costs and benefits.
- **Lead Pollution:** Support statewide/Utility User funding to help local governments mitigate lead contamination in drinking water. Support building statewide awareness and educational efforts related to the use of lead shot and tackle for hunting and fishing.

HHN AMENDMENTS

Access to High Quality Health Care

- **Dental Access:** Support policies and/or legislation that would ensure access to dental care for all residents including those on Medical Assistance.
- **Medicaid Expansion:** Support implementation of the Medicaid expansion under the federal Affordable Care Act (ACA). ~~Allow Wisconsin to use the Medicaid option to close the gap in BadgerCare for childless adults. If WI closes the gap, full federal funding will be available for three years 2014-2016, followed by gradual reductions to 90% by 2020. ACA creates other innovative benefits and programs that states and counties will help to implement.~~ Accept available federal funds for BadgerCare to ensure that thousands of Wisconsin citizens have access to quality and affordable health coverage.
- **Key Funding Streams:** Support Cost of Living Allowance (COLA) increases in key funding areas from the state including Youth Aids, ~~Community Aids, COP and CIP~~ Basic Community Aids, Children and Families Allocation, Aging and Disability Resource Centers, Income Maintenance, Children's Community Options Program and Children's Long Term Support Program.

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Economic Assistance

- **Income Maintenance Programs:** Support funding levels and legislation that provide sufficient resources to administer non-cash benefit programs such as Food Stamps, Medical Assistance, Child Care and issue benefits to all eligible people. Oppose changes to the eligibility/enrollment process and services funded under Medicaid and Income Maintenance.
- **W-2 Funding:** Support funding to pay all W-2 cash benefits and administrative expenses.
- **Childcare:** Support sufficient funding for childcare. Expand eligibility to include childcare support for low-income individuals pursuing higher education leading to employment.
- **Property Tax Exemptions Low Income Housing:** Clarify 70.11 Wis. Stats. to define "maintenance" as "repair and maintenance of property, capital replacements, insurance premiums, project management, debt retirement, project-related reserves, general administrative expenses, resident services, utilities, financing costs, preservation expenses and similar project-related expenses."
- **Centralization of Economic Support Programs:** Oppose initiatives to remove income maintenance administration from counties and create a centralized income maintenance unit.
- **Medicaid Funding:** Support enabling counties to accept/administer Medicaid funding at the county level.
- **Drug Testing:** Oppose legislation that would enact drug testing as a requirement for public benefits. Also oppose drug testing of youth in our public schools.

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Commented [WD3]: What does this mean? Would the county provide the non-federal share for all MA services provided in the County?

Services for Older Adults, the Developmentally/Physically Disabled and Mentally Ill

- **Birth to Three:** Support additional financial support from the state for this program. Support a modification of State Statutes to require health insurers to make third party payments to defray the cost of Birth to Three care for families that have private health insurance policies.
- **Community Support Program (CSP):** Continue program. Have additional state funding to help reduce county costs and serve those whom can benefit from the program.
- **RSVP Services:** Support increased funding for the RSVP Program
- **Seniorcare and BadgerCare:** Maintain Seniorcare and BadgerCare continuing programs.
- **Handicap Access:** Support "visit ability" legislation to allow handicap access devices in new homes or eliminate barriers in older homes.
- **Long Term Care Reform:** Plans developed by the state in the area of long term care need to protect quality and availability of services to consumers and maintain control by the county of programs or relieve the county of financial aid and/or legal obligations for the programs and participants if the county is not involved with these programs in the future. The required county contribution towards LTC should be equitably negotiated. Support adequate funding for the start-up and ongoing funding of ADRCs. Amend Chapter 55 to delineate state and county responsibilities.

