

PROCEEDINGS OF THE
ROCK COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Janesville, Wisconsin
March 24, 2011

The Rock County Board of Supervisors met pursuant to adjournment on March 24, 2011, at 6:00 P.M. in the Courthouse at Janesville, Wisconsin.

Chair Podzilni called the meeting to order. Supervisor Knudson gave the invocation.

3. Roll Call. At roll call, Supervisors Peer, Arnold, Innis, Beaver, Heidenreich, Mawhinney, Fox, Diestler, Yankee, Gustina, Bussie, Combs, Knudson, Kraft, Bishop, Fizzell, Johnson, Brill, Wiedenfeld, Jensen, Bostwick, Sweeney, Collins, Owens, Yoss and Podzilni were present. Supervisors Thomas, Thompson and Wopat were absent. PRESENT – 26. ABSENT – 3.

QUORUM PRESENT

4. Adoption of Agenda.

Chair Podzilni announced that items 12.H, 12.I and 12.J would be taken up after item 10.A and that the Executive Session has been removed. Supervisors Fizzell and Bostwick moved to the Agenda as presented. ADOPTED as presented. Agenda is as follows:

1. CALL TO ORDER
2. INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
3. ROLL CALL
4. ADOPTION OF AGENDA
5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – March 10, 2011
6. PUBLIC HEARING
7. CITIZEN PARTICIPATION, COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS
8. NOMINATIONS, APPOINTMENTS AND CONFIRMATION
9. INTRODUCTION OF NEW RESOLUTIONS OR ORDINANCES BY SUPERVISORS FOR REFERRAL TO APPROPRIATE COMMITTEE
10. REPORTS
 - A. State Budget Update
11. UNFINISHED BUSINESS
12. NEW BUSINESS
 - A. Supplementary Appropriations and Budget Changes – Roll Call
 1. Amending the Sheriff's 2011 Budget to Use Equitably Shared Funds
 - B. Bills Over \$10,000 – No Roll Call
 - C. Encumbrances Over \$10,000 – Roll Call
 - D. Contracts – Roll Call
 1. Encryption of Public Safety Mobile Data System
 2. Establishment of a Mobile Data Transmitter Site
 - E. Recognizing Pastor Michael Jackson and children's Pastor Laura Fowler for Community Donations and Accept these Donations to the Remember Me Program
 - F. Recognizing Administrative Assistant Laura Juno
 - G. Recognizing Detective Daria O'Connor
 - H. Recognize Rock County Social Workers

- I. Opposing the Initiative in the Governor's Budget that Removes Income Maintenance Administration from the Counties and Creates a State Operated Centralized Income Maintenance Unit
 - J. Recognize Economic Support and Wisconsin Works Staff
 - K. Proclaiming National County Government Month April 2011 – "Serving our Veterans, Armed Forces, and their Families"
 - L. Wisconsin Veterans Benefits Funding
 - M. Recognizing Robert Hantke, Jr.
13. ADJOURNMENT

5. Approval of Minutes of March 10, 2011.

Supervisors Jensen and Brill moved the approval of the minutes of March 10, 2011 as presented. ADOPTED as presented by acclamation.

7. Citizen Participation, Communications and Announcements.

Darla Cox of Janesville addressed the Board asking their support of agenda item 12.I, a resolution Opposing the Initiative in the Governor's Budget that Removes Income Maintenance Administration from the Counties and Creates a State Operated Centralized Income Maintenance Unit. Ms. Cox has been an employee of Rock County since 1978 and in Human Services since 1988. She has great concerns over the timely service that Food Share and Badger Care clients in Rock County currently receive as compared to the statistics of the State system. Moving to a Statewide Enrollment Service Center at the State level will cause many of her clients to fall through the cracks.

Tami Bliss of Janesville addressed the Board asking their support of agenda item 12.I, a resolution Opposing the Initiative in the Governor's Budget that Removes Income Maintenance Administration from the Counties and Creates a State Operated Centralized Income Maintenance Unit. Ms. Bliss is one of two Job Center Receptionists who sees on a daily basis the individual needs of this County's elderly, homeless, and non-qualified citizens. Ms. Bliss feels moving to a Statewide Enrollment Service Center at the State level will cause many of her clients to fall through the cracks where many require face to face contact.

