

ROCK COUNTY, WISCONSIN



Board of Supervisors
51 South Main Street
Janesville, WI 53545
(608)757-5510

**Revised:
8/23/10**

**COUNTY BOARD STAFF COMMITTEE
TUESDAY – AUGUST 24, 2010 – 4:00 P.M.
CONFERENCE ROOM N-1 – FIFTH FLOOR
ROCK COUNTY COURTHOUSE-EAST**

Agenda

1. Call to Order & Approval of Agenda
2. Approval of Minutes – August 10, 2010
3. Citizen Participation, Communications and Announcements
4. Approval of Bills
5. Resolution
 - A. Recognizing Chief Larry Grorud
 - B. Placing Advisory Referendum Question on November Ballot Regarding Segregated Transportation Fund
 - C. County Nursing Homes and the 2011-2013 State Biennial Budget
 - D. Recognition of the Life and Service of Rod Nilsestuen, Late Secretary of the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection
 - E. Authorizing Overlap of Position for Department of Public Works, Airport Division
 - F. Recognizing Sergeant Laurie Sprecher
6. Adjournment

Account Number	Name	Yearly Prct Appropriation Spent	YTD Expenditure	Encumb Amount	Unencumb Balance	Inv/Enc Amount	Total
0311100000-63107	PUBL & LEGAL	18,000.00	52.0%	9,373.99	0.00	8,626.01	
	P1000639-PO# 08/12/10 -VN#013607			JANESVILLE GAZETTE INC		947.95	
				CLOSING BALANCE	7,678.06		947.95
0311100000-64904	SUNDRY EXPENSE	1,500.00	35.2%	528.37	0.00	971.63	
	P1000796-PO# 08/12/10 -VN#013601			JANESVILLE FLORAL COMPANY		72.45	
				CLOSING BALANCE	899.18		72.45
	COUNTY BOARD			PROG-TOTAL-PO		1,020.40	

I HAVE EXAMINED THE PRECEDING BILLS AND ENCUMBRANCES IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$1,020.40 INCURRED BY COUNTY BOARD. CLAIMS COVERING THE ITEMS ARE PROPER AND HAVE BEEN PREVIOUSLY FUNDED. THESE ITEMS ARE TO BE TREATED AS FOLLOWS

- A. BILLS AND ENCUMBRANCES OVER \$10,000 REFERRED TO THE COUNTY BOARD.
- B. BILLS UNDER \$10,000 TO BE PAID.

C. ENCUMBRANCES UNDER \$10,000 TO BE PAID UPON ACCEPTANCE BY THE DEPARTMENT HEAD.

COUNTY BOARD STAFF **AUG 24 2010** COMMITTEE APPROVES THE ABOVE. COM-APPROVAL _____ DEPT-HEAD

DATE _____ CHAIR

Account Number	Name	Yearly Prct Appropriation	Prct Spent	YTD Expenditure	Encumb Amount	Unencumb Balance	Inv/Enc Amount	Total
0814200000-61920	PHYSICALS	10,320.00	53.1%	5,485.50	0.00	4,834.50		
				08/12/10 -VN#049974	O CONNELL, DAVID		15.00	
				P1000469-PO# 08/12/10 -VN#017412	WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF JUSTIC		141.00	
					CLOSING BALANCE	4,678.50		156.00
0814200000-63107	PUBL & LEGAL	34,750.00	55.3%	19,218.96	0.00	15,531.04		
				P1000383-PO# 08/12/10 -VN#011191	BELOIT DAILY NEWS		721.30	
				P1000384-PO# 08/12/10 -VN#013607	JANESVILLE GAZETTE INC		1,010.89	
				P1000386-PO# 08/12/10 -VN#014299	MADISON NEWSPAPERS INC		799.00	
					CLOSING BALANCE	12,999.85		2,531.19
0814200000-63200	PUBL/SUBCR/DUES	10,050.00	91.2%	8,989.58	180.00	880.42		
				P1002952-PO# 08/12/10 -VN#033730	STATE BAR OF WISCONSIN		7.56	
					CLOSING BALANCE	872.86		7.56
0814200000-64417	HCC EXPENSES	16,129.00	34.1%	5,298.25	217.39	10,613.36		
				P1000384-PO# 08/12/10 -VN#013607	JANESVILLE GAZETTE INC		72.32	
				P1000469-PO# 08/12/10 -VN#017412	WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF JUSTIC		10.00	
					CLOSING BALANCE	10,531.04		82.32
					HUMAN RESOURCES			2,777.07
					PROG-TOTAL-PO			

I HAVE EXAMINED THE PRECEDING BILLS AND ENCUMBRANCES IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$2,777.07 INCURRED BY HUMAN RESOURCES. CLAIMS COVERING THE ITEMS ARE PROPER AND HAVE BEEN PREVIOUSLY FUNDED. THESE ITEMS ARE TO BE TREATED AS FOLLOWS

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AUG 24 2010

DATE _____ CHAIR

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19140000-62104	CONSULTING SERV	15,000.00	32.2% 4,841.75	0.00	10,158.25		
	P1000289-PO# 08/12/10 -VN#016551		TE BRENNAN COMPANY			100.00	
			CLOSING BALANCE		10,058.25		100.00
	RISK MGMT.		PROG-TOTAL-PO			100.00	

