

NOTICE OF REFERENDUM
Dunn County, Wisconsin
November 3, 2020

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that at an election to be held in the County of Dunn, State of Wisconsin, on November 3, 2020, the following proposed Resolution No. 2020-33, will be submitted to a vote of the people:

COUNTY OF DUNN, WISCONSIN
RESOLUTION NO. 2020-33

**AUTHORIZING A COUNTY-WIDE REFERENDUM ON WHETHER THE
COUNTY OF DUNN SHOULD EXCEED THE LEVY LIMIT SPECIFIED
UNDER SECTION 66.0602, WISCONSIN STATUTES FOR THE
NEXT FIVE YEARS FOR SOLID WASTE AND RECYCLING PROGRAM**

WHEREAS, the Dunn County Solid Waste and Recycling Board has requested that the Board of Supervisors authorize and approve a referendum question on exceeding the levy limit under Section 66.0602 of the Wisconsin Statutes to support the Dunn County Solid Waste and Recycling Program in the amount of \$1,000,000 per year for the next five years be added to the November 3, 2020 general election ballot; and

WHEREAS, Section 66.0602(4) of the Wisconsin Statutes, allows a political subdivision to exceed the levy limit increase if the governing body adopts a resolution to that effect and if the resolution is approved in a referendum; and

WHEREAS, the Dunn County Board of Supervisors has determined that it may be necessary to levy up to an additional \$1,000,000 above its levy limit for the next five years for the financial well- being and stability of the Dunn County Solid Waste and Recycling Program; and

WHEREAS, the Dunn County Board of Supervisors has determined that it is desirable and in the best interest of the County to conduct a county-wide special referendum to determine whether the Dunn County taxpayers support the County exceeding the levy limit under Section 66.0602, or any successor thereto, for the next five fiscal years, in recognition that Section 66.0602 may be amended or renewed in the future.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Dunn County Board of Supervisors that the following question, modified as necessary to conform to any directives and availability of information for the 2021 levy from the Wisconsin Department of Revenue, or requirements of or changes to state law, shall be placed on the ballot of the November 3, 2020 general election as a binding special referendum question:

Under State law, the increase in the levy of the County of Dunn for the tax to be imposed for the next fiscal year, 2021, is limited to an estimated 1.6%, which results in an estimated levy of \$22,443,781.

Shall the County of Dunn be allowed to exceed this limit and increase the levy for the next five (5) fiscal years, 2021 through 2025, by up to \$1,000,000 per year (which for 2021 equals an estimated additional 4.45% for a total estimated increase of 6.13% and results in 2021 in an estimated levy of \$23,443,781) for the purpose of paying for costs associated with a household hazardous waste collection (clean

sweep) program and capital expenditures of the Dunn County Solid Waste and Recycling Program?

YES _____ NO _____

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Dunn County Board of Supervisors supports an increase in the county tax levy to exceed the state levy limit for the next five (5) fiscal years, 2021 through 2025 up to \$1,000,000 per year.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Committee on Administration is directed to transfer funds needed to conduct this referendum from the Contingency line item of the General Fund Budget to the appropriate line item(s) for expenditure.

DATED this 29th day of July, 2020, at Menomonie, Wisconsin.

Adopted on: July 29, 2020

OFFERED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:
David Bartlett, Chair

ATTEST:
Julie A. Wathke, County Clerk

Approved as to Form and Execution:
Nicholas P. Lange, Corporation Counsel

The question will appear on the ballot as follows:

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YES _____ NO _____

Explanatory Statement

“YES” Vote

A “YES” vote allows Dunn County to increase the property tax levy limit in each of the next 5 fiscal years (2021 – 2025) up to the amount stated in the referendum question in order to support the Dunn County Solid Waste and Recycling Program by paying for costs associated with a household hazardous waste collection (clean sweep) program and for capital expenditures of the program.

“NO” Vote

A “NO” Vote does not allow Dunn County to increase the property tax levy limit up to the amount stated in the referendum question. A “NO” vote means that the future of the Dunn

County Solid Waste and Recycling Program, including a hazardous waste collection program, is uncertain and unknown.

Done in the City of Menomonie on October 14, 2020

Julie A. Wathke,
Dunn County Clerk