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RESOLUTION # 25-2015

Resolution offered by Supervisor Michael Timmons.

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

WHEREAS, assessments of property values are currently undertaken by the individual municipalities wherein the properties are contained; and

WHEREAS, contained within the 2015-2017 State Budget as proposed by Governor Walker is a change in the law which would impose a system of county assessment to be implemented in all counties by 2017; and

WHEREAS, the proposal consolidates boards of review to the county or regional level thereby reducing public engagement in the appeals process; and,

WHEREAS, in order to implement such a system in Oneida County it will require hiring a qualified individual and support staff, provide physical office space, purchase software and receive extensive training on the state requirements; and

WHEREAS, the proposal allows Counties to only recover 95% of the actual cost of assessments conducted in 2015, and may increase this only by net new construction; and

WHEREAS, not all municipalities conduct yearly revaluations and therefore may not have included in their 2015 budgets funds sufficient to support this program at the county level, or the municipalities that have planned for a revaluation may be forced to pay a higher rate based on their 2015 contract creating charging inequities within the county; and

WHEREAS, despite an increase in responsibility and duties, including a requirement for annual assessments to achieve 100% valuation, no additional monies are allocated in the proposed State Budget for these services which are estimated to exceed the 95% allowed to be recovered by the county from the municipalities; and

WHEREAS, the Wisconsin Towns Association, The Wisconsin Counties Association and the Wisconsin Association of Assessing Offices among others opposes the proposal and it is recommended that Oneida County joins in the opposition to this proposal.

WHEREAS, the Land Records Committee and the Administration Committees made a motion at their March Committee meetings opposing the county assessing proposal.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Oneida County Board of Supervisors hereby opposes the county assessing proposal as set forth in the 2015-2017 budget and directs the County Clerk to send a copy of this resolution to Governor Walker, the members of the Joint Finance Committee of the Wisconsin Legislature and to the Legislators of Oneida County.

Vote Required: Majority = _____ 2/3 Majority = _____ ¾ Majority = _____

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

Consent Agenda Item: _____YES ___X___ NO

Offered and passage moved by: _____
Supervisor
Seconded by _____
Supervisor

_____ Nays
_____ Absent
_____ Abstain
_____ Adopted

by the County Board of Supervisors this _____ day _____, 2015.
_____ Defeated

Mary Bartelt, County Clerk _____
David Hintz, County Board Chair