

RESOLUTION
ROCK COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Supervisors Louis Peer,
Richard Ott, Mary
Mawhinney, and
Mary Beaver
INITIATED BY



Joshua Smith
DRAFTED BY

Public Safety and Justice
Committee
SUBMITTED BY

March 3, 2010
DATE DRAFTED

**ABOLISHING THE OFFICE OF THE CORONER AND
ESTABLISHING A MEDICAL EXAMINER SYSTEM**

- 1 **WHEREAS**, the County Board previously abolished the Office of the Coroner by Resolution 06-8A-
- 2 069, this resolution was later rescinded by Resolution 08-12A-170; and,
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- 4 **WHEREAS**, Article VI, Section 4 of the Wisconsin Constitution provides for the establishment of the
- 5 medical examiner system in lieu of a coroner; and,
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- 7 **WHEREAS**, s. 59.34, Wis. Stats., also provides for the establishment of a medical examiner by the
- 8 County Board; and,
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- 10 **WHEREAS**, it may be possible to establish a medical examiner system at a cost comparable to a
- 11 coroner's office; and,
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- 13 **WHEREAS**, adopting a medical examiner system would allow the County Board more flexibility to
- 14 determine the structure and staffing of the office.
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- 16 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Rock County Board of Supervisors duly assembled
- 17 this _____ day of _____, 2010 does hereby abolish the position of the coroner and establish a
- 18 medical examiner system, effective January 3, 2011.

Respectfully submitted,

PUBLIC SAFETY AND JUSTICE COMMITTEE

Dissent
Ivan Collins, Chair

Dissent
Brian Knudson, Vice Chair

Mary Beaver
Mary Beaver

Henry Brill
Henry Brill

Dissent
Lawrence Wiedenfeld

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FISCAL NOTE:

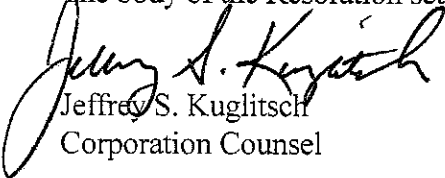
The actual costs of operating a medical examiner compared to a coroner's office in 2011 cannot be determined at this time. As stated in the resolution, it may be possible to establish a medical examiner system at a cost comparable to a coroner's office.



Jeffrey A. Smith
Finance Director

LEGAL NOTE:

The body of the Resolution sets forth the County Board's authority to take this action.



Jeffrey S. Kuglitsch
Corporation Counsel

ADMINISTRATIVE NOTE:

A matter of policy.



Craig Knutson
County Administrator

Amendment to Resolution to abolish the office of coroner.

Beginning at the end of line 14,
Replace the "." (period) with ", and,

*eliminate
+ replace with*

WHEREAS, the discontinuance of an elected office is a matter for consideration by the citizens authorized to elect that office.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Rock County Board of Supervisors, duly assembled this 27th day of May, 2010 does hereby request that a referendum on the issue of abolishing the Office of Coroner and replacing it with a Medical Examiner System be put before the electors of Rock County in a general election."

Fizzell/Thomas