

RESOLUTION
ROCK COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Hall of Honor Committee
INITIATED BY

Nick Osborne
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Aging Services Committee
SUBMITTED BY



May 3, 2016
DATE DRAFTED

**CONFIRMING THE INDUCTION OF
DEAN PAYNTER, WILLIAM WARTMANN, AND BURDETTE ERICKSON
TO THE ROCK COUNTY HALL OF HONOR**

- 1 **WHEREAS**, the Rock County Board of Supervisors in March, 1982, did establish a Hall of Honor in the
- 2 James L. Wells Cultural Center to honor individuals who have made significant contributions to the
- 3 people of Rock County; and,
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- 5 **WHEREAS**, the Hall of Honor Committee annually selects persons for induction into the Hall of Honor;
- 6 and,
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- 8 **WHEREAS**, the Committee has met and selected Dean Paynter, William Wartmann, and Burdette
- 9 Erickson as the 2016 Hall of Honor Inductees, based on his years of service to the people of Rock County.
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- 11 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Rock County Board of Supervisors duly assembled
- 12 this 12th day of May, 2016 that the nomination of Dean Paynter, William Wartmann,
- 13 and Burdette Erickson as the 2016 Hall of Honor Inductees be confirmed.

Respectfully submitted,

EDUCATION, VETERANS AND AGING SERVICES COMMITTEE

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Executive Summary

The Hall of Honor Committee recommends that Dean Paynter, William Wartmann, and Burdette Erickson be inducted into the Rock County Hall of Honor.

Dean Paynter has long been recognized as a proponent for trails, parks, and the environment in Rock County. He is the current president of the Rock Trail Coalition, founder of the Friends of Rockport Park, and is a member of the City of Janesville and Rock County Parks Advisory Committees. Dean has lead efforts to expand bike trails to the edges of Rock County, eliminate invasive species, and worked to positively transform the recreational experience for Rock County residents and visitors alike.

William (Bill) Wartmann has a nearly 50 year history of giving time and resources to causes that enrich the lives of Rock County residents. He has provided music and art scholarships, purchased band and choir uniforms for Edgerton schools, and has been a regular contributor to numerous charities, such as Friends of Noah animal rescue, Second Harvest Food Bank, and Edgerton Hospital. In the words of Steve Starkey OutReach LGBT Community Center, "Bill acts on his empathy and passion with financial support that makes a critical difference for individuals and his community."

Burdette Erickson is well known for his volunteer work and advocacy for Janesville's Fourth Ward neighborhood. He helped create the Fourth Ward Committee that improves safety and beautification efforts and works closely with law enforcement and community leaders to deter and prevent criminal activity. In addition, he has been awarded the Janesville Police Department Law Enforcement Service Award. Burdette has displayed dedication to his neighbors, a love of his community, and a genuine desire to see his hometown improve through his advocacy and service.

Dean Paynter, William Wartmann, and Burdette Erickson have all shown commitment to improve the quality of life in Rock County through their numerous contributions to local causes.