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To be approved at the February 16, 2021 meeting

GREEN LAKE COUNTY

BOARD PROCEEDINGS

REGULAR MEETING

December 15, 2020

The Green Lake County Board of Supervisors met in regular session, Tuesday, December 15, 2020 at 6:00 PM via remote access and limited in person access due to the COVID-19 pandemic for the annual budget meeting of the Board.

The Board was called to order by Chair Harley Reabe. Roll call taken –Present (remotely via Zoom) – 9, Present (in person) – 5, Absent – 5 (Bob Dolgner-District 1, Patti Garro-District 2, Sue Wendt-District 10, Katie Mehn-District 15, Joe Gonyo-District 16)

<u>Supervisor</u>	<u>Supervisor Districts</u>
Charles Buss	2
Curt Talma	3
David Abendroth	4
Ken Bates	5
Brian Floeter	6
Charlie Wielgosh	7
Bill Boutwell	9
Harley Reabe	11
Robert Schweder	12
Don Lenz	13
Dennis Mulder	14
Keith Hess	17
Richard Trochinski	18
Gene Thom	19

READING OF THE CALL

The Green Lake County Board of Supervisors will convene via virtual communication and limited in person access at the Government Center in the City of Green Lake, Wisconsin on Tuesday the 15th day of December, 2020 at 6:00 PM for the regular meeting of the Board. Monthly business to be transacted includes:

CALL TO ORDER
ROLL CALL
READING OF THE CALL
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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MINUTES OF 11/10/20

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CORRESPONDENCE

- Gift card appreciation from Green Lake County Law Enforcement Association

RECOGNITION OF SERVICE

- Penny Bahn – Fox River Industries Bookkeeper/Secretary
- Sarah Guenther – Register of Deeds
- Jeff Kiener – Sheriff’s Office Sergeant
- Cindy Stobbe – Fox River Industries Representative Payee Specialist

APPEARANCES

- Monthly update from County Administrator Cathy Schmit

ORDINANCES

- Ordinance 18-2020 Amending Chapter 315, Land Division and Subdivision

BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS

- Register of Deeds (3)

COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

DEPARTMENTS TO REPORT ON February 16, 2021

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS FOR ACTION & DISCUSSION

AND SUCH OTHER BUSINESS AS MY PROPERLY COME BEFORE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

ADJOURN

Given under my hand and official seal at the Government Center in the City of Green Lake, Wisconsin this 4th day of December, 2020.

Elizabeth A. Otto

Green Lake County Clerk

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

1. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was recited.

MINUTES OF 11/10/20 MEETING

2. **Motion/second (Lenz/Boutwell)** to approve the minutes of the November 10, 2020 County Board meeting with no additions or corrections. Motion carried with no negative vote.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

3. The next meeting of the County Board will take place on February 16, 2021 at 6:00 PM. There is no meeting scheduled for January.
4. Chair Reabe informed the Board that Ordinance 18-2020 on the agenda under Item #10 has been pulled and will not be discussed or voted on until the next meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE

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5. County Clerk Liz Otto read an email from Ted Kuklinski, President of the Green Lake County Law Enforcement Association, thanking the Board for the gift cards presented in appreciation of the extra work during the COVID-19 pandemic.

RECOGNITION OF SERVICE

6. Chair Reabe presented plaques to the following retiring employees:
Penny Bahn – Fox River Industries Bookkeeper/Secretary (44 years)
Sarah Guenther – Register of Deeds (28 years)
Jeff Kiener – Sheriff’s Office Sergeant (25 years)
Cindy Stobbe – Fox River Industries Representative Payee Specialist (36 years)

Chair Reabe thanked each of these long term employees for their dedication and service to Green Lake County.

District 41 Representative Joan Ballweg also spoke via Zoom thanking Sarah Guenther for her years of public service and her accomplishments as Register of Deeds.

APPEARANCES

7. County Administrator Cathy Schmit gave an update on current activities including updated COVID numbers, CARES funding, Clean Sweep program, and the performance evaluation process. Schmit informed the Board of the current COVID response processes and outreach within the county jail, mental health services in HHS, and the vaccination process going forward. She outlined some of the 2021 projects including the building security upgrade, body cams for the Sheriff’s Office, the county wide ambulance service, and the development of a strategic plan. Schmit also thanked the retirees for their contributions to Green Lake County.

ORDINANCES

8. This item was pulled from the agenda and will be scheduled at a future date.

BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS

9. Register of Deeds – increase 2020 Laredo/Tapestry revenue budget \$1,620 due to increase fees.
10. **Motion/second (Floeter/Hess)** to approve the budget adjustment. Roll call vote on motion to approve – Ayes – 12, Nays – 0, Abstain – 0, Absent – 7 (Dolgnier, Garro, Wendt, Mehn, Gonyo - Wielgosh and Thom lost connection). Motion carried.
11. Register of Deeds – decrease 2020 Laredo/Tapestry revenue and expense budget by \$440.00 due to cancellation.

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12. **Motion/second (Abendroth/Buss)** to approve the budget adjustment. Roll call vote on motion to approve – Ayes – 12, Nays – 0, Abstain – 0, Absent – 7 (Dolgner, Garro, Wendt, Mehn, Gonyo - Wielgosh and Thom lost connection). Motion carried.
13. Register of Deeds – decrease 2021 Laredo/Tapestry revenue and expense budget by \$2,640 due to cancellation.
14. **Motion/second (Buss/Lenz)** to approve the budget adjustment. Roll call vote on motion to approve – Ayes – 12, Nays – 0, Abstain – 0, Absent – 7 (Dolgner, Garro, Wendt, Mehn, Gonyo - Wielgosh and Thom lost connection). Motion carried.

COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

15. Chair Reabe appointed the following individuals to committees:
 - WCA CAP representatives – Amanda Toney, Ken Bates, and Harley Reabe
 - Veteran’s Service Commission – Victor Shrock for a 3 year term ending 12/2023
 - Health & Human Services Transportation Committee – Chuck Buss
 - Ambulance Committee – Kathy Jerome, Kyle VanBuren, Joel Strahota, Doug Vrechek, Evan VandenLangenberg, Brian Bending, and Brian Floeter
16. **Motion/second (Abendroth/Lenz)** to approve the committee appointments. Motion carried with no negative vote.

DEPARTMENTS TO REPORT ON February 16, 2021

17. Chair Reabe stated that he has no scheduled reports for February at this time.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS FOR ACTION & DISCUSSION

18. None

ADJOURN

19. Chairman Reabe adjourned the meeting at 6:36 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Elizabeth Otto
County Clerk

ORDINANCE NO. 1-2021

Creating Chapter 200 – Property Assessed Clean Energy Financing

The County Board of Supervisors of Green Lake County, Green Lake Wisconsin, duly assembled at its regular meeting begun on the 16th day of February 2021, does ordain as follows:

- 1 **WHEREAS**, Wisconsin Statute §66.0627(8) authorizes Wisconsin Counties to make
- 2 Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) financing available in local communities; and
- 3 **WHEREAS**, Pace financing will help stimulate the local economy by funding the upfront
- 4 cost of energy efficiency, renewable energy, and water conservation building
- 5 improvements; and

Roll Call on Ordinance No. 1-2021

Submitted by Administrative Committee:

Ayes , Nays , Absent , Abstain

/s/ Harley Reabe

Harley Reabe, Chair

Passed and Enacted/Rejected this 16th day of February, 2021.

/s/ Keith Hess

Keith Hess

County Board Chairman

Dennis Mulder

ATTEST: County Clerk
Approve as to Form:

/s/ Katie Mehn

Katie Mehn

Corporation Counsel

Brian Floeter

Brian Floeter

7 **WHEREAS**, the PACE program still stimulate job creation, investment in goods and
8 service and savings on building operating expenses which improve the market for
9 investing in Green Lake County; and

10 **WHEREAS**, the PACE program may provide opportunities for buildings to be revitalized
11 which will improve the local building stock and help raise the value of property and the
12 potential tax base; and

13 **WHEREAS**, there is no expense or cost to a local government who authorizes the PACE
14 program and the PACE Wisconsin program is administered by a Wisconsin nonprofit
15 organization which recovers its costs through the transaction fees assessed on completed
16 projects.

17 **NOW, THEREFORE, THE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY**
18 **OF GREEN LAKE DOES ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:**

19 Section 1. Chapter 200 – Property Assessed Clean Energy Financing is hereby created
20 as follows:

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22 **200-1 PROPERTY ASSESSED CLEAN ENERGY FINANCING.**

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24 A. PURPOSE. The County finds that renovations or additions to premises located in the
25 County made to improve energy efficiency, improve water efficiency, and/or use
26 renewable resource applications, increase property values, stimulate local economic
27 activity, provide local and global environmental benefits, and promote the general welfare
28 of County residents. The purpose of this Section is to facilitate loans arranged by property
29 owners or lessees to make such improvements by treating loan principal and interest,
30 fees, and other charges as special charges eligible for inclusion on the tax roll for these
31 properties.

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33 B. STATUTORY AUTHORITY. This ordinance is enacted pursuant to Wis. Stat. §
34 66.0627, as amended, which authorizes a County to make a loan or enter into an
35 agreement regarding loan repayments to a 3rd party for owner-arranged or lessee-
36 arranged financing, to an owner or a lessee of a premises located in the County for
37 making or installing an energy efficiency improvement, a water efficiency improvement or
38 a renewable resource application to a premises.

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40 **200-2. DEFINITIONS.** In this section:

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42 “Annual installment” means the portion of the PACE loan that is due and payable for a
43 particular year under the supplemental agreement.

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45 “Borrower” means the property owner or lessee of the subject property that borrows the
46 proceeds of a PACE loan.

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48 “Default loan balance” means the outstanding balance, whether or not due, of a PACE

49 loan at the time that the County receives foreclosure proceeds.

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51 “Foreclosure proceeds” means the proceeds received by the County from the disposition
52 of a subject property through an in rem property tax foreclosure.

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54 “Loan amount” means the principal, interest, administrative fees (including the Program
55 Administrator’s fees) and other loan charges to be paid by the borrower under the PACE
56 loan.

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58 “PACE” means the acronym for property assessed clean energy.

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60 “PACE default provisions” means:
61 1. The delinquent annual installment(s) due when the County initiates the in rem
62 property tax foreclosure on the subject property;
63 2. Any additional annual installment(s) that become due between the time that the
64 County initiates in rem property tax foreclosure on the subject property and the date
65 the County receives the foreclosure proceeds;
66 3. Any default interest charges applied to unpaid annual installments referenced in
67 subs. (1.) and (2.) above, as provided in the supplemental agreement; and
68 4. Any default loan balance.

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70 “PACE lender” means any person that makes a PACE loan, and which may include an
71 affiliate of the borrower.

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73 “PACE loan” means a loan made by a PACE lender to a borrower under this Section for
74 energy efficiency improvements, water efficiency improvements, or renewable resource
75 applications made to or installed on a subject property.

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77 “Person” means any individual, association, firm, corporation, partnership, limited liability
78 company, trust, joint venture or other legal entity, or a political subdivision as defined in
79 Wis. Stat. § 66.0627.

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81 “Program Administrator” means the person retained by the Wisconsin PACE Commission
82 as provided in §200-4 (b).

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84 “Subject property” means any premises located in the County on which an energy
85 efficiency improvements, water efficiency improvements, or renewable resource
86 applications are being or have been made and financed through an outstanding PACE
87 loan.

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89 “Supplemental agreement” means a written agreement among a borrower, a PACE lender
90 and the County, as provided for in §200-6.