I HAVE EXAMINED THE PRECEDING BILLS AND ENCUMBRANCES IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$100.00 INCURRED BY RISK MANAGEMENT. CLAIMS COVERING THE ITEMS ARE PROPER AND HAVE BEEN PREVIOUSLY FUNDED. THESE ITEMS ARE TO BE TREATED AS FOLLOWS

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AUG 24 2010

DATE _____ CHAIR

RESOLUTION NO. _____

AGENDA NO. _____

**RESOLUTION
ROCK COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

Public Safety & Justice
INITIATED BY



David Sleeter
DRAFTED BY

Public Safety & Justice
SUBMITTED BY

DATE DRAFTED

RECOGNIZING CHIEF LARRY GRORUD

1 **WHEREAS**, Chief Larry Grorud started his career with the Janesville Fire Department in April 20, 1974;
2 and,

3
4 **WHEREAS**, Chief Larry Grorud worked his way up through the ranks of the Janesville Fire Department
5 and became Chief of the department on January 3, 1990; and,

6
7 **WHEREAS**, Chief Larry Grorud was instrumental in the planning and establishment of the Rock County
8 911 Communications Center operational policy/procedures; and,

9
10 **WHEREAS**, Chief Larry Grorud was the first and only 911 Commission Chairman since the Rock
11 County 911 Communications Center began operations in 1993; and.,

12
13 **WHEREAS**, Chief Larry Grorud will be officially retiring from the Janesville Fire Department in
14 January 2011.

15
16 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Rock County Board of Supervisors duly assembled
17 this _____ day of _____, 2010 that the Rock County Board recognizes Chief Larry Grorud
18 for his long-term service as the Rock County 911 Commission Chairman and extends best wishes in his
19 future endeavors.

20
21 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the County Clerk be authorized and directed to furnish a copy of
22 this resolution to Chief Larry Grorud.

Respectfully submitted,

COUNTY BOARD STAFF COMMITTEE

PUBLIC SAFETY AND JUSTICE COMMITTEE

J. Russell Podzilni, Chair

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Larry Wiedenfeld, Vice Chair

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Kurtis L. Yankee

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Chief Grorud was elected as the first Chairman of the Rock County 911 Commission in 1993, and has held that position since. As such, Chief Grorud was instrumental in the planning for, and establishment of, the countywide Rock County 911 Communications Center. The 1993 countywide consolidation of emergency services dispatching was a very new concept in Wisconsin at that time, but the consolidation has proven to efficiently serve the citizens of Rock County.

Chief Grorud was promoted to Janesville Fire Chief in 1990, after starting with Janesville Fire Department in 1974. Janesville Fire Chief Larry Grorud will be officially retiring from the Janesville Fire Department on January 7, 2011.

RESOLUTION NO. _____

AGENDA NO. _____

RESOLUTION

ROCK COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Public Works Committee
INITIATED BY



Benjamin Coopman, Public Works Director
DRAFTED BY

Public Works Committee
SUBMITTED BY

August 10, 2010
DATE DRAFTED

RESOLUTION PLACING ADVISORY REFERENDUM QUESTION ON NOVEMBER BALLOT REGARDING SEGREGATED TRANSPORTATION FUND

- 1 **WHEREAS**, according to the Legislative Fiscal Bureau, over the past decade, the State of
- 2 Wisconsin has transferred approximately \$1.2 billion from the State's segregated transportation
- 3 fund to the state's general fund and replaced it with approximately \$800 million in General
- 4 Obligation (GO) bonds, thereby reducing the amount available for transportation purposes by
- 5 approximately \$400 million; and,
- 6
- 7 **WHEREAS**, Wisconsin's practice of transferring money from the segregated transportation fund to
- 8 the general fund has eroded the public's confidence that the "user fees" they pay through the state
- 9 gasoline tax and vehicle registration fees will be used for their intended purpose; and,
- 10
- 11 **WHEREAS**, Wisconsin's practice of replacing the dollars transferred from the state's segregated
- 12 transportation fund with GO bonds puts our state in the precarious position of bonding to fund
- 13 ongoing operations; and,
- 14
- 15 **WHEREAS**, the Pew Center on the States recently released a report that included Wisconsin as
- 16 having one of the ten worst budget situations in the country and specifically cited transferring
- 17 money from the transportation fund for ongoing operations as an example of one of the practices
- 18 that has put Wisconsin in such an untenable position; and,
- 19
- 20 **WHEREAS**, the debt service for these bonds will have to be paid for out of the state's general fund
- 21 which hinders its ability to fund other programs like Shared Revenue, Youth Aids, Community
- 22 Aids and courts in the future; and,
- 23
- 24 **WHEREAS**, using the states General Obligation (GO) bonds in this way has hurt the state's bond
- 25 rating, reported by CNN in 2009 as having the second worst GO bond rating in the country; and,
- 26
- 27 **WHEREAS**, gas taxes and vehicle registration fees comprise over 90% of the state's segregated
- 28 transportation account and revenues from these two sources have been declining and are inadequate
- 29 to meet the existing transportation needs in this state; and,
- 30
- 31 **WHEREAS**, Wisconsin's transportation infrastructure is a fundamental component in its ability to
- 32 attract and retain business and produce jobs; and,
- 33
- 34 **WHEREAS**, the citizens of Rock County deserