

**RESOLUTION
ROCK COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

COUNTY BOARD STAFF
COMMITTEE
INITIATED BY



RICHARD GREENLEE
DRAFTED BY

MARCH 20, 2020
DATE DRAFTED

COUNTY BOARD STAFF
COMMITTEE
SUBMITTED BY

**RATIFICATION OF DECLARATION OF LOCAL STATE OF EMERGENCY
PROCLAIMED MARCH 16, 2020**

1 WHEREAS, on March 16, 2020, Rock County Board of Supervisors Chairman Russell
2 Podzilni and Rock County Administrator Joshua Smith by proclamation declared that a local state of
3 emergency exists in Rock County because of the COVID-19 pandemic consistent with Section
4 323.14(4)(b), Wisconsin Statutes; and

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6 WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 323.14(4)(b), Wisconsin Statutes the proclamation is
7 "...subject to ratification, alteration, modification or repeal by the County Board as soon thereafter as
8 the Board can meet, but the subsequent action taken by the governing body shall not affect the prior
9 validity of the proclamation..." and

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11 WHEREAS, Administrator Smith has, to date, issued administrative orders that are necessary
12 and expedient for the health, safety, protection, and welfare of persons and property within Rock
13 County; and

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15 WHEREAS, it is deemed appropriate and necessary to provide County Administrator Smith the
16 general authority to order, subject to review by the Rock County Board of Supervisors, whatever is
17 necessary and expedient for the health, safety, protection, and welfare of persons and property within
18 Rock County during the emergency; and

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20 WHEREAS, the County Board and its subunits have been and continue to be prevented from
21 meeting physically, by reason of the COVID-19 pandemic.

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23 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Rock County Board of Supervisors, duly
24 assembled this 26th day of March, 2020, does hereby ratify the March 16, 2020,
25 Proclamation Declaring a Local State of Emergency in Rock County.

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27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Rock County Board of Supervisors hereby vests Rock
28 County Administrator Joshua Smith with the general authority to order, subject to review by the Board
29 of Supervisors, whatever is necessary and expedient for the health, safety, protection, and welfare of
30 persons and property within Rock County during the declared Local State of Emergency.

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Respectfully submitted:

COUNTY BOARD STAFF COMMITTEE

1st J. Russell Podzilni

J. Russell Podzilni, Chair

1st Mary Mawhinney

Mary Mawhinney, Vice Chair

1st Richard Bostwick

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1st Henry Brill

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1st Betty Jo Bussie

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1st Louis Peer

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1st Alan Sweeney

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1st Terry Thomas

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1st Bob Yeomans

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FISCAL NOTE:

The fiscal ramifications for the COVID-19 pandemic and the resulting Local State of Emergency are unknown at this time. Every effort will be made to seek State and Federal Aid reimbursement for costs incurred.



Sherry Oja
Finance Director

LEGAL NOTE:

Pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 323.14(b), the County Board must ratify, alter, modify, or repeal a local state of emergency declared by proclamation as soon as the County Board can meet after such proclamation has been made.



Richard Greenlee
Corporation Counsel

ADMINISTRATIVE NOTE:

Matter of policy.



Josh Smith
County Administrator