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92 “Wisconsin PACE Commission” means the Wisconsin PACE Commission formed under
93 Wis. Stat. § 66.0301, as amended, by the County and one or more other political
94 subdivisions as defined in Wis. Stat. § 66.0627, pursuant to a Joint Exercise of Powers

95 Agreement relating to the Wisconsin PACE Commission.

96 200-3 PACE LOANS AS SPECIAL CHARGES; DELINQUENT AMOUNTS AS LIENS.

97 Any PACE loan made and secured pursuant to this Section shall be considered a special
98 charge on the subject property. Any annual installment or portion of a PACE loan made
99 and secured pursuant to the Section that becomes delinquent according to the terms of
100 the PACE loan shall be a lien against the subject property and placed on the tax roll, as
101 permitted pursuant to Wis. Stat. §66.0627 as amended.

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103 200-4 WISCONSIN PACE COMMISSION.

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105 A. Any of the powers and duties of the County under this Section, except for those under
106 §200-8 may (but are not required to) be delegated to the Wisconsin PACE Commission.

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108 B. The Wisconsin PACE Commission is further authorized to retain a Program
109 Administrator to act as its agent and administer the PACE program, subject to adherence
110 with PACE program requirements set forth in this Section and in Wis. Stat. § 66.0627 as
111 amended.

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113 200-5 LOAN APPROVAL.

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115 A. A prospective borrower applying for a PACE loan shall comply with the loan application
116 process set forth in the program manual approved by the County.

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118 B. The County shall approve the financing arrangements between a borrower and PACE
119 lender.

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121 200-6 SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENT.

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123 A. The County, the borrower and the PACE lender shall execute the supplemental
124 agreement which, without limitation:

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126 1. Shall inform the participants that the PACE loan amount shall be imposed as and
127 considered a special charge, and each year's annual installment may be included on
128 the property tax roll of the subject property as a special charge and an annual
129 installment that is delinquent shall be a lien against the subject property pursuant to
130 Wis. Stat. § 66.0627, as amended;

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132 2. Shall recite the amount and the term of the PACE loan;

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134 3. Shall provide for the amount, or a method for determining the amount, of the annual
135 installment due each year;

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137 4. Shall provide whether default interest may be applied to unpaid annual installments;

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139 5. Shall require the PACE lender and the borrower to comply with all federal, state and
140 local lending and disclosure requirements;

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142 6. Shall provide for any fees payable to the County and/or Program Administrator;

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144 7. Shall recite that the supplemental agreement is a covenant that runs with the land;

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146 8. May provide for prepayments of annual installments by the borrower with a resulting
147 reduction in the special charge for the prepayment, subject to any prepayment
148 premium charged by the PACE lender, if any; and

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150 9. May allow for amendment by the parties.

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152 B. Prior to executing the supplemental agreement, the owner of the subject property, if
153 different from the borrower, and any existing mortgage holder(s) on the subject property
154 must have executed a separate writing acknowledging the borrower's use of PACE
155 financing for the subject property and the special charge that will be imposed under this
156 Section and its consequences, including the remedies for collecting the special charge.

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158 C. Each PACE loan shall be amortized over the term of the PACE loan as provided in the
159 supplemental agreement.

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161 D. The annual payments of a PACE loan may be payable in installments as authorized by
162 Wis. Stat. § 66.0627, as amended.

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164 200-7 ANNUAL INSTALLMENTS ADDED TO TAX ROLLS.

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166 Upon the request of the Program Administrator the County shall place each year's annual
167 installment on the tax roll for the subject property as permitted pursuant to Wis. Stat. §
168 66.0627, as amended.

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170 200-8 REMITTANCE OF SPECIAL CHARGES.

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172 The County shall promptly remit to the Wisconsin PACE Commission any payment(s) for a
173 special charge imposed under this Section, including penalties and charges thereon, it
174 may receive from any taxing district or the County treasurer pursuant to Wis. Stat. Ch. 74,
175 as amended.

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177 200-9 (10) PROPERTY TAX FORECLOSURE PROCEDURES.

