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RESOLUTION NO. 19-23

TO ELIMINATE DESIGNATING OFFICIAL NEWSPAPER AND AUTHORIZE ELECTRONIC POSTING TO THE COUNTY'S WEBSITE

WHEREAS, a County with a population of less than 250,000 is not required to designate an official newspaper; and

WHEREAS, the Pierce County Board has nevertheless adopted legislation (see Resolutions 96-17 und 87-36) voluntarily designating the Pierce County Herald as its official newspaper; and

WHEREAS, since the last designation of an official newspaper, and pursuant to 2015 Wisconsin Act 79, which was enacted in November, 2015, the law was changed such that in lieu of newspaper publication, the County can in most cases post in at least one public place likely to give notice to persons affected, and placed electronically on an internet site maintained by the County (see (§985.02(2)(a) Wis. Stats.); and

WHEREAS, with the changes to the law, and the merger between the Pierce County Herald and the Red Wing Republican Eagle (nka the Republican Eagle) which took place in August 2019, as well as changes in how many people get their information, the County has reconsidered its desire to designate an official newspaper; and

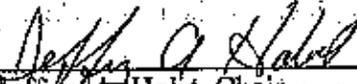
WHEREAS, in consultation with Pierce County Administration, the Pierce County Information Services Department, and the Pierce County Clerk's Office, it has been determined that the County has the technical infrastructure, staff and resources necessary to utilize the option of electronically posting legal notices to its own website; and

WHEREAS, despite the ability to electronically place most legal notices on the County's website, there are still certain legal notices for which electronic posting cannot be substituted (for example sales of land acquired by the County for delinquent taxes, or legal notices directed to specific individuals), and for which newspaper publication is required, and for which it is recommended that the County utilize the Pierce County Journal for such purposes; and

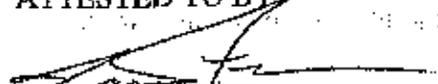
WHEREAS, the Finance & Personnel Committee, at its meeting on January 28, 2020, for the reasons stated herein, recommends eliminating designating an official newspaper, electronically posting legal notices on the County's website pursuant to §985.02(2)(a) Wis. Stats., and for those certain legal notices for which electronic posting cannot be substituted and newspaper publication is required shall be published in the Pierce County Journal.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Pierce County Board of Supervisors that it authorizes elimination of the designation of an official newspaper, and authorizes electronically posting legal notices on the County's website pursuant to §985.02(2)(a) Wis. Stata, and for those certain legal notices for which electronic posting cannot be substituted and newspaper publication is required those notices shall be published in the Pierce County Journal.

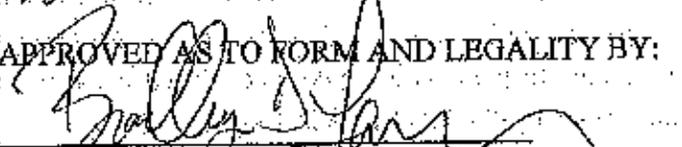
Dated this 28th day of January, 2020.


Jeffrey A. Holst, Chair
Pierce County Board of Supervisors

ATTESTED TO BY:


Jamie Feuerhelm, County Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY BY:


Bradley D. Lawrence, Corp. Counsel

Adopted: **ADOPTED**

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