

RESOLUTION

Marshall County Board of Commissioners
Warren, Minnesota 56762

Date 4/5/22

Resolution No. 04-05-02

Motion by Commissioner Gary Kusow

Seconded by Commissioner Ed Miller

WHEREAS, the Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILT) Program passed into Minnesota law in 1979 with the statutory purpose "to address the disproportionate impact of state land ownership on local units of government with a large proportion of state land;" and

WHEREAS, 95% of all PILT acreage is located in the northern-half of Minnesota; and

WHEREAS, since 1995, nearly all PILT payment increases have gone to southern Minnesota and metro area counties; and

WHEREAS, in 1979 when PILT payments began, the biggest disparity between the highest PILT compensated county to the lowest compensated county was 8:1 or, *8 times higher*, yet today that disparity has grown to a whopping 170:1 or, *170 times higher*; and

WHEREAS, the principal cause PILT payments are so inequitable across MN, is because in 1995, the Acquired Acres category of PILT Payments switched from a flat rate to instead, a land value basis, yet all other major PILT Payment categories remained at a flat rate; and

WHEREAS, the Northern Counties Land Use Coordinating Board (NCLU) recently completed a Comprehensive Study re: State PILT and Payments to Counties which verifies all of the above-mentioned inequities; and

WHEREAS, SF 2793 (Bakk) & HF 3073 (Ecklund) have been introduced to help rectify these huge inequities in PILT Payments by substantially increasing PILT payments to Northern MN counties, including a 19.9% increase in Marshall County; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Marshall County hereby urges the 2022 Legislature to pass the respective Bakk-Ecklund PILT Bills through the necessary committees and include them in their final Omnibus Tax Bill.

ATTEST: 
Marshall County Auditor/Treasurer


Chairman, Marshall County Board of Commissioners