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179 A. The County elects to utilize the provisions of Wis. Stat. § 75.521, as amended, for the
180 purpose of enforcing tax liens if a subject property owner fails to pay any special charges
181 imposed on the subject property under this Section as required.

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183 B. The County shall begin an in rem property tax foreclosure proceeding on the subject
184 property at the earliest time allowed under Wisconsin Statutes, unless the County

185 determines that subject property is a “brownfield” (as defined is Wis. Stat. § 75.106, as
186 amended) or that in rem property tax foreclosure is not in the best interests of the County
187 due to the condition of the property or for other reasons.
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189 C. If the County has determined that it will not commence an in rem property tax
190 foreclosure proceeding, then the PACE lender may request that the County, pursuant to
191 Wis. Stat. § 75.106, as amended, assign the County’s right to take judgment against the
192 subject property, provided that the PACE lender and the County fully comply with all
193 provisions of Wis. Stat. § 75.106, as amended, concerning the subject property and the
194 PACE lender agrees to pay the amounts required by Wis. Stat. § 75.36(3)(a)1 and 1m, as
195 amended.
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197 200-10 SALE OF FORECLOSED PROPERTY.

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199 If the County prevails in an in rem property tax foreclosure action against a subject
200 property, the County shall diligently proceed to sell the subject property pursuant to the
201 procedures set forth in Wis. Stat. § 75.69, as amended.
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203 200-11 DISTRIBUTION OF FORECLOSURE PROCEEDS.

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205 The County Treasurer shall follow the procedures set forth in Wis. Stat. § 75.36, as
206 amended, to distribute the proceeds from the sale of a subject property.

207 Section 2. This ordinance shall become effective upon passage and publication.

RESOLUTION NUMBER 1-2021

Resolution adopting Property Assessed Clean Energy

The County Board of Supervisors of Green Lake County, Green Lake, Wisconsin, duly assembled at its regular meeting on this 16th day of February 2021, does resolve as follows:

- 1 **WHEREAS**, pursuant to Wis. Stat. §66.0301, two or more municipalities of the State of
- 2 Wisconsin, may by contract create a commission for the joint exercise of any power or
- 3 duty required or authorized by law; and
- 4 **WHEREAS**, Green Lake County is a “municipality” as that term is defined in Wis. Stat.
- 5 §66.0301 and a political subdivision located in the State; and
- 6 Fiscal note is not applicable.
- 7 Majority vote is needed to pass.

Roll Call on Resolution No. -2021

Submitted by Administrative Committee

Ayes , Nays , Absent , Abstain

/s/ Harley Reabe

Harley Reabe, Chair

Passed and Adopted/Rejected this 16th day of February 2021.

/s/ Brian Floeter

Brian Floeter

County Board Chairman

/s/ Keith Hess

Keith Hess

ATTEST: County Clerk
Approve as to Form:

/s/ Katie Mehn

Katie Mehn

Corporation Counsel

Dennis Mulder

8 **WHEREAS**, Green Lake County is empowered by law to promote economic, cultural
9 and community development, including, without limitation, the promotion of
10 opportunities for the creation or retention of employment, the stimulation of economic
11 activity, the increase of the tax base, and the promotion of opportunities for education,
12 cultural improvement and public health, safety and general welfare, which may be
13 accomplished by various means; and

14 **WHEREAS**, Wis. Stat. § 66.0627(8) authorizes a city, a village, a town and a county in
15 this State to, among other things, make a loan to or otherwise arrange, participate in or
16 facilitate the financing of an energy improvement, a water efficiency improvement or a
17 renewable resource application to a real property within its jurisdiction and to provide for
18 such financing through the imposition of a special charge against the property benefitted
19 by the energy or water efficiency improvement or renewable resource project; and

20 **WHEREAS**, such financings are commonly referred to as “Property Assessed Clean
21 Energy” or “PACE” financings; and

22 **WHEREAS**, Green Lake County has determined that it is in the public interest to
23 provide real property owners, lessees, lenders and other transaction parties in Green
24 Lake County with access to a uniformly-administered program for PACE financing; and

