



## Buffalo County Resolution

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**County Department:**

Administration

**Involved Committees:**

County Board

### RESOLUTION #26-03-02

**A RESOLUTION REQUESTING WISCONSIN COUNTIES ASSOCIATION LOBBY STATE LEGISLATURE AND GOVERNOR ON LEGISLATION FOR GREATER LOCAL CONTROL FOR WISCONSIN COUNTIES**

**WHEREAS**, local governments in Wisconsin are closest to the people they serve and are best positioned to understand and address the unique needs, priorities, and challenges of their communities; and,

**WHEREAS**, public meetings and hearings held by local units of government allow for significantly more opportunity for public input than meetings and hearings held by the Public Service Commission in Madison; and,

**WHEREAS**, preserving local control is essential to maintaining accountability, transparency, and public trust in government, as well as ensuring that decisions reflect local values and conditions; and,

**WHEREAS**, statewide, one size fits all regulations do not always appropriately address the issues and needs of every Wisconsin community; and,

**WHEREAS**, a series of mandates and other agency actions have continuously shifted powers from the local to the state level; and,

**WHEREAS**, the geographic, environmental, and demographic diversity across Wisconsin counties necessitates localized approaches to governance that reflect each county's unique characteristics; and,

**WHEREAS**, state legislators have been making attempts to return local control to cities, villages and towns over large-scale wind and solar projects in several bills; and,

**WHEREAS**, such attempts should also be applied to counties and county boards who are democratically elected bodies that directly represent the interests and values of their constituents; and,



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**WHEREAS**, significant negative impacts on environmental habitats, public health, road infrastructure, and property values and taxes due to large-scale wind and solar projects in those areas where they exist are well established and documented; and,

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Buffalo County Board of Supervisors hereby requests the Wisconsin Counties Association consider this issue and/or adopt this resolution and lobby the Wisconsin State Legislature and Governor to support any and all efforts and legislation that would give local elected bodies greater control in regulating large scale wind and solar projects to in the best interest of their communities; and,

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Wisconsin Towns Association, all local and state legislators who represent citizens across Buffalo County, the Governor, and all county boards in Wisconsin for consideration, support, and action.

Adopted at a duly called and noticed meeting of the Buffalo County Board of Supervisors on the 23rd day of March, 2026.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "K. Schmitt", written over a horizontal line.

County Clerk

ATTEST:

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "J. Smith", written over a horizontal line.

County Board Chairperson