

RESOLUTION
ROCK COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Rich Bostwick
INITIATED BY

County Board Staff Committee
SUBMITTED BY



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Reaffirming Rock County's Practice of Pursuing Cost Effective Energy Use and Environmental Stewardship

1 **WHEREAS**, Rock County is committed to environmental stewardship, thereby improving the quality of
2 life for its citizens; and,

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4 **WHEREAS**, Rock County endorses a conservation ethic that personal and public commitment to
5 conservation brings about significant results; and,

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7 **WHEREAS**, Rock County desires to educate and encourage its citizens to follow environmentally
8 friendly practices by setting the example; and,

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10 **WHEREAS**, increased demand on traditional non-renewable energy sources have caused energy costs to
11 escalate, and these costs have become a major strain on county departmental budgets; and,

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13 **WHEREAS**, many *current* common building materials and fixtures are energy inefficient, and advanced
14 construction techniques and materials are more readily available and have become more mainstream and
15 reduced in price; and,

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17 **WHEREAS**, Rock County has taken numerous steps over the years to improve the efficiency of its
18 facilities, including upgrading of lighting, HVAC, boilers, windows, and insulation, as well as some of
19 its procedures; and,

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21 **WHEREAS**, the city of Beloit has initiated a "Green Agenda" and the city of Janesville has appointed
22 the Sustainable Janesville committee; and,

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24 **WHEREAS**, counties nationwide are taking a leadership role in promoting the "green government"
25 movement to promote cost savings, energy independence, and environmentally sustainable policies; and,

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27 **WHEREAS**, the citizens and employees of Rock County can individually take steps to reduce energy
28 usage and protect the environment; and,

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30 **WHEREAS**, Rock County will find it necessary in the near future to embark on plans to build or replace
31 existing facilities, and it will be in the best interest of its citizens to provide efficient and cost effective
32 structures from both a construction and operational perspective; and,

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34 **WHEREAS**, the County may be able to save taxpayer money in the long term by incorporating more
35 energy efficient materials and techniques such as the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design
36 principles into building construction and maintenance.

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38 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Rock County Board of Supervisors duly assembled
39 this _____ day of _____, 2010 does hereby Reaffirm Rock County's practice of pursuing cost
40 effective energy use and environmental stewardship; and,

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42 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that Rock County will continue to explore whether utilizing more
43 energy efficient building materials and techniques may both save money and result in more
44 environmentally friendly facilities; and,

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46 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Rock County departments are requested to perform internal
47 reviews of ways to improve their energy efficiency and report back to their governing committees with
48 recommendations for new initiatives and ideas.

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Respectfully submitted,

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FISCAL NOTE:

This resolution addresses a policy issue and has no fiscal impact on Rock County operations in and by itself.

George Baltes
Internal Auditor

ADMINISTRATIVE NOTE:

Recommended.

Craig Knutson
County Administrator

LEGAL NOTE:

The County Board is authorized to take this action pursuant to § 59.01 and 59.51, Wis. Stats.

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