25 **WHEREAS**, Green Lake County and other counties, with the support and counsel of the
26 Wisconsin Counties Association, League of Wisconsin Municipalities, Green Tier
27 Legacy Communities and other stakeholders, have studied the possibility of creating a
28 commission pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 66.0301 to be known as the Wisconsin PACE
29 Commission (“Commission”); and

30 **WHEREAS**, the Wisconsin PACE Commission would be formed and operated in
31 accordance with a Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement Relating to Wisconsin PACE
32 Commission (“Commission Agreement”) of which a substantially final draft is attached to
33 this Resolution; and

34 **WHEREAS**, it is in Green Lake County’s best interests to join the Wisconsin PACE
35 Commission and authorize the execution of the Commission Agreement; and

36 **WHEREAS**, in accordance with Wis. Stat. § 66.0627 and the provisions of the
37 Commission Agreement, Green Lake County must adopt an Ordinance relating to the
38 administration of PACE financings in Green Lake County and throughout the State
39 (“PACE Ordinance”); and

40 **WHEREAS**, attached to this Resolution is proposed Ordinance No. _____,
41 which will be considered at the same meeting at which this Resolution is being
42 considered (“PACE Ordinance”); and

43 **WHEREAS**, adoption of the PACE Ordinance is a necessary condition to Green Lake
44 County entering into the Commission Agreement; and

45 **WHEREAS**, it is the intent of this Resolution to authorize Green Lake County to become
46 a member of the Commission and authorize a duly-appointed representative of Green
47 Lake County to finalize and execute the final Commission Agreement in substantially
48 the form of the draft Commission Agreement attached to this Resolution;

49 **SO, NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:** That the Green Lake County Board of
50 Supervisors hereby approves the draft Commission Agreement, a copy of which is
51 attached to this Resolution, and authorizes and directs the Green Lake County Board
52 Chair to sign such document after receipt of preliminary approval from the other
53 participating municipalities, approval from the Green Lake County Administrator to
54 approve the final form of the Commission Agreement and approval of the Green Lake
55 County Corporation Counsel; and

56 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:** That the Chair of the Green Lake County Board of
57 Supervisors is hereby directed to appoint a board supervisor to act as Green Lake
58 County's official representative in relation to the final approval of the form of the
59 Commission Agreement and to otherwise take all action necessary to effectuate the
60 intent of this Resolution; and

61 **AND BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED:** That the County Board Chair is designated as the
62 Green Lake County "Representative Director" of the Board of Directors of the
63 Commission in accordance with the Commission Agreement, he or she to serve at the
64 pleasure of the Green Lake County Board of Supervisors

65 **FISCAL NOTE:** no fiscal impact

RESOLUTION NUMBER 2-2021

**Resolution Declaring State of Emergency in Green Lake County
Regarding COVID-19 through March 26, 2021**

The County Board of Supervisors of Green Lake County, Green Lake, Wisconsin, duly assembled at its regular meeting on this 16th day of February 2021, does resolve as follows:

- 1 **WHEREAS**, in December 2019, a novel strain of the coronavirus now named
- 2 Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) was detected and has spread through many
- 3 countries, including the United States; and
- 4 **WHEREAS**, the World Health Organization declared a Public Health Emergency of
- 5 International Concern; and the United States Department of Health and Human
- 6 Services declared a Public Health Emergency; and
- 7 Majority vote is needed to pass.

Roll Call on Resolution No. 2-2021

Submitted by: Administrative
Committee

Ayes , Nays , Absent , Abstain

/s/ Harley Reabe

Harley Reabe, Chair

Passed and Adopted/Rejected this 16th
day of February, 2021.