Linda Romps of Beloit addressed the Board asking their support of agenda item 12.I, a resolution Opposing the Initiative in the Governor's Budget that Removes Income Maintenance Administration from the Counties and Creates a State Operated Centralized Income Maintenance Unit. Ms. Romps has been an employee of Rock County for 26 years and has 23 years experience as an Economic Support Specialist. Moving to a Statewide Enrollment Service Center at the State level will cause many of her clients to fall through the cracks as she discussed the difficulty some experience by being elderly, illiterate, or technologically challenged in general.

Bonnie Ritzert of Footville addressed the Board asking their support of agenda item 12.I, a resolution Opposing the Initiative in the Governor's Budget that Removes Income Maintenance Administration from the Counties and Creates a State Operated Centralized Income Maintenance Unit. Ms. Ritzert is a Lead Economic Support Specialist with the County and has been employed 19 years with the County. She echoed the comments of the previous speakers in that moving to a Statewide Enrollment Service Center at the State level will cause many of her clients to fall through the cracks. She obtained data of citizens trying to utilize State services who waited on hold between 45 minutes and 2 hours. Many of her clients don't have phones, those who do tend to have a limited minutes plan. This could cause them additional burdens.

Sheila JaDoul addressed the Board asking their support of agenda item 12.I, a resolution Opposing the Initiative in the Governor's Budget that Removes Income Maintenance Administration from the Counties and Creates a State Operated Centralized Income Maintenance Unit. Ms. JaDoul has been employed 16 years and has been at the Job Center for 1.5 years. Many of her clients are Elderly, Blind or Disabled. She is one of two caseworkers handling EBD clients and has as many as 580 cases in which she provides personal attention to each. Sheila does not believe the State has the best interest of these citizens in mind in this decision, nor does she see the financial benefits they project.

Connie Mageland addressed the Board asking their support of agenda item 12.I, a resolution Opposing the Initiative in the Governor's Budget that Removes Income Maintenance Administration from the Counties and Creates a State Operated Centralized Income Maintenance Unit. Ms. Mageland felt it important to say that although she has been employed for 10 years at the Job Center, she is addressing the Board as an informed citizen and taxpayer. Many of her clients, be it elderly, disabled or otherwise, lack the skills to utilize a system proposed by the State in an Economic Support Center run by long phone backlogs and automated voicemails. Changes on the system require access and familiar skills to be able to process.

Ryan Booth of Janesville addressed the Board asking their support of agenda item 12.I, a resolution Opposing the Initiative in the Governor's Budget that Removes Income Maintenance Administration from the Counties and Creates a State Operated Centralized Income Maintenance Unit. Mr. Booth has been with the County for 4 years and an Economic Support Specialist for less than one year and wanted to express the needs and personalities of his clients to the Board. In his short tenure, Mr. Booth has formed personal relationships with his clients to the point that they feel trust in him and will allow him to assist them where special needs exist. A great many of his clients have a fear of computers and need accommodations in using other forms of technologies which would mean great barriers to the State's proposed system. He shared examples of how face to face personal assistance has allowed him to aid clients and avoids the need for further intervention of other agencies.

Supervisor Collins thanked Coroner Keach for the article in today's Janesville Gazette highlighting the perils of a struggling community and economic despair resulting in a rise in deaths by suicide. This is a difficult topic but thinks she did a great job discussing the seriousness of suicide. <http://www.gazettextra.com/news/2011/mar/24/suicides-nearly-double/>

10.A. State Budget Update.

Administrator Craig Knutson highlighted some of the items in the 2011-2013 Wisconsin Biennial Budget as well as a few items from the Budget Repair Bill. Mr. Knutson noted that each Supervisor was given a 78 slide handout put together by the Wisconsin Counties Association in their Legislative Meetings of March 2011. He indicated that this handout gives more detail than he will be sharing tonight and encouraged them to review it at their own convenience.

Family Care is one of the first items of concern in that originally the County was preparing to go to Family Care in June 2011 when the State made contact informing that it will not open until January 2012. Now, it appears there will be no expansion of Family Care in the next biennium which means Family Care will not start up in Rock County in January 2012. What this means for an ADRC remains to be seen.

Income Maintenance Administration is another issue. As we just heard from many concerned ESS workers, the Governor's proposal centralizes Income Maintenance at the State level no later than May 1, 2012, removing it as a County provided service. In addition, this proposal would require the County to turn over to the State the 2009 property tax levy we are putting into Income maintenance administration here in Rock County, currently estimated at about \$720,000. Not only does the State want to take over the Income Maintenance Administration, but they will make us pay to them the resources we've put locally into that effort. This is a bad idea for a number of reasons. A small portion of this is currently being done at the State level and they are doing a poor job of it and we're afraid that they will do a poor job of an expanded effort.

