

**RESOLUTION
ROCK COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

FINANCE COMMITTEE
INITIATED BY



SHERRY OJA
DRAFTED BY

FINANCE COMMITTEE
SUBMITTED BY

APRIL 5, 2013
DATE DRAFTED

SUPPORTING EFFORTS TO MAINTAIN THE TAX-EXEMPT STATUS OF MUNICIPAL BONDS

1 WHEREAS, the tax-exempt status of municipal bonds is nearly a century old and is vital to
2 funding local infrastructure and economic development; and
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4 WHEREAS, any move to change the current tax treatment of local government bonds would lead
5 to higher borrowing costs for local governments; and
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7 WHEREAS, without tax-exempt financing much-needed infrastructure improvements would
8 likely be delayed; and
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10 WHEREAS, tax-exempt bonds are a critical tool for Wisconsin counties that facilitates the
11 budgeting and financing of long-term investments in the infrastructure and facilities necessary to meet
12 public demand for government services; and
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14 WHEREAS, at a time when infrastructure demands are great, increasing the cost of local
15 government borrowing could have serious impacts on the national, state, and local economies; and
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17 WHEREAS, without the tax-exemption, the effectiveness of the bond market would be
18 significantly dampened, creating higher borrowing costs for county governments, less investment in
19 infrastructure, and fewer jobs.
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21 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Rock County Board of Supervisors duly
22 assembled this 15th day of April, 2013 does hereby support maintaining the current tax-exempt
23 status of municipal bonds.
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25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County Clerk is directed to provide a certified copy of
26 this resolution to the Wisconsin Federal Legislative Delegation.

Respectfully submitted:

FINANCE COMMITTEE

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Mary Mawhinney, Chair

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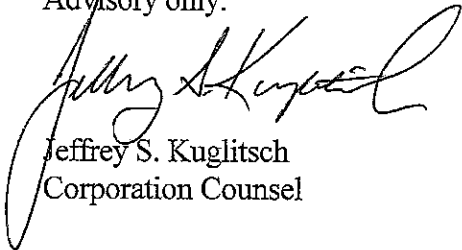
Local governments are currently allowed to issue tax-exempt municipal bonds. However, Congress is considering changing the tax treatment of municipal bonds. Changing the tax-exempt status would mean higher borrowing costs for local governments. This resolution supports maintaining the current tax-exempt status of municipal bonds and authorizes the resolution to be forwarded to the members of Wisconsin's Federal Legislative Delegation.



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LEGAL NOTE:

Advisory only.



Jeffrey S. Kuglitsch
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ADMINISTRATIVE NOTE:

Recommended.



Craig Knutson
County Administrator