/s/ Keith Hess

Keith Hess

County Board Chairman

Dennis Mulder

ATTEST: County Clerk
Approve as to Form:

/s/ Katie Mehn

Katie Mehn

Corporation Counsel

/s/ Brian Floeter

Brian Floeter

8 **WHEREAS**, As of January 20, 2021 Green Lake County has had 1,454 confirmed
9 positive COVID-19 cases, 392 probable cases, and 14 deaths associated with COVID-
10 19. According to the State of Wisconsin Department of Health Services (DHS) website,
11 as of January 19, 2021, Green Lake County’s COVID-19 activity is high. The DHS
12 website states that “this categorization is created by combining Green Lake County’s
13 high burden of 241.0 per 100,000 people and their trajectory showing no significant
14 change in cases.” DHS data also shows that currently 83.6% of the hospital beds,
15 83.8% of the ICU Beds and 19.1% of ventilators are in use in the Fox Valley Region, of
16 which Green Lake County is a part. The rise of cases, the 14 county deaths and the
17 large percentage of hospital and ICU beds treating COVID-19 patients in the region
18 constitute a condition within the County posing an imminent threat of a disaster within
19 the meaning of Chapter 323 of the Wisconsin Statutes that could impair medical care,
20 health protection, and other critical systems of Green Lake County; and

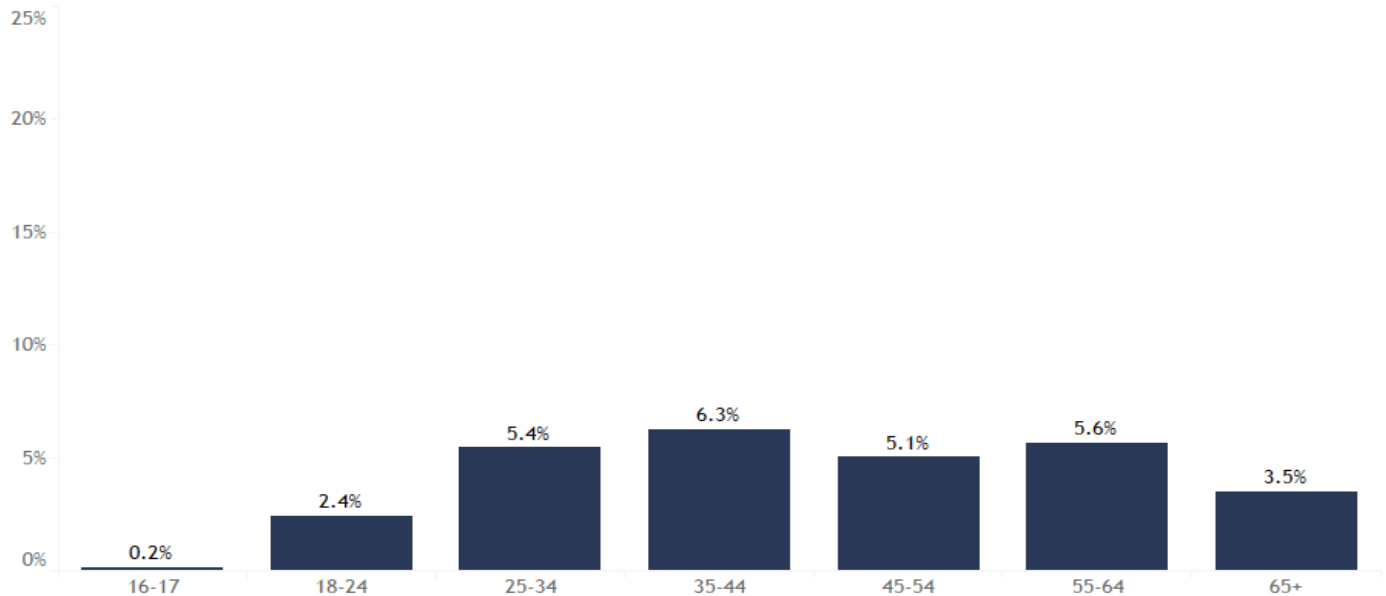
21 **WHEREAS**, COVID-19 vaccines have become available and DHS “is working to get
22 COVID-19 vaccine to Wisconsinites as equitably, quickly, and safely as possible.”ⁱ
23 However, there is a limited supply of vaccines and DHS is prioritizing who will receive
24 the vaccine. Green Lake Public Health has indicated that it will take several months to
25 vaccinate Green Lake County residents who wish to receive the vaccine due to having
26 limitations on the amount of vaccine that Green Lake County Public Health is allocated
27 each week; and

