

Brown County Corporation Counsel David Hemery: Brown County prevails in sales tax audit

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(Brown County, Wis.) – Brown County Corporation Counsel David P. Hemery issued the following statement regarding the Wisconsin Supreme Court’s determination that the County’s Sales and Use Tax Ordinance is lawful.

“It has been obvious all along that our fiscally conservative Debt Reduction, Infrastructure and Property Tax Relief Plan was legal, and it’s a shame we had to spend hundreds of thousands of Brown County taxpayer dollars defending a law that has been clear for over two decades.

Utilizing revenue from the sales tax, the County has made crucial investments in our infrastructure, while paying down our debt and providing tax relief to property owners here in Brown County. With the sound guidance of Attorney Andy Phillips of Attoles Law, S.C. and Attorney Steve Nelson from von Briesen and Roper, S.C., and with a well-reasoned Amicus Curiae Brief from the Wisconsin Counties Association, we were able to prevail.”