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IOWA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
RESOLUTION NO. 4-0220

**A RESOLUTION TO HOLD A PUBLIC REFERENDUM TO  
INCREASE THE COUNTY LEVY FOR HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE**

**WHEREAS**, Iowa County maintains a system of 365 miles of county roads; and

**WHEREAS**, the costs of road maintenance to the county has increased significantly over the past decade and state and local funding has not; and

**WHEREAS**, the State of Wisconsin funds General Transportation Aids to Iowa County and said funding is at the 2009 level over a decade later; and

**WHEREAS**, Iowa County is now unable to keep up with the level of preventative maintenance required by the county highway infrastructure and is currently underfunding maintenance by approximately \$1,000,000 per year and falling further behind each year; and

**WHEREAS**, the Iowa County voting public has made it known that they would like safer and better quality County highways; and

**WHEREAS**, the State of Wisconsin has enacted a Levy Limit Law preventing the increase of taxes for the purposes of maintaining highway funding without holding a public referendum; and

**WHEREAS**, Iowa County needs to include additional funding in the County operating budget for the maintenance of county highways and to secure and utilize state and federal grant funding more effectively and efficiently.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Iowa County Board of Supervisors as follows:

1. In accordance with section 66.0602 of Wisconsin State Statutes, the Iowa County Board would like to hold a referendum to increase the funding available to the Highway Department for highway maintenance by one million dollars (\$1,000,000).
2. Iowa County shall place a referendum question on the November 3, 2020 ballot.
3. The referendum question shall be as follows:  
Under state law, the increase in the levy of the County of Iowa for the tax to be imposed for the next fiscal year, 2021, is limited to     %, which results in a levy of \$    . Shall the County of Iowa be allowed to exceed this limit and increase the levy for the next fiscal year, 2021, and on an ongoing basis, for County Highway Improvements and Maintenance, by a total of     %, which results in a levy of \$    ?

The above and foregoing Resolution was duly adopted by the Iowa County Board of Supervisors this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2020.

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John M. Meyers, Iowa County Board Chair

ATTEST:

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Greg Klusendorf, County Clerk