

**RESOLUTION
ROCK COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

Ad Hoc Redistricting Committee
INITIATED BY



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DRAFTED BY

Finance Committee
SUBMITTED BY

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**Repeal and Re-Creation Chapter VI of the Rock County Ordinance
(Re-Apportionment of Supervisory Districts)**

1 **WHEREAS**, on July 25, 2011 the Governor signed into law WI Act 39 relating to: division of
2 municipalities into wards and redistricting of supervisory and aldermanic districts and appointing a
3 panel to hear challenges to the apportionment of a congressional or legislative district, and hearing
4 certain appeals, dramatically changing the way reapportionment occurs; and,
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6 **WHEREAS**, on August 9, 2011 the Governor signed into law WI Act 43 as the final Legislative
7 Redistricting maps and WI Act 44 as the final Congressional Districts map; and,
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9 **WHEREAS**, the above Acts used Census Block Data from the 2010 Census in lieu of Ward plan data
10 from the Municipalities, as was done in the past, thus requiring Municipalities and Rock County to
11 amend their plans to accommodate the enacted maps as drafted by the WI-LRB; and,
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13 **WHEREAS**, Rock County Board of Supervisors adopted the Repeal and Recreation of Chapter IV of the
14 Rock County Ordinance (Re-Apportionment of Supervisory Districts) on September 8, 2011 by
15 resolution 11-9A-464; and
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17 **WHEREAS**, in accordance with WI State Statute 59.10(3)(cm)1, and Rock County Resolution 81-5A-
18 016, the County Board of Supervisors shall consist of 29 Supervisors to be elected from 29 Supervisory
19 Districts. The location and boundaries of the Supervisory Districts are established as shown, on the
20 maps entitled "**Official Map of Rock County Supervisory Districts**" (**Maps 1-3**), dated March 22,
21 2012 as attached to this Resolution and are made part of this Chapter; and
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23 **WHEREAS**, the total population in Rock County in the 2010 Census is 160,331 (an increase of 5.3%),
24 making the target population for each Supervisory District 5,528, with a +/-5% deviation allowable.
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26 **WHEREAS**, The Supervisory Districts are hereby created, numbered and described as follows, and as
27 shown on the maps attached hereto which are incorporated herein by this reference.
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SUPERVISORY DISTRICTS 1-29

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31 **Supervisory District #1**, (~ population 5,337) All the territory within the City limits of Evansville, Wards
32 1 through 8; and the territory within the Town of Union, Ward 4.
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34 **Supervisory District #2**, (~ population 5,516) All the territory within the Town of Union, Wards 1
35 through 3; and all of the territory within the Town of Porter, one Ward; and all of the territory within the
36 Town of Center, Wards 1-2; and all of the territory within the Village of Footville, one Ward; and the
37 territory within the Town of Fulton, Ward 2.
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39 **Supervisory District #3**, (~ population 5,678) All of the territory within the City of Edgerton, Wards 1
40 through 6; and all of the territory within the Town of Fulton, Ward 3.
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42 **Supervisory District #4**, (~ population 5,636) All of the territory within the Town of Milton, Wards 1
43 through 4; and all of the territory within the Town of Fulton, Ward 4; and all of the territory within the
44 town of Harmony, Ward 5; and all of the territory within the town of Lima, Wards 1-2; and all of the
45 territory within the town of Johnstown, one Ward.
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47 **Supervisory District #5**, (~ population 5,546) All of the territory within the City of Milton, Wards 1
48 through 8.
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50 **Supervisory District #6**, (~ population 5,368) All of the territory within the Town of Turtle, Wards 1 and
51 2; and, all of the territory in the Town of Beloit, Ward 10; and, all of the territory in the City of Beloit,
52 Wards 23 and 24.

