

RESOLUTION NO.: 21—2017-18

TO THE HONORABLE, THE OUTAGAMIE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN:

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1 The County Treasurer's resignation, effective May 19, 2017, has caused a vacancy that
2 can be filled in one of two ways: 1) The County Board may appoint a treasurer to serve
3 for the duration of the unexpired term; 2) The County Board may call for a special
4 election. This resolution seeks the board's approval for a special election for the Office of
5 County Treasurer. In accordance with §17.21 Wis. Stat., a special election for the Office
6 of Treasurer ordered by the County Board during the period beginning on June 1 and
7 ending on November 30 of any year, shall be held concurrently with the succeeding spring
8 election. The person elected County Treasurer in the spring 2018 election would serve for
9 the duration of the unexpired term.

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11 This resolution, pending election of a new County Treasurer, also authorizes the duly
12 appointed Deputy Treasurer to perform the duties of the Office of the County Treasurer as
13 provided by §59.25(2) Wis. Stat. Such action will allow for continuity and stability in the
14 office pending the election of a new County Treasurer.

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16 NOW THEREFORE, the undersigned members of the Legislative/Audit & Human Resources
17 Committee recommend adoption of the following resolution.

18 BE IT RESOLVED, that the Outagamie County Board of Supervisors orders that a special
19 election for the Office of County Treasurer be held concurrent with the spring 2018 election in
20 accordance with §17.21 (3) Wis. Stat., and

21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Deputy Treasurer perform the duties of the County
22 Treasurer until a new County Treasurer is elected in a special election as provided by §59.52(2)(a), and

23 BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Outagamie County Clerk be directed to forward a copy
24 of this resolution to the Outagamie County Executive and the Human Resources Department.

25 Dated this ____ day of June 2017

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27 Respectfully Submitted,

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29 LEGISLATIVE/AUDIT &
30 HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE
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Travis Thyssen

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Duly and officially adopted by the County Board on: _____

Signed: _____
Board Chairperson

County Clerk

Approved: _____

Vetoed: _____

Signed: _____
County Executive



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Jeff Nooyen, County Board Chair
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June 7, 2017

County Board Supervisors:

Several months ago it became apparent that Jack Voight would not be able to fulfill his duties as County Treasurer. The most important concern at that time was restoring stability to the Treasurer's office and ensuring the residents of Outagamie County would be properly served. Those concerns were addressed by the hiring of a new Deputy Treasurer as well as the hard work of the individuals in that office. I want to thank those employees as well as Human Resources Director Lisa Lux and Finance Director Brian Massey for the effort and dedication they showed during this difficult and challenging period. Ultimately Jack announced his resignation on April 19 and left the office on May 19.

Jack's resignation set into motion the process to fill the vacancy in the fairest, most expedient and fiscally responsible manner. With almost three-and-a-half years left in the term, I felt the county electorate should have the opportunity to choose the next Treasurer. With no partisan election scheduled for this November, the cost of \$35,000 for a separate primary this summer and another \$35,000 for an election for just one office this November, a special election at this time would be a financial burden on the taxpayers of Outagamie County. Corporation Counsel Guidote researched Wisconsin State Statutes and found that a partisan special election could be held concurrently with the spring 2018 nonpartisan elections.

Please note that this appointment of the Deputy Treasurer is to the position of Acting Treasurer and he will assume the powers of Treasurer but will remain Deputy Treasurer should someone else be elected, unless of course the Deputy runs and wins the special election.

I believe that this appointment and scheduling of a spring election is the fairest and most financially responsible decision at this time. I thank you for your consideration and ask for your support of the attached resolution.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jeff Nooyen', written over a faint, larger version of the same signature.

Jeff Nooyen
County Board Chair

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