

**RESOLUTION OPPOSING COUNTY ASSESSMENT AS**

**PROPOSED BY THE STATE BUDGET BILL**

**RESOLUTION #2015-02**

**Whereas**, Governor Walker recommends in his 2015-2017 state budget proposal shifting from municipal assessment to county assessment of property values for property tax purposes by 2017; and moving assessment responsibilities from the Town level to the county, which has never been engaged in the assessment of property, will reduce local control and increase costs to the taxpayers; and

**Whereas**, the costs of a county assessment system accomplishing 100% market valuations annually will be on average \$30 per parcel statewide, which is more than what the Town of Spring Prairie currently spends on assessment services; and property owners will lose the convenience of Board of Review proceedings in their own municipality, having to travel to county sites for Board of Review; and

**Whereas**, the state's concerns over current assessment practices are better addressed outside of the state budget process.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Town of Spring Prairie opposes the provision in the 2015-2017 state budget bill shifting from municipal to county assessment and urges the Wisconsin State Legislature to remove the provision from the state budget;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the State of Wisconsin, local governments, assessors, and other stakeholders should study how the current assessment system can be improved and jointly recommend a set of changes, if any are found necessary, to improve municipal assessment practices without necessarily eliminating the current system.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, the Town of Spring Prairie encourages 32nd State Assembly District Representative Tyler August to request the removal of this provision from the Fiscal Year 2015-17 budget, and that the Town Clerk/Treasurer is directed to forward copies of this resolution to Representative August.

Dated this 9th day of March 2015.