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- **Equitable Funding for Long Term Care:** Extend higher federal MA reimbursement rates under the federal stimulus package to current county administered long term care MA waiver programs where county revenues comprise the non-federal match. Support freezing further county participation in Family Care until the State can fully fund county program start up costs and find more equitable ways of funding Family Care without penalizing counties, such as Dane, for the substantial financial commitment and innovative approaches already taken to meet long term care needs of its residents.”
- **Employment Services for Older Adults:** Extend the use of state and county funds to encourage the business community and technical colleges to create and support retraining and placement of older adults entering/re-entering employment, especially those lacking English proficiency.
- **Family Caregivers:** Provide financial support and tax credits to family caregivers.
- **Dementia Patient Rights:** Oppose involuntary psychotropic drug administration in Chapters 51 and 55.
- **Comprehensive Community Services (CCS):** Support continued full funding of the state match.
- **InvestaCare (Long Term Care Investment Fund):** Support legislation to establish a long term care investment savings program for individuals 18 years and older to meet future long term care needs through financial contributions.
- **Family Care/IRIS:** Oppose changes that weaken the Family Care, ~~and IRIS, and Partnership~~ programs, ~~eliminate CIP/COP waivers, propose negative changes to the Family Support program/Medicaid Personal Care Services, and weaken~~ or privatize Aging & Disability Resource Centers (ADRCs). Such changes will create dire consequences for people with developmental/physical disabilities, including children and their families and older adults in Dane County.
- **Mental Health and Drug Addiction Treatment:** Urge the state of Wisconsin to require increased insurance coverage and MA reimbursement rates in addition to adequate statewide funding for mental health services and drug addiction treatment programs.
- **Winnebago Mental Health Transfers:** Urge DHS to rescind its requirement to transfer ~~detained~~ mental health patients to Winnebago Mental Health Institute instead of Mendota.
- **Non-Emergency Medical Transportation:** Currently Medical Transportation Management Inc. (MTM) is contracted by the state of Wisconsin to provide rides for Medicaid eligible individuals to gain access to medical appointments. Contract provisions are skewed to reward MTM for denying rides instead of providing rides. Ongoing complaints about the quality of service suggest little accountability or oversight creating greater problems for the “transportation disadvantaged.” Support entities or other actions that will hold MTM accountable, improve oversight of the program, ensure quality, consistent services, resolve complaints and provide incentives for giving not denying rides.
- **DW SUGGESTION: Prevention Funding:** Support initiatives that provide additional funds for primary prevention and enforcement programs related to elder abuse and neglect.
- **DHS SUGGESTION:** Support the state in its pursuit to change the “IMD exclusion” that ultimately requires counties to fund institutional stays for patients covered by Medicaid.
- **Per AAA Bd Recs 6/4/18, ADD THE FOLLOWING:**
- **Oppose decreases and support increases of quality programs and services affecting older adults in proportion to the population growth.**
- **Oppose the reduction of educational and licensure requirements for health care professionals.**
- **Oppose funding allocation and distribution methods that disadvantage Dane County.**

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Commented [WD8]: Fyi – Badger Prairie advocates FOR the ability to use these drugs in certain cases in order to successfully take care of and treat a resident. If BP cannot care for one of these residents, he/she may end up being discharged to Winnebago. AAA Advocacy Committee would like to keep the language to protect the rights of older adults.

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Commented [WD10]: Explanatory language unnecessary.

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Commented [WD12]: DHS suggests modifying the language to acknowledge some patients, such as forensic and geriatric patients are detained at Mendota.

Commented [WD13]: Suggest reworking this provision because Logisticare has taken over the contract.

Commented [WD14]: Split language from the children and families section to place here. Also added “enforcement” because the AG Taskforce on Elder Abuse released a number of bills that DHS Supports. AAA Advocacy Cmte supports this change.

Services for Children, Youth, and Families

- **Career Development for Youth:** Support funding to provide educational, work skill development, transportation and mentoring services for youth or young adults who are at risk of dropping out, have dropped out of high school or who are unemployed post high school and lack the knowledge and skills necessary to secure and maintain gainful employment.
- **Early Childhood Initiative:** Support legislation to continue funding for the Early Childhood

Initiative programs.

