

SHEBOYGAN COUNTY ORDINANCE NO. 15 (2025/26)

Re: **Amending Chapter 2 to Include the Circuit Court Department**

WHEREAS, the Sheboygan County Circuit Court Judges have authority and oversight of certain county employees in the Clerk of Courts, Register in Probate and Court Commissioner offices; and

WHEREAS, the Human Resources Committee has reviewed and supports the proposed creation of a Circuit Court department, with the most-tenured Circuit Court Judge serving as the Department Head to be responsible for the budget and supervision of the Register in Probate and Court Commissioner's offices, as well as the Judicial Assistants; and

WHEREAS, upon passage of this ordinance the Human Resources Committee will review and adjust the Table of Organization in a matter consistent with the creation of the Circuit Court department.

NOW, THEREFORE, the County Board of Supervisors of the County of Sheboygan does ordain as follows:

Section 1. **Amending Code**. Section 2.12(6)a of the Sheboygan County Code of Ordinances is hereby amended as follows:

(6) **Law Committee**. It shall be the duty of the Law Committee:

(a) To serve as liaison between the Sheriff, Clerk of Courts, District Attorney, Medical Examiner, and Circuit Court Commissioner **Department** and in that capacity to confer with them from time to time concerning the operation of their offices and Departments.

Section 2. **Budget Amendment**. The 2026 Budget shall be amended to remove \$658,697 from the Clerk of Courts budget and \$295,359 from the Court Commissioner budget (for a total of \$954,056) and reallocate such amount to the newly created Circuit Court Department in the same appropriation units designated in the 2026 approved budget.

Section 3. **Effective Date**. The herein Ordinance shall take effect upon enactment.

Respectfully submitted this 17th day of February, 2026.

LAW COMMITTEE

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Opposed to Introduction:

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