RESOLUTION #

Resolution to AUTHORIZE THE CREATION OF THE LAND INFORMATION / GIS DEPARTMENT AND DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR POSITION

Resolution offered by the Land Resources and Environment Committee, Finance and Personnel & Insurance Committee, Executive and Legislative Committee, and Public Works and Infrastructure Committee

Resolved by the Board of Supervisors of Sauk County, Wisconsin:

**BACKGROUND:**

In 2005, following the retirement of the County Cartographer, the two staff members of the Mapping Department were reassigned to the Management Information Systems (MIS) Department, forming the foundation of the GIS Division.

Since that time, the division has grown significantly and now manages an annual budget exceeding $1,000,000, including the Land Records Modernization fund, employs six full-time staff members, and carries out a wide range of responsibilities. These include parcel mapping, development of GIS web applications, administration of a County-wide GIS system used by multiple departments, 911 address mapping, property listing, and real estate assessment functions, and provides GIS support for other agencies for emergency response activities.

Given the expanded scope and complexity of services, continued management of this function as a division within the MIS Department has proven inefficient.

In many comparable counties throughout Wisconsin, these functions are organized under a dedicated Land Information Department. In alignment with this model, this resolution proposes the establishment of a new standalone department titled the Land Information / GIS Department and the creation of a Department Director position to oversee this function, which would continue to report to the Land Resources and Environment Committee.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Land Information / GIS Department be created under Sauk County’s organizational structure effective January 1, 2026; and,

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that, effective January 1, 2026, the Land Information / GIS Department Director position be created and that the GIS Coordinator position be eliminated upon the creation of this director position.

Approved for presentation to the County Board by the Land Resources and Extension, Public Works and Infrastructure, Executive and Legislative, and Finance, Personnel and Insurance Committees, this 17th day of June, 2025.

Consent Agenda Item: [ ] YES [ X ] NO

Fiscal Impact: [ ] None [ x ] Budgeted Expenditure [ ] Not Budgeted

Vote Required: Majority = \_\_\_\_\_ 2/3 Majority = \_\_\_\_\_ 3/4 Majority = \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

The County Board has the legal authority to adopt: Yes \_\_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ as reviewed by the Corporation Counsel, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ .

Offered and passage moved by:

**Land Resources and Extension Committee:**

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Dennis Polivka, Vice Chair

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Randall Puttkamer, Citizen

**Public Works and Infrastructure Committee:**

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Brian Peper, Chair

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Aaron Evert, Citizen

**Executive and Legislative Committee:**

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Brian Peper, Citizen

Fiscal Note: Funding for any costs incurred through this transition will be provided in the 2026 budget.

MIS Note: Restructuring the MIS department to separate the GIS function will enhance the overall effectiveness of both MIS and GIS operations. This change will allow each group to focus more fully on its core mission, supported by a dedicated management structure tailored to its specific needs and goals.