- **Apprenticeship/Internships:** Provide incentives for the business community and technical college system to create and support apprenticeship/internship opportunities to young adults. Expedite entry and graduation from the programs to meet increasing demands to fill vacancies created by an aging workforce.
- **Prevention Funding:** Support initiatives that provide additional funds for primary prevention programs including delinquency, child abuse/neglect ~~and elder/abuse neglect~~.
- **Relative Caregivers:** Support legislation/policies that provide additional State support to relatives who take care of non-custodial children.
- **Kinship Care:** Support funding to meet needs of all that are eligible.
- **Wisconsin Medicaid Cost Reporting (WIMCR):** Eliminate WIMCR program or fully reimburse counties for the revenues they would have received under the Community Services Deficit Reduction Benefit (CSDRB) and Community Based Medicaid Administrative Claiming (CBMAC) programs which were impacted by the creation of WIMCR.
- **Family Child Care:** Support legislation to extend the state rules governing foster care background checks to family day care providers.
- **At-Risk Youth Report to School Board:** Develop a program for newly released at-risk students to interact with/give progress reports to school boards.
- **Law Enforcement Role in Child Abuse & Neglect:** Oppose legislation that usurps the authority of county Child Protective Services (CPS) by reporting all child abuse and neglect cases to law enforcement in lieu of CPS, increases penalties and changes the neglect definition to target low income and marginalized communities.
- **Child Support:** Request the Legislature designate additional state monies to the Wisconsin County Child Support Program ~~in order to continue to provide to maintain~~ the current high level of service.

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Commented [WD16]: What is the background for this provision? Per DHS, eliminating WIMCR would cause Dane Co. to lose hundreds of thousands of dollars. WI DHS is currently making changes to allow counties to get their full share of the federal payment relative to their costs.

Youth Justice

- **Juvenile Youth Justice:** Support continued funding for early intervention and intensive treatment programs. ~~Support continued improvements to the youth justice and juvenile corrections systems and ensure Dane County is able to successfully operate a secured residential care center for children and youth.~~
- **Youth Aids:** Support legislation to increase state funding for out-of-home care costs for ~~juvenile youth~~ offenders now paid for by Dane County. Limit increases in state rates for out of home placements for ~~juveniles-youth~~ (including corrections, child caring institutions and residential care facilities) to no more than the increase in Youth Aids.
- **17 Year Olds:** Remove 17 year olds from the adult correctional system and return them to Juvenile Courts and Juvenile Corrections.
- **Countywide Youth Collaboration:** Create two pilot programs funded at \$100,000 ~~each~~ to foster countywide collaborative actions with School Districts, Law Enforcement Task Forces (drug, gang....). County Human Services, Sheriff, District Attorney, Community Youth Service Organizations and target services for all students, ~~including parole activities.~~
- **Youth Programs:** Support continuation and expansions of programs focusing on prevention of delinquency, alcohol and other drug use, child abuse and neglect and domestic violence. Support increased funding and support for youth after school programs, especially at the middle school level.
- **Youth Courts:** Support and fund Youth Courts in Wisconsin High Schools.

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Public Health Services

- **Response to Local Public Health Emergencies:** Support legislation that recognizes the critical role of local Public Health Departments in responding to public health emergencies and provides adequate funding to respond to all threats to public health.

- **Public Health Prevention:** Support initiatives that maintain the integrity and effectiveness of public health prevention services, effective public health prevention services, health promotion efforts, health and racial equity, and conditions that lead to optimal health outcomes.
- **Creutzfeldt Jakob Disease:** Support the WI Department of Health and Family Services in its efforts to amend the administrative code to include Creutzfeldt Jakob disease as a reportable disease.
- **Medical Marijuana:** Support legislation allowing residents with debilitating medical conditions to acquire and possess marijuana for medical purposes if supported by their physician. Dane County voters approved this item in 11/2/10 general election, 75.49% yes and 24.50% no.
- **Women's Health Care:** Repeal all state laws that prohibit women from having access to safe and legal abortions, that don't protect women's health and don't ensure a woman's dignity, equality and autonomy.
- **Support Wisconsin Well Woman Program:** The Wisconsin Well Women Program pays for preventive health screening services (Mammograms, Pap Smears.....) for women with little or no health insurance coverage. Support maintaining the program and oppose any cuts or elimination.
- **Dangerous Animals and Vicious Dog Ordinance:** Amend state law to allow counties to enact stricter ordinances to regulate dangerous animals and vicious dogs having countywide applicability.
- **Reduce Holding Period for Unclaimed Animals from 7 to 3 Days:** Change state law to reduce the unclaimed animal holding period from 7 to 3 days. This would shorten the County/Humane Society holding contract and allow the Dane County Humane Society to place an animal up for adoption much sooner.