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- 53 **Supervisory District #7**, (~ population 5,447) All of the territory within the Town of LaPrairie, Wards 1-
54 2; and all of the territory within the Town of Bradford, Wards 1-2; and, all of the territory within the Town
55 of Clinton, one Ward; and, all of the territory within the Village of Clinton, Wards 1 through 3; and all of
56 the territory within the Town of Turtle, Ward 3, and, all of the territory within the City of Janesville, Ward
57 29.
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- 59 **Supervisory District #8**, (~ population 5,343) All of the territory within the Town of Magnolia, one Ward;
60 and, all of the territory within the Town of Spring Valley, one Ward; and, all of the territory within the
61 Town of Plymouth, Wards 1-2; and, all of the territory within the Town of Avon, one Ward; and, all of the
62 territory within the Village of Orfordville, Wards 1-2; and, all of the territory within the City of Brodhead,
63 Wards 7-8; and, all of the territory within the Town of Newark, Ward 3.
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- 65 **Supervisory District #9**, (~ population 5,527) All of the territory within the Town of Fulton, Wards 1, 5-
66 6; and, all of the territory within the Town of Janesville, Wards 3 and 4; and, all of the territory within the
67 Town of Harmony, Wards 1, 2 and 6; and, all of the territory within the City of Janesville, Ward 19, and
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- 70 **Supervisory District #10**, (~ population 5,359) All of the territory within the Town of Rock, Wards 1-2;
71 and, all of the territory within the Town of Newark, Wards 1-2; and, all of the territory within the Town of
72 Beloit, Wards 1, 2, 8, 9 and 11.
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- 74 **Supervisory District #11**, (~ population 5,560) All of the territory within the City of Beloit, Ward 1 and
75 12; and, all of the territory within the Town of Beloit, Ward 3-7.
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- 77 **Supervisory District #12**, (~ population 5,513) All of the territory within the City of Beloit, Wards 9-11.
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- 79 **Supervisory District #13**, (~ population 5,471) All of the territory within the City of Beloit, Wards 8, 13,
80 14 and 15.
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- 82 **Supervisory District #14**, (~ population 5,371) All of the territory within the City of Beloit, Wards 19-22;
83 and, all of the territory in the Town of Turtle, Ward 4.
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- 85 **Supervisory District #15**, (~ population 5,399) All of the territory within the City of Beloit, Wards 16-18.
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- 87 **Supervisory District #16**, (~ population 5,383) All of the territory within the City of Beloit, Wards 5-7.
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- 89 **Supervisory District #17**, (population 5,336) All of the territory within the, City of Beloit, Wards 2-4.
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- 91 **Supervisory District #18**, (~ population 5,702) All of the territory within the Town of Janesville, Wards 6
92 and 8; and, all of the territory within the City of Janesville, Wards 1-2.
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- 94 **Supervisory District #19**, (~ population 5,595) All of the territory within the City of Janesville, Wards
95 15-16; and, all of the territory within the Town of Janesville, Wards 5 and 9.
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- 97 **Supervisory District #20**, (~ population 5,466) all of the territory within the City of Janesville, Wards 21-
98 22 & 26; and, all of the territory within the Town of Harmony, Wards 3 and 4.
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- 100 **Supervisory District #21**, (~ population 5,566) All of the territory within the City of Janesville, Wards
101 17-18.
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- 103 **Supervisory District #22**, (~ population 5,695) All of the territory within the City of Janesville, Ward 23,
104 24 and 25.
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- 106 **Supervisory District #23**, (~ population 5,699) All of the territory within the City of Janesville, Wards
107 27 and 28.
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- 109 **Supervisory District #24**, (~ population 5,676) All of the territory within the City of Janesville, Wards 13
110 and 14.
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- 112 **Supervisory District #25**, (~ population 5,677) All of the territory within the City of Janesville, Wards 3
113 and 4.
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- 115 **Supervisory District #26**, (~ population 5,465) All of the territory within the Town of Janesville, Wards
116 1, 2, and 7; And, all of the territory within the City of Janesville, Wards 5 and 6; And, all the territory in
117 the Town of Rock, Ward 6-7.
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- 119 **Supervisory District #27**, (~ population 5,600) All of the territory within the City of Janesville, Wards 7
120 and 8.

