



RUSK COUNTY

**Request State to Revise the Current Real Estate
Transfer Fees Revenue Sharing Formula**

TO THE RUSK COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

ROLL CALL Board Members	AYE (Yes)	NAY (No)	Abstain / Excused
1. TERRY DUSELL	✓		
2. JERRY BILLER	✓		
3. ALAN RATHSACK	✓		
4. TONY HAUSER	✓		
5. TERRY WBDWICK	✓		
6. ROBERT STOUT	✓		
7. RANDY TATUR	✓		
8. TOM CUDO	✓		
9. PHIL UNTERSCHUETZ	✓		
10. JON UNTERSCHUBTZ	✓		
11. PHIL SCHNEIDER	✓		
12. JIM MEYER	✓		
13. MARK SCHMITT	✓		
14. JOHN KALEPP	✓		
15. TOM HANSON	✓		
16. LOIS GOODE	✓		
17. DAVE WILLINGHAM	✓		
18. MICHAEL HRABAN	✓		
19. SHANE SANDERSON	✓		
TOTAL			

1 **WHEREAS**, the collection by counties of a real estate transfer fee was mandated by the
2 State of Wisconsin in 1969, and included a requirement that counties remit 50% of all
3 transfer fees collected to the State; and
4 **WHEREAS**, in 1981 the State arbitrarily changed the transfer fee formula to now
5 require counties to remit to the State 80% of all transfer fees collected; and
6 **WHEREAS**, the County through the Register of Deeds office assumes the annual
7 operating costs of recording all real estate transfers occurring in Rusk County, including
8 the collection of real estate transfer fees; and
9 **WHEREAS**, in 2021 Rusk County collected \$242,608.05 in real estate transfer fees
10 with the County's 20% retained share totaling \$48,521.61, and was required to remit
11 80% or \$194,086.44 to the State; and
12 **WHEREAS**, Rusk County real estate transfer fee collections as averaged over the past
13 five years totaled \$996,466.75 of which the County retained \$199,293.35; and over that
14 same period \$797,173.40 was remitted to the State; and
15 **WHEREAS**, in 2021 the State of Wisconsin has built up a budget surplus of approximately
16 \$2.5 billion dollars, while many Wisconsin counties continue to struggle financially due
17 to the ever-increasing costs of providing county government services in an inflationary
18 economy, coupled with the financial restrictions imposed by State mandated levy limits;
19 and
20 **WHEREAS**, in an effort to financially assist all Wisconsin Counties, Rusk County
21 requests that the State of Wisconsin return the real estate transfer fee share formula to
22 again allow Wisconsin Counties to retain 50% of all total real estate transfer fees
23 collected, with 50% to be remitted to the State.
24 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Rusk County Board of Supervisors
25 in session this 22 day of March, 2022 that we hereby request that the State of Wisconsin
26 revise the real estate transfer fee share formula to again allow Wisconsin Counties to
27 retain 50% of all real estate transfer fees collected, with 50% to be remitted to the State.
28 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a copy of this resolution is sent to Governor
29 Tony Evers, all members of the State Legislature representing Rusk County, the
30 Wisconsin Counties Association and all other Wisconsin Counties.
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BOARD ACTION

Vote Required: Majority Vote of a Quorum

Motion to Approve Adopted Defeated

1st Meyer 2nd Biller

No: _____ Yes: 19 Exc: _____

Reviewed by: _____, Corp. Counsel

Reviewed by: _____, Finance Director

FISCAL IMPACT: (Note if there is any fiscal impact or not)

Certification:

I, Connie Meyer, Clerk of Rusk County, hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of a resolution that was adopted on the 19 day of April, 2022 by the Rusk County Board of Supervisors.

Connie Meyer
 County Clerk, Rusk County

SUBMITTED BY:

Rusk County Land Info/Surveyor, Zoning Committee

David Willingham, Chairman

Mark Schmitt, Vice Chairman

Phil Schneider

William McBain

Jim Meyer