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Housing

- **Homeless Services:** Provide additional State funding for services to assist individuals, unaccompanied youth and families who are homeless.
- **Manufactured Housing:** Support legislation to amend state statutes to require adequate notice to residents when mobile home parks are closing, require storm cellars/secure areas in manufactured housing communities, encourage WHEDA to provide funding/financing for the purchase of housing on leased land, remove any barriers to long term leases, allow the purchase of communities by residents and the development of co-operative housing for manufactured housing communities.
- **Restrictions on Local Fair Housing Ordinances:** Oppose legislation that impinges on the rights of tenants by allowing landlords to discriminate based on a tenant's income, occupation, rental history, credit information, arrest/conviction history and Social Security number.
- **Landlord Regulation:** Repeal 2011 WI Act 108, which prohibits local government ordinances that place limits or requirements on landlords (Fair Housing Ordinance). Repeal 2011 WI Act 143, which prohibits a local government from imposing a moratorium on eviction actions and amends/creates new provisions that benefit landlords including but not limited to allowing: landlord discretion in disposing/storing of medical/personal items; landlords to withhold a tenant's security deposit or portion of for damages, unpaid rent/utility bills; and severability of rental agreements. Repeal 2011-2012 budget bill provision which deletes landlord foreclosure notice. Repeal 2013 WI Act 76 (Prohibit Local Landlord Ordinances).
- **Affordable Housing Trust Fund:** Support enabling legislation to allow Dane County to create an Affordable Housing Trust Fund.
- **Tenants' Rights:** Oppose legislation that prohibits local governments from enacting/enforcing ordinances that regulate landlord/tenant relations which enhance fairness in landlord/tenant relations, foster responsible property ownership and protect the safety & stability of neighborhoods.

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Veterans Services

- **Armed Forces:** Support the Dane County soldiers who are presently serving. Support protecting families and jobs rather than utilizing precious resources and funds to wage a war.
- **VFW Halls:** Support a property tax exemption for chartered veterans' organizations.
- **Property Tax Credit:** ~~Eliminate the 65-year-old age limit, drop the disability rating from 100% to 30% or greater, and allow 10 consecutive years of Wisconsin residency after separation (this expands eligibility to veteran applicants whose home of record was not Wisconsin).~~
- **Trust Fund:** Support an increase from state GPR to help stabilize the Trust Fund so veterans will no longer pay for their own benefits and programs. The Trust Fund is financed through veteran programs such as personal and home loans.
- **Wisconsin GI Bill:** Fully fund the Wisconsin GI Bill without any limitations on eligibility.
- **State Funding for the Veterans Trust Fund:** Support increased funding in the State budget bill to insure solvency of the Veterans Trust Fund including but not limited to, the exploration of permanent state funding for the WI Dept. of Veteran Affairs and the veteran programs/benefits that the Department oversees.
- **Ending Veteran Homelessness:** Support ending veteran homelessness by maximizing state and federal resources and streamlining local housing processes.
- **Mass Transit for Disabled Veterans:** Support fully funding bus passes and other mass transit costs for all service-connected disabled veterans in all Wisconsin locations and transit programs.
- **County Veterans Offices:** Oppose legislation that cuts/restructures CVSO funding, reduces veteran services or weakens the offices by regionalization
- **Veterans Administration:** Support and recognize the significance of the William S. Middleton Memorial Veterans Administration Hospital and area clinics in the lives of veterans and in the Dane County community and opposes the privatization of services that the Veterans Administration provides to millions of veterans nationally and thousands of Dane County residents jeopardizing their care.