Our workers do an excellent job representing Rock County citizens and we'd like to see that continue. In addition, there are concerns that if the State takes over these services, there will be a spillover effect into the Human Services Department in Mental Health and Child Protective Services when people aren't getting the benefits that they need. This could increase our costs in these areas. The Federal Government pays 50% of the costs of Income Maintenance through Federal Financial Participation and the Federal government would have to approve the State using a subcontractor in the private sector which may require some changes in the Governor's original proposal. You'll see in your packet a resolution opposing this effort and we view this as a very important item.

A third item involves our levy limits. The current proposal sets levy limits at 0%, or net new construction for 2012. This means that for operational costs, Rock County cannot raise the levy in property taxes at all. Also, all Counties are under what is called a Tax Rate Limit and have

been since 1992. Rock County is currently about 4% below our tax rate limit for operations. If property values in Rock County decrease by more than 4%, which we will know in August for the 2012 budget, we may be in a position to have to decrease our property tax levy.

In terms of State Aid cuts, Rock County will see a reduction in shared revenues by about 1.4 million dollars. Transportations aids will be cut by or 10%, or \$186,180. Youth Aids, which funds much of our juvenile justice division will also be cut by 10% or \$384,000.

There are many other State Grant programs that the County relies upon that are also cut, at least at the state level, by 10%. We don't have the printout of exactly what that means for us here in Rock County, but some examples include: The Circuit Court Support grant, the Guardian ad litem grant program, Victim Witness grant program, court interpreter funding and others.

Child Support funding at the state level will be cut by \$25 million dollars over the 2011-13 biennium. We don't know what that means for Rock County, but are relatively sure that equals several hundred thousand dollars of State, and Federal matching funds, for our child support program.

There are also cuts in the Medical Assistance program proposed in the State budget that are not defined yet as to what exactly the impact to Rock County will be. In the 2011 budget there was around \$32 million budgeted to fund a variety of programs, so we can expect to see some impact.

By now most everyone is aware of the provision in the Budget Repair Bill that requires pension contributions from all employees except law enforcement. If this applies to all but Sheriff's Deputies in 2012 that would shift about \$2.7 million dollars now being paid by the County to employees. If this passes in 2011, it will apply only to unrepresented employees initially because represented contracts are in effect through 2011. The 2011 cost shift will equal about \$499,000.

After sharing these items, Administrator Knutson reminded Supervisors to review the handout that has a lot more information in it. The State biennial budget begins July 1, 2011. Between now and then we will be working with our legislators to seek changes in the proposed budget and continue to determine how we will likely be impacted.

12.A.1. Amending the Sheriff's 2011 Budget to Use Equitably Shared Funds.

Resolution No. 11-3B-313

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Rock County Board of Supervisors duly assembled this 24th day of March, 2011 that the 2011 budget be amended as follows:

<u>A/C-Description</u>	<u>Budget At</u> <u>02/28/2011</u>	<u>Increase</u> <u>(Decrease)</u>	<u>Amended</u> <u>Budget</u>
<u>Source of Funds</u>			
21-2100-0000-47000/ Transfer In	\$0	\$1,000	\$1,000
<u>Use of Funds</u>			
21-2100-0000-67171/ Capital Assets \$1,000/More	\$29,787	\$1,000	\$30,787

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a purchase order be issued to CESA2 of Milton, WI, for the purchase of a used SMART board, model Sympodium 350.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that payment be made to the vendor upon receipt and acceptance by the Rock County Sheriff.

Supervisors Collins and Wiedenfeld moved the above resolution. ADOPTED on the following roll call vote. Supervisors Peer, Arnold, Innis, Beaver, Heidenreich, Mawhinney, Fox, Diestler, Yankee, Gustina, Bussie, Combs, Knudson, Kraft, Bishop, Fizzell, Johnson, Brill, Wiedenfeld, Jensen, Bostwick, Sweeney, Collins, Owens, Yoss and Podzilni voted in favor. Supervisors Thomas, Thompson and Wopat were absent. AYES – 26.NOES – 0. ABSENT – 3.

