

## **RESOLUTION # 8-10**

### **Addressing Purchase(s) of Land by Jefferson County for Park Purposes**

**Whereas:** Jefferson County presently owns Three Hundred and Ninety Five (395) acres of land in the Town of Jefferson that are designated as County Park and recreation areas, and

**Whereas:** Jefferson County purchases of land contained within the Town of Jefferson for parks removes the property from the Town's taxable base which also includes taxes collected by the Town for payment to the School Districts, the Technical College District, the State and County, and

**Whereas:** this has the effect of apportioning the Town's tax levy and the School District, Technical College District, State and County taxes to the remaining properties within the Town resulting in an increase to other Town residents, and

**Whereas:** Jefferson County makes no payments in lieu of taxes to the Town, Districts, State or County, and

**Whereas:** the *Town of Jefferson Comprehensive Land Use Plan 2010-2030*, adopted June 7, 2010, includes under a Natural Resource Goal that the Town of Jefferson "Recognizes the importance of existing parks for recreation, exercise, and natural resources preservation...", the Goal also states the Town will "Petition Jefferson County to institute payments in lieu of property taxes to the Towns and schools on County-owned properties." and

**Whereas:** costs to the Town of Jefferson for County parks remain including road maintenance and other Town services, and,

**Whereas:** Jefferson County has substantially reduced funds for maintaining Park properties, and

**Whereas:** Jefferson County has reduced or eliminated essential services to County residents and has reduced or eliminated direct quality of life services to County residents.

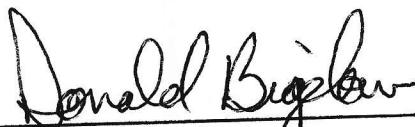
**Be it Resolved:** that the Jefferson Town Board object to the proposed purchase of the 120 acre Kemmeter property to add additional County Park area, and

**Be it further resolved:** that the County institute a process by which the Town of Jefferson is substantially involved in Jefferson County proposals for purchases of additional land or properties located within the Town of Jefferson for use as County parks or recreation areas, and

Now, therefore, be it resolved by the Town of Jefferson, Jefferson County, Wisconsin that Jefferson County provide a cost and benefit analysis of taxes and other fiscal items that impact the Town of Jefferson residents for any proposed purchase of land or property within the Town of Jefferson for park purposes.

Submitted by Supervisor Emons,  
August 2, 2010

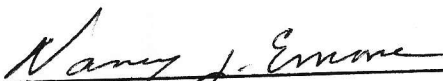
Adopted this 2nd day of August, 2010



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ATTEST TO:



Bonnie L. Ames, Clerk