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PERSONNEL & FINANCE AMENDMENTS

County Personnel, Finance, and Governance

- **State Mandates:** ~~Oppose any state or federal legislation or rule s/regulations promulgated by federal or state agencies that would require counties to provide a service or administer any program without adequate and on-going funding; s/Support creation of a Joint Survey Committee on Local Mandates. Support legislation to allow waivers from state mandates. Support requiring t~~The state ~~shall~~to perform a biennial review of all mandated programs to determine continued need for the programs and annually review all mandated programs funded at 50% or less.
- **Fees/Licenses:** Support state-set fees collected by counties ~~should~~to fairly cover administrative costs.
- **Libraries:** Enforce compliance with WI Stats. 43.24(6) which require state funding for public library systems at 13% of local library expenditures.
- **Association Memberships:** ~~Amend WI Stats. 59.07(27) to~~Support requireing a simple majority vote of the county board of supervisors to purchase membership in an association of county boards.
- **Room Tax:** Amend the room tax statutes to include counties.
- **Alliant Energy Center District:** ~~Provide Support state funding for capital projects on the Alliant Energy Center campus and support authorizing the creation of a taxing authority, known as the Alliant Energy Center District, to be used to repay bonds for the construction, maintenance and operations of campus facilities. enabling legislation or a grandfather clause within the Wisconsin Center District and Bradley Center agreement to extend the same authority to the Alliant Energy Center.~~
- **TABOR/Property Tax Freeze:** ~~Urge state to pay for required programs to reduce property tax growth, not pass more constitutional amendments~~Oppose any efforts to limit or prohibit local governments from increasing their expenditures or revenues.
- **Offshore Contracting/Buy Local:** ~~Provide and maintain state funding to create incentives for businesses and all levels of government to buy local produce and products.~~ Oppose the practice of contracting state of Wisconsin government functions or services to ~~overseas-out-of-state~~ companies/operations.
- **Reverse Marriage Ban:** Support a constitutional amendment to delete the marriage ban amendment adopted in the Fall 2006 General Election.
- **Domestic Partnership Benefits:** ~~Continue to allow~~Support restoring local governments' ability to provide domestic partner benefits.
- **State Contracts:** Require the State to award contracts to vendors that extend spousal benefits to include employees in domestic partner relationships.
- **Grant Program Continuity:** Require that when the state awards contracts or otherwise funds a project, the state should require sustainability as one criterion in the decision-making or contract selection process.
- **Buy Local:** ~~Provide and maintain state funding to create incentives for businesses and all levels of government to buy local produce and products.~~
- **Restore Impact Fee Authority:** Restore counties to the governmental entities that are authorized to levy impact fees.
- **Online Retailers Sales Tax:** ~~Support legislation requiring online retailers with Wisconsin ties to collect and remit WI State and local sales tax.~~
- **Fair and Equitable Taxation:** Support fair and equitable taxation without harming county revenue.
- **Local Government Control:** Oppose any legislation that limits or deletes local government control including opposition to levy limits and support for county home rule authority.
- **Highway Workers Safety:** Earmark a portion of every state construction/maintenance contract to fund increased local law enforcement in construction/maintenance zones.
- **Prevailing Wage:** ~~Oppose legislation that eliminates~~Restore the prevailing wage requirement for public works and other projects. The prevailing wage guarantees fair bids, quality work and middle class wages for skilled workers in Dane County.
- **Fair Motorboat Gas Tax Allocation:** Support legislation to fairly allocate motorboat fuel tax through a more equitable distribution formula.