12.B. Approval of Bills Over \$10,000.00. Resolution No. 11-3B-314

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Rock County Board of Supervisors at its regular meeting on March 24, 2011, approves payment and authorizes and directs the County Clerk and County Treasurer to pay the same.

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Dell	Information Technology	Contracted Services	\$33,535.32
Eppstein Uhen Architects	General Services	Contracted Services	\$22,265.53
Motorola Solutions Inc.	911 Communications Center	Contracted Services	\$114,012.00
The Samuels Group	General Services	Contracted Services	\$14,304.96

Supervisors Mawhinney and Kraft moved the above resolution. ADOPTED by acclamation.

12.C. Approval of Encumbrances Over \$10,000.00. Resolution No. 11-3B-315
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Rock County Board of Supervisors at its regular meeting on March 24, 2011, approves payment and authorizes and directs the County Clerk and County Treasurer to pay the same, upon acceptance by the department head.

General Communications Inc.	911 Communications Center	Contracted Services	\$1,918,002.00
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Supervisors Mawhinney and Diestler moved the above resolution. ADOPTED on the following roll call vote. Supervisors Peer, Arnold, Innis, Beaver, Heidenreich, Mawhinney, Fox, Diestler, Yankee, Gustina, Bussie, Combs, Knudson, Kraft, Bishop, Fizzell, Johnson, Brill, Wiedenfeld, Jensen, Bostwick, Sweeney, Collins, Owens, Yoss and Podzilni voted in favor. Supervisors Thomas, Thompson and Wopat were absent. AYES – 26.NOES – 0. ABSENT – 3.

12.D.1. Encryption of Public Safety Mobile Data System. Resolution No. 11-3B-316
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Rock County Board of Supervisors duly assembled this 24th day of March, 2011 that a contract be awarded to TELECO Systems, Inc. of Mequon, Wisconsin in the amount of \$22,250.

Supervisors Collins and Owens moved the above resolution. ADOPTED on the following roll call vote. Supervisors Peer, Arnold, Innis, Beaver, Heidenreich, Mawhinney, Fox, Diestler, Yankee, Gustina, Bussie, Combs, Knudson, Kraft, Bishop, Fizzell, Johnson, Brill, Wiedenfeld, Jensen, Bostwick, Sweeney, Collins, Owens, Yoss and Podzilni voted in favor. Supervisors Thomas, Thompson and Wopat were absent. AYES – 26.NOES – 0. ABSENT – 3.

12.D.2. Establishment of a Mobile Data Transmitter Site. Resolution No. 11-3B-317
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Rock County Board of Supervisors duly assembled this 24th day of March, 2011 that a contract be awarded to General Communications, Inc. of Madison, Wisconsin in the amount of \$16,300.

Supervisors Collins and Knudson moved the above resolution. ADOPTED on the following roll call vote. Supervisors Peer, Arnold, Innis, Beaver, Heidenreich, Mawhinney, Fox, Diestler, Yankee, Gustina, Bussie, Combs, Knudson, Kraft, Bishop, Fizzell, Johnson, Brill, Wiedenfeld, Jensen, Bostwick, Sweeney, Collins, Owens, Yoss and Podzilni voted in favor. Supervisors Thomas, Thompson and Wopat were absent. AYES – 26.NOES – 0. ABSENT – 3.

12.E. Recognizing Pastor Michael Jackson and Children's Pastor Laura Fowler for Community Donations and Accept these Donations to the Remember Me Program.

Resolution No. 11-3B-318

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Rock County Board of Supervisors duly assembled this 24th day of March, 2011 to accept this generous donation of stuffed toys and to recognize Pastor Jackson and Children's Pastor Fowler for their compassion and support of the citizens of Rock County.

Supervisors Collins and Yoss moved the above resolution. ADOPTED by acclamation. Coroner Keach presented to both Pastor Jackson and Fowler who were present to accept.

12.F. Recognizing Administrative Assistant Laura Juno. Resolution No. 11-3B-319
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Rock County Board of Supervisors duly assembled this 24th day of March, 2011, does hereby recognize Administrative Assistant Laura Juno for her 32 ½ years of faithful service and recommends that a sincere expression of appreciation be given to Laura Juno along with best wishes for the future.
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the County Clerk be authorized and directed to furnish a copy of this resolution to Laura Juno.

Supervisors Collins and Owens moved the above resolution. ADOPTED by acclamation.

