



Winnebago County

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County Executive Doemel Applauds Legislature and Governor for Collaborative Approach to Opioid Litigation Settlements

Oshkosh, WI - Earlier today, Governor Tony Evers signed Assembly Bill 347, which became Act 57. The legislation will allocate 70% of future opioid litigation settlements to counties for the abatement of opioid addictions. The resources from opioid manufacturers, distributors and marketers will allow Wisconsin counties to continue efforts to respond to the opioid crisis.

Winnebago County Executive Jon Doemel issued the following statement:

Eighteen months ago, I walked into the Winnebago County Human Services Department with my older brother. My brother had already pulled many of his teeth out with a pliers and needed help for his opioid addiction. Luckily, I was able to save him. Last year, nearly thirty-seven Winnebago County residents did not receive treatment in time. Last year, I lost at least thirty-seven members of my community; many of whom were my friends and acquaintances. Last year, Winnebago County lost more sons and daughters than any prior year.

I applaud Governor Evers for signing this legislation in the best interest of all Wisconsinites. I thank the legislature for advancing the bill so quickly. The citizens of Winnebago County are looking for leaders to cut through the partisan politics and work together for the betterment of our community and state.

Last fall, I announced my run for Winnebago County Executive. As a pizza shop owner with a handle bar mustache, the political establishment did not take me seriously. My successful campaign focused on building a community and bringing people together. I did not run as a Republican or a Democrat.

Over the past few days, I and my staff were honored to work with the Governor, his team, and county executives across the state and political spectrum. I am proud of the unity we can showcase for our shared constituents' benefit.

Signing this bill was the right thing to do.