

# BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

## Brown County



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### ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

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**SPECIAL ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2022**  
**6:30 p.m.**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Resch Expo**  
**840 Armed Forces Dr., Green Bay**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE COMMITTEE MAY TAKE ACTION  
ON ANY ITEM LISTED ON THIS AGENDA**

- I. Call to Order.
- II. Approve/Modify Agenda.

### **Comments from the Public**

### **Resolutions & Ordinances**

1. Resolution to Counter Citizens United by Amending the United States Constitution to Enable Congress and the States to Reasonably Regulate Campaign Finance.

### **Other**

2. Such Other Matters.
3. Adjourn.

Rick Schadewald, Chair

Notice is hereby given that action by the Committee may be taken on any of the items which are described or listed in this agenda.

Please take notice that it is possible additional members of the Board of Supervisors may attend this meeting, resulting in a majority or quorum of the Board of Supervisors. This may constitute a meeting of the Board of Supervisors for purposes of discussion and information gathering relative to this agenda.

September 21, 2022

TO THE HONORABLE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS  
OF THE BROWN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Ladies and Gentlemen:

**RESOLUTION TO COUNTER CITIZENS UNITED BY AMENDING THE  
UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION TO ENABLE CONGRESS AND THE STATES  
TO REASONABLY REGULATE CAMPAIGN FINANCE**

**WHEREAS**, a government of, by and for the people has long been a cherished American value; free and fair elections are essential to democracy and effective self-government; and all Americans, regardless of wealth, have a compelling sovereign interest in creating responsive and meaningful connections with their elected representatives; and

**WHEREAS**, the State of Wisconsin has a tradition of open government and nonpartisan local elections, as well as campaign finance rules that attempt to mitigate the influence of money on those elections; the constitutional right to speak freely should not be determined by the wealth of the speaker; corporations and other artificial entities are not human beings and do not possess our human sovereign interest in effective self-government; and the people of the State of Wisconsin have a compelling sovereign interest in preventing foreign actors and entities from spending money to influence the outcomes of our elections; and

**WHEREAS**, the 1976 U.S. Supreme Court ruling in Buckley v. Valeo changed the course of American elections by declaring that spending money to influence elections is a form of speech; several U.S. Supreme Court cases since Buckley have further contributed to the false notion that money is tantamount to speech; the 2010 U.S. Supreme Court ruling in Citizens United v. Federal Elections Commission improperly declared that corporations have a right to spend unlimited amounts of money to influence elections; and

**WHEREAS**, money is a form of property, not speech.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Brown County Board of Supervisors hereby seeks to reduce the influence of money over elections by regulating political contributions and spending, and stands with communities across the country to support passage of an amendment to the United States Constitution that would restore power to Congress and the States to reasonably regulate campaign finance, and

hereby directs that a copy of this Resolution be emailed to the federal Senators and Congresspersons that represent the State of Wisconsin.

*Fiscal Note: This resolution does not require an appropriation from the General Fund.*

Respectfully submitted,

ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

Approved by:

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Troy Streckenbach  
COUNTY EXECUTIVE

Date signed: \_\_\_\_\_

22-112R

Authorized by: Administration

Final Draft Approved by: Corporation Counsel

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ROLL CALL # \_\_\_\_\_

Motion made by Supervisor \_\_\_\_\_

Seconded by Supervisor \_\_\_\_\_

SUPERVISORS	DIST. #	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	EXCUSED
ANTONNEAU	1				
DE WANE	2				
NICHOLSON	3				
JACOBSON	4				
THENO	5				
LEFEBVRE	6				
FRIBERG	7				
BORCHARDT	8				
EVANS	9				
VANDER LEEST	10				
BUCKLEY	11				
LANDWEHR	12				
DANTINNE, JR	13				

SUPERVISORS	DIST. #	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	EXCUSED
AVERY	14				
FULLER	15				
KASTER	16				
VAN DYCK	17				
HOPKINS	18				
ADAMS	19				
COENEN	20				
SCHULTZ	21				
PETERS	22				
SUENNEN	23				
SCHADEWALD	24				
LUND	25				
DENEYS	26				

Total Votes Cast \_\_\_\_\_

Motion: Adopted \_\_\_\_\_ Defeated \_\_\_\_\_ Tabled \_\_\_\_\_