12.G. Recognizing Detective Daria O'Connor. Resolution No. 11-3B-320
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Rock County Board of Supervisors duly assembled this 24th day of March, 2011, does hereby recognize Detective Daria O'Connor for her over 27 years of faithful service and recommends that a sincere expression of appreciation be given to Detective Daria O'Connor along with best wishes for the future.
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the County Clerk be authorized and directed to furnish a copy of this resolution to Detective Daria O'Connor.

Supervisors Collins and Combs moved the above resolution. ADOPTED by acclamation.

12.H. Recognize Rock County Social Workers. Resolution No. 11-3B-321
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Rock County Board of Supervisors, duly assembled this 24th day of March, 2011, do hereby recognize the Rock County Social Workers for their excellent work and diligent efforts in the delivery of services to needy Rock County citizens and their families in 2011.
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County Clerk be authorized and directed to furnish a copy of this resolution to the Rock County Human Services Department.

Supervisors Collins and Knudson moved the above resolution. ADOPTED by acclamation. Supervisor Bishop presented to Lance Horozewski, the Juvenile Justice and Prevention Division Manager who was present to accept on behalf of his colleagues and staff.

12.I. Opposing the Initiative in the Governor's Budget that Removes Income Maintenance Administration from the Counties and Creates a State Operated Centralized Income Maintenance Unit. Resolution No. 11-3B-322
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Rock County Board of Supervisors, duly assembled this 24th day of March, 2011, does hereby oppose the initiative in the Governor's Budget that takes income maintenance administration away from the counties and creates a statewide centralized Income Maintenance Unit; and,
BE IT FURTHER RESOVLED, that the Rock County Clerk is directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Rock County Legislative Delegation, the Wisconsin Counties Association, and to all other counties in the State of Wisconsin.

Supervisors Knudson and Owens moved the above resolution. ADOPTED by acclamation.

12.J. Recognize Economic Support and Wisconsin Works Staff. Resolution No. 11-3B-323
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Rock County Board of Supervisors, duly assembled this 24th day of March, 2011 does hereby recognize the Economic Support and Wisconsin Works Staff for their dedication and excellence in the work they do; and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County Clerk be authorized and directed to furnish a copy of this resolution to all Economic Support and Wisconsin Works Staff.

Supervisors Knudson and Brill moved the above resolution. ADOPTED by acclamation.

12.K. Proclaiming National County Government Month April, 2011-"Serving Our Veterans, Armed Forces and Their Families". Resolution No. 11-3B-324

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Rock County Board of Supervisors duly assembled this 24th day of March, 2011 does hereby join with county government around the nation to proclaim April 2011 as National County Government Month, celebrating with the theme "Serving our Veterans, Armed Forces and Their Families".

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Rock County Board of Supervisors recognizes and commends the employees of Rock County for their hard work and dedication in delivering these important programs and services.

Supervisors Gustina and Wiedenfeld moved the above resolution. ADOPTED by acclamation.

12.L. Wisconsin Veterans Benefits Funding. Resolution No. 11-3B-325

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Rock County Board of Supervisors duly assembled this 24th day of March, 2011, fully supports any and all efforts (except for deficit spending) to provide additional state funding to forestall any VTF insolvency within the next biennium, including, but not limited to, the exploration of permanent state funding for WDVA and the veterans programs and benefits that WDVA oversees.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Rock County Board of Supervisors directs the County Clerk to forward a copy of this resolution to the Office of Governor Scott Walker, respective State of Wisconsin legislative representatives of Rock County, the Wisconsin Counties Association and the Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs.

Supervisors Gustina and Bussie moved the above resolution. ADOPTED by acclamation.

12.M. Recognizing Robert Hantke, Jr. Resolution No. 11-3B-326

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Rock County Board of Supervisors at its regular meeting this 24th day of March, 2011, that a sincere expression of recognition be given to Robert Hantke, Jr. for his Thirty-Six and Three-Quarter years of service and best wishes for the future; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the County Clerk be authorized and directed to furnish a copy of this resolution to Mr. Hantke.

Supervisors Yankee and Arnold moved the above resolution. ADOPTED by acclamation.

13. Adjournment.

Supervisors Arnold and Wiedenfeld moved to adjourn at 7:20pm to Thursday, April 14, 2011 at 6:00 P.M. ADOPTED by acclamation.

Prepared by Lorena R. Stottler, County Clerk
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