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- **Legislative Mandates:** ~~Oppose any state or federal legislation or rules/regulations promulgated by federal or state agencies that would require counties to provide a service or administer any program without adequate and on-going funding; support creation of a Joint Survey Committee on Local Mandates. Support legislation to allow waivers from state mandates.~~
- **Comprehensive School Funding Reform:** Support changes in the school aid formula to align revenues with educational costs. Distribute resources in accordance with the diverse needs of students and districts to ensure every student receives a quality education. Support moving school funding away from reliance on property taxes.
- **Support Wisconsin Workers' Rights to Organize and Collectively Bargain:** ~~Dane County is committed to a fair and respectful bargaining process and in bargaining in good faith with our employees, even if state statutes no longer require collective bargaining between Dane County and its employees. Oppose attacks on workers' rights.~~
- **Population Change:** ~~Dane is nearing the 500,000 population mark. Support legislation to address issues within the state statutes that pertain to counties with a population of 500,000 or more (Milwaukee County) by changing the population figure to 750,000 or more throughout the state statutes. There are 160 provisions in state law that apply to counties that size. One of the most problematic provisions, the state takeover of Dane County child welfare services, would cost county taxpayers \$58.8 million.~~
- **Changes to Wisconsin Redistricting Statutes:** Oppose changes to the redistricting process that allow the Wisconsin Legislature to develop a map of Congressional, Senatorial and Assembly districts prior to local government input regarding ward boundaries.
- **Collective Bargaining Rights:** ~~Support workers having the right to seek safe working conditions, benefits and fair pay through collective bargaining and oppose legislation that weakens it.~~
- **Oppose State-Imposed County Board Restructuring:** Oppose legislation that impedes a County Board from governing, budgeting and hiring staff.
- **Collective Bargaining:** Support legislation allowing local government the option to engage in collective bargaining with public sector employees. ~~Dane County is committed to a fair and respectful bargaining process and in bargaining in good faith with our employees, even if state statutes no longer require collective bargaining between Dane County and its employees. Oppose attacks on workers' rights.~~
- **Balance of Power:** Oppose efforts to alter the authority and/or responsibilities among county boards, county executives or administrators, and constitutional officers and upset the balance of power in county government across Wisconsin.
- **Dark Store Loophole:** Oppose the Dark Store Loophole by clarifying that leases are appropriately factored into the valuation of leased properties and that when using the comparable sale method of valuation, assessors shall consider as comparable only those sales within the same market segment exhibiting a similar highest and best use rather than similarly sized but vacant properties in abandoned locations.
- **Nonpartisan Redistricting:** ~~Support legislation to require a nonpartisan system for redistricting legislative and congressional districts in the state. Dane County voters approved by 82.1% yes votes and 17.9% no votes.~~
- **Nonpartisan Redistricting:** Dane County Board of Supervisors supports the creation of an independent non-partisan process for the preparation of legislative and congressional district lines.
- **Project Labor Agreements:** ~~Support the restoration of local governments' ability to enter into Project Labor Agreements.~~

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PP &J

Committee reviewed the proposed amendments and discussed further changes as follows:

- **EMS Services:** The Committee accepted the minor grammatical change suggested.
- **Communications Surcharge for 911 Systems:** The Committee accepted the suggested change to reflect 2018 RES 330.
- **Next Generation 911:** The Committee accepted the suggested change to delete this provision.
- **Recording Fees:** The Committee determined this provision should be removed because of the Open Records provision that is already included in the Legislative Agenda.
- **First Responder Training:** The Committee accepted the removal of the parenthetical information.
- **Emergency Communications Interoperability:** The Committee accepted the suggestion to delete the provision.
- **Conceal and Carry Weapons:** The Committee accepted the update to the language as suggested. Sup. Bayrd proposed adding “public mass transportation” to the last list of location so that it reads, “facilities, community centers, health care facilities, and public mass transportation.” Committee accepted this addition.
- **State Audit Probation & Parole Program:** The Committee accepted the alternative language so that it reads as follows: “Support reforming the probation and parole program to streamline the revocation process in order to reduce days in jail”
- **Close Public Defender Eligibility Gap:** The Committee accepted the suggested changes, but also modified the language so it specifically states that the County supports an increase in public defender pay to “at least \$70 an hour.”
- **County Jail:** The Committee accepted the grammatical changes and the suggested deletion.
- **Victim-Witness Program:** The Committee rejected the proposal to combine this provision with the suggested addition regarding the Marsy’s Law provision.
- **License Fee:** The Committee discussed this provision and determined it did not have enough information to make a recommendation. Supervisor Bayrd volunteered to research the issue and make any suggested changes when the Executive Committee discusses the matter.
- **Industrial Hemp:** The Committee accepted the recommendation to remove this provision.
- **District Attorney Funding:** The Committee accepted the recommendations.
- **Legalize Marijuana:** Committee proposed updating the provision to include the 2018 results.
- **Medical Marijuana:** The Committee proposed broadening this provision to include the legalization of marijuana position referenced earlier.