28 **WHEREAS**, according to the DHS website, the federal government allocates the
29 COVID-19 vaccine based on population size (Wisconsin’s 2019 population is 5.822
30 million, with a projected 5.83 million for 2020)ⁱⁱ; however, Wisconsin does not have
31 enough vaccines to vaccinate all eligible populations at this time; therefore, vaccinations
32 will be targeted to people with higher risk for COVID-19, and although the vaccine will
33 be administered in phases, the phases for distribution may overlap; and

34 **WHEREAS**, as of January 20, 2021, the Green Lake County Health Department has
35 vaccinated 300 people. The following chart shows the vaccines administered as of

Percent of Wisconsin population who have received at least one COVID-19 vaccine dose, by age group

Updated: 1/20/21



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38 **WHEREAS**, declaring a state of emergency will facilitate and expedite the use of all
39 available resources to protect persons from the impacts of the spread of COVID-19
40 while ensuring continuity of critical operations within Green Lake County.

41 **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, the Green Lake County Board of Supervisors,
42 under the power vested in it by Wis. Stat. §323.11, hereby declares a state of
43 emergency in Green Lake County.

44 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, the state of emergency shall last until March 26, 2021,
45 unless rescinded sooner by a Resolution of the County Board.

46 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that if the Health and Human Services Department
47 deems it necessary to make use of volunteer health care practitioners, the Health Office
48 shall notify the state department of health services.

49 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the County Board Chair and County Administrator
50 have joint authority to grant limited exceptions to current County policies and ordinances
51 which deal with employment, daily operation and function of County facilities where it is
52 the best interest of the county for the purpose of building and facility safety, employee
53 policies and procedures, internal county operation and functions during the COVID-19
54 pandemic. All exceptions should be consistent with Wis. Ch. 323 (Emergency
55 Management), any State or Federal legislation connected with the COVID-19 pandemic,

56 and based on best practices as recommended by the CDC, WI DHS and the Green
57 Lake County Health Department.

58 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the County Board Chair and County Administrator
59 have joint authority to draft policies and procedures that are necessary to protect the
60 public who enter and employees who work in County buildings, and facilities from the
61 spread of COVID-19, and shall consider all available state and federal guidance and
62 recommendations for the County's facilities to continue providing government services
63 to the public and protecting County employees.

64 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, if the County Board Chair is unable to perform the duties
65 under this resolution, the power to make decisions shall lie with the County Board Vice-
66 chair.

67 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, if the County Administrator is unable to perform the
68 duties under this resolution, the power to make decisions shall lie with the Corporation
69 Counsel.

70 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, so long as the meeting is consistent with the
71 requirements of open meetings, the County Board or its committees may conduct
72 electronic meetings for conducting County business.

73 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that all policies and directives enacted under all prior
74 Declarations of Emergency related to COVID-19 shall continue in effect until the
75 expiration of this declaration, unless the policy has a sunset date set by state or federal
76 law, then the policy shall expire based on state or federal law.

77 **FISCAL NOTE:** all appropriations under all emergency declarations shall not exceed
78 \$290,000 and shall be remitted from the contingency fund.

ⁱ <https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/covid-19/vaccine.htm>, last visited on January 20, 2021.

ⁱⁱ https://www.google.com/search?q=what+is+wisconsin%27s+population&rlz=1C1GCEB_enUS828US828&oq=what+is+wisconsin%27s+po&aqs=chrome.0.0i457j0l2j69i57j0i22i30l2j0i22i30i395l2.4441j1j7&sourceid=chrome&ie=UTF-8&safe=active&ssui=on, last visited on January 21, 2021.