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***Note: Location, Date  
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**PUBLIC SAFETY & JUSTICE COMMITTEE  
THURSDAY – MAY 13, 2010 - 5:45 P.M.  
JURY DELIBERATION ROOM – FOURTH FLOOR  
ROCK COUNTY COURTHOUSE-EAST**

**Agenda**

1. Call to Order
2. Adoption of Agenda
3. Resolution
  - A. Authorizing Submission of Paul Coverdell Forensic Science Improvement Grants Program
4. Adjournment

RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_

AGENDA NO. \_\_\_\_\_

**RESOLUTION  
ROCK COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

Jenifer L. Keach, Coroner  
INITIATED BY



Louis C. Smit, Chief Deputy  
Coroner  
DRAFTED BY

Public Safety and Justice Committee  
SUBMITTED BY

May 5, 2010  
DATE DRAFTED

**AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION OF PAUL COVERDELL FORENSIC SCIENCE  
IMPROVEMENT GRANTS PROGRAM**

- 1 **WHEREAS**, the U.S. Department of Justice (USDOJ), Office of Justice Programs (OJP) has announced
- 2 a grant opportunity titled the Paul Coverdell Forensic Science Improvement Grants Program (2010); and,
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- 4 **WHEREAS**, the grant provides awards of up to \$175,000 to develop and operate innovative programs
- 5 that enhances and improve the quality and timeliness of forensic science and coroner services to the
- 6 community; and,
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- 8 **WHEREAS**, this is a competitive grant with no local match or cost-sharing requirement.
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- 10 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Rock County Board of Supervisors duly
- 11 assembled this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2010, does hereby approve and authorize the
- 12 submission of a grant application, via the Paul Coverdell Forensic Science Improvement Grants
- 13 Program and the Chair of the Rock County Board of Supervisors is hereby authorized to sign all
- 14 necessary documents on behalf of the County of Rock.

Respectfully submitted,

**Public Safety and Justice Committee**

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Ivan Collins, Chair

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Brian Knudson, Vice Chair

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Mary Beaver

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Henry Brill

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Larry Wiedenfeld

**LEGAL NOTE:**

The authority to accept grant funds pursuant to sec. 59.52(19), Wis. Stats., necessarily implies the authority to make application for such funds.

Jerome A. Long  
Deputy Corporation Counsel

**ADMINISTRATIVE NOTE:**

Recommended. However, if funds are awarded, a more detailed explanation of the use of funds would be needed.

Craig Knutson  
County Administrator

**FISCAL NOTE:**

This Resolution only authorizes the application for this grant. Thus, it has no fiscal impact in and by itself. If the application is successful, a separate resolution is required to accept the grant.

George Baltes  
Internal Auditor

### **Executive Summary**

#### **Authorizing Submission of Paul Coverdell Forensic Science Improvement Grant Program**

The U.S. Department of Justice, Office Justice Programs has announced a grant opportunity titled Paul Coverdell Forensic Science Improvement Grants Programs. The grant provides funding of up to \$175,000 to develop and operate innovative programs that enhance and improve the quality and timeliness of forensic science and coroner services. Funds may be used for any of the following: Personnel; Computerization; Certain laboratory; Medicolegal equipment; Accreditation; Education, Training, and Certification; Facilities improvements; Certain administrative expenses; and/or to provide needed services to the community. The programs to be funded must be geared toward overall forensic and coroner functions and enhancements.

This is a competitive grant with no local match or cost-sharing requirement. The intent of the Coroner's Office is to obtain federal funding which will be used to off-set budget shortfalls for necessary and federally mandated equipment and items as outlined by the U.S. Department of Justice "National Guidelines for Death Investigations" which was designed to implement and support programs to enhance forensic investigations and criminal justice outcomes as well as to provide training opportunities for coroner staff and law enforcement personnel as available (depending upon the amount of the award).