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Supervisory District #28, (~ population 5,693) All of the territory within the City of Janesville, Wards 9 and 10; and all of the territory within the Town of Rock, Wards3-5.

Supervisory District #29, (~ population 5,707) All of the territory within the City of Janesville, Wards 11-12.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Rock County Board of Supervisors duly assembled this 22nd day of March, 2012 hereby authorizes and approves the Repeal and Recreation of Chapter VI of the Rock County Ordinances – Rock County Supervisory Districts.

Respectfully submitted,


Finance Committee



Mary Mawhinney, Chair



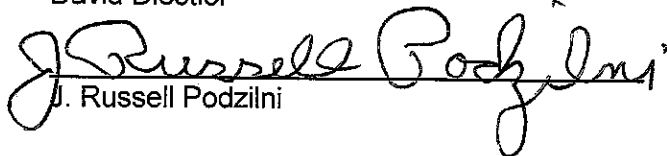
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FISCAL NOTE:


No fiscal impact.



Sherry Oja
Finance Director

ADMINISTRATIVE NOTE:

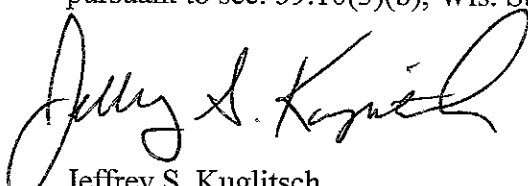
Matter of Policy.



Craig Knutson
County Administrator

LEGAL NOTE:

The County board is required to take this action pursuant to sec. 59.10(3)(b), Wis. Stats.



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Attachments:

- Map 1 – Rock County Supervisory Districts 1-29
- Map 2 – Greater Janesville Area
- Map 3 – Greater Beloit Area

Executive Summary

The Rock County Board of Supervisors approved the 2011 Supervisory District Plan on Sept. 8, 2011. The maps were created using US Census Bureau TIGER data as directed by the Wisconsin Legislative Technology Services Bureau (LTSB). This data has known issues in regards to accuracy when you compare it to local mapping technology. This Redistricting process was done for the first time using this level of technology allowing for significantly greater detail than was available in previous redistricting projects.

It was anticipated that some of the boundaries may need to be adjusted to match the higher accuracy Rock County Land Information System (LIS) data to eliminate ambiguity when determining voting districts for individual homeowners in areas where the TIGER data does not line up with the LIS data. After the plan was adopted, County Staff proactively created a separate file that contained the re-aligned data in anticipation of receiving authorization to implement the new boundaries.

In telephone consultation with Mike Keene at the Legislative Reference Bureau on January 10, 2012, verbal authority was given to make assumptions that change boundary lines, where visible, to line up the boundaries used by the state to match the actual boundary lines computed by the County.

On January 13, 2012, the GAB sent a memo describing the Anomalies of Municipal and Ward boundaries, using Rock County as an example to all municipal and County Clerks that provided detailed analysis, and guidance to help reduce the consequential impact of the anomalies. This memo indicates that "the data from the county GIS system tends to be highly accurate, and in some cases at a survey level of accuracy," and further indicates that for Counties who provide their data, that data will be used in lieu of the TIGER data.

The original plan adopted by the County Board included Census Block listing by Supervisory District. This is no longer feasible because the resulting re-alignment cuts through the Census Blocks and caused pieces of the Census Blocks to fall into more than one district. In order to meet the new requirements as set forth by the GAB, and to allow for a more clear understanding of the boundary lines, those Census Block numbers have been removed.

The County Clerk further received notification on 3/12/12 from the GAB that the Municipal Ward boundaries must be amended and approved by April 10, 2012. Adopting the amended ordinance prior to administrating the April 3, 2012 Spring Election, however, would be preferable.

Intensive examination of the proposed amended Supervisory District Plan Maps as overlaid on aerial photos show some small population shifts among the districts that have little consequence on the County's stated goal of being within +/-3% of the target population.