- **Interstate Traffic Tickets:** The Committee determined it did not have enough information to make a recommendation, and therefore did not accept any of the suggestions.
- **Boating Laws/Boater Registration Act:** The Committee accepted the suggestion to combine these two provisions.
- **Bail and conditions of Pre-trial Release:** The Committee accepted the recommendation to include language to support efforts to reform the bail system. Supervisors Rusk and Bayrd discussed the following amendment:
 - “Support legislation that reforms bail and conditions of pretrial release that ~~enhance public safety and~~ respects the constitutional rights of the accused, ~~considers the costs to local governments,~~ enhances public safety and incorporates evidence based strategies.

The Committee accepted the proposed amendment.
- **Marsy’s Law:** The Committee determined it did not want accept the suggested recommendation.
- **Immigration/Drivers’ Licenses:** Sup. Danner suggested adding a new provision that would support legislation that allows undocumented immigrants to obtain drivers’ licenses. The Committee accepted Sup. Danner’s recommendation.
- **Group Homes:** Sup. Danner suggested a new provision that would support efforts to reassess the maximum daily rate that group homes receive. The Committee accepted the suggestion.
- **First Responder Training:** Sup. Danner suggested adding the phrase “as well as other adults” after the phrase “older adults” in current line 463. The Committee accepted the suggested change.

PWT AMENDMENTS

Replace lines 567-637 with the following:

Bicycle and Recreational Trails

- Support allowing transportation aids to be used for the construction and maintenance of bicycle trails with significant commuter traffic.
- Support the creation and development of a statewide Bike Trail Task Force.
- Support integrating bicycle transportation into future commuter transportation systems
- Request DNR assistance in the development of regional trailsystems.

Mass Transit

- Support authorizing legislation for a Regional Transit Authority (RTA) that is flexible enough to adapt to local needs and has these basic parameters: A representative RTA could be formed by one or more municipal governing bodies passing resolutions in support. A referendum would need to be adopted by a majority of voters in each municipality forming, or seeking to join the RTA. The amount of the sales tax would need to be authorized in the referendum, but could not exceed 0.5%. The governing board would be composed of elected officials, representative of the communities within the RTA area.
- Support state and federal funding for a high speed passenger rail line connecting Madison with the Twin Cities, Milwaukee, and Chicago.
- Oppose legislation that takes airport governance away from county government and gives it to a private/public airport authority.

Local Road Funding and Projects

- Support a greater share of state and federal transportation funding going toward local transportation needs and services. Funding should be increased for General Transportation Aids, State Highway Maintenance, the County Highway Improvement Program (CHIPS) and Specialized Transportation for older adults and persons with disabilities.
- Require “farmland mitigation” for highway improvement projects.
- Funding formulas that discriminate against urban counties should be revised and the local match (now 50%) for CHIPS should be decreased.
- Support state and federal funding for the North Mendota Parkway. Oppose an expansion to four lanes on Main Street (State Highway 19) in downtown Waunakee.
- Support mitigation measures to lessen the impact of the Verona Road construction project on surrounding neighborhoods and local businesses. Those measures include noise barriers, monitoring air quality, preservation of commercial areas, minimizing impacts on established neighborhoods, storm water management (steer away from Dunn’s Marsh), and develop bike lanes, pedestrian/bicycle bridges and sidewalks on frontage and neighborhood roads.
- Require WisDOT to provide more funding up front through operational reimbursement and incentivizing improvements.

Waste and Renewables

- Support long-term state funding for state’s recycling program.
- Support continued state efforts to expand markets for recycled materials.
- Support allowing local governments or other entities to receive more than one state grant for innovative demonstration projects.
- Allow municipalities to replace existing public landfills without a new DNR needs determination.
- Support modifying the landfill negotiation-mediation process to include counties as an appropriate governing body for the approval of negotiated agreements.

- Support prohibiting the construction of landfills until the mediation-negotiating process is complete.
- Support increased state/federal funding for household and Ag Clean Sweep.
- Oppose state increases to the landfill recycling tipping fee and environmental repair fee.
- Oppose the elimination or reduction of recycling and solid waste programs.

Proposed amendments to the legislative agenda (Kiefer)

January 18, 2019

Under the subject heading “Bicycle and Recreational Trails” add the following bullet point:

- Repeal Wis. Stat. 32.015, which prohibits local governments from using eminent domain for constructing bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure.

Under the subject heading “Mass transit” replace the current RTA language with the following bullet point:

- Support legislation allowing local governments to create Regional Transit Authorities to provide regional transit services across local government boundaries.

Note: the following is the text of Wis. Stat. 32.015:

32.015 Limitations. Property may not be acquired by condemnation to establish or extend a recreational trail; a bicycle way, as defined in s. 340.01 (5s); a bicycle lane, as defined in s. 340.01 (5e); or a pedestrian way, as defined in s. 346.02 (8) (a).

History: 2017 a. 59.

ZLR AMENDMENTS

ZLR Committee Recommended Edits to the 2019-2021 Legislative Agenda

Deletions shown with ~~strikethrough~~

Additions shown with underline

Highlighted items to be moved to sections on Climate Change and Surface and Groundwater Quality

~~Zoning and Land Regulation~~ Land Use, Land Records, and Land Regulation

- **Flood Insurance Threat:** Oppose any proposal to suspend state floodplain rules that nullify federal flood insurance and jeopardize federal disaster assistance for Wisconsin flood victims.
- **Wisconsin Land Information Program:** Support the continuation of the Wisconsin Land Information Program and grants.
- **Comprehensive Planning:** Oppose legislation that undermines the comprehensive planning statutes.
- **Power Plants:** Support efforts to clean up dirty power plants.
- **Transmission Lines:** Request the State supports an independent study of the need for additional high voltage transmission lines through Dane County. Oppose the construction and operation of the proposed Cardinal-Hickory Creek transmission line pending the receipt of a comprehensive cost-benefit analysis of non-transmission alternatives.
- **Takings Legislation:** Oppose legislation that would require county government to compensate real property owners for restricted use or loss of property value as a result of law or regulations.
- **Transmission Line Construction:** Support requiring power lines to be constructed underground to protect Dane County economic and environmental resources while enhancing resiliency and reliability during extreme weather events.
- **Stormwater Utility:** Amend the WI Stats. to allow counties to create and manage a stormwater utility.
- **Support Local Control of Erosion and Storm Water Management Standards:** Oppose standardizing regulation of construction site erosion, storm water management and prohibiting local governments from enacting local ordinances that are stricter than statewide standards.
- **Support Local Control of Nonmetallic Mining:** Oppose any state legislation that preempts local governments from enacting their own nonmetallic mining regulations and oversight of air/water quality, highway damage, noise and use contracts.
- **Effigy Mounds & Burial Sites:** Oppose legislation that allows the disturbance or destruction of Native American effigy mounds and old burial sites.
- **Utility Deregulation:** Oppose any deregulation that leads to higher consumer rates. Any attempts to restructure the delivery of electricity should address: reliability of electrical service, equitable benefits to large and small rate payers, the social and environmental impacts of restructuring and the ability of counties to aggregate to purchase electricity.
- **Holding Tanks as Systems of Last Resort:** Support changes in statutes and administrative rules that oppose using holding tanks except as a last resort for new and replacement septic systems. Modify rules and statutes to ensure funding from the Wisconsin Fund is for the least costly systems, excluding holding tanks, unless a holding tank is the system of last resort.
- **Land Use and Natural Resource Protection:** Oppose any proposals that weaken Dane County's ability to responsibly manage the use of land within its jurisdiction, including but not limited to tools like comprehensive planning, zoning, land division/subdivision regulations, and shoreland, floodplain, and wetland regulation.
- **Restore and Enhance Land Use Authority:** Support efforts to restore and expand Dane County's land use authority including but not limited to comprehensive planning, land division, zoning, and shoreland, wetland, floodplain regulations to promote county-wide planning.

Comment [AM1]: Move this bullet point to the section on Climate Change (beginning at line 101)

Comment [AM2]: Move these two bullet items to section on Surface and Groundwater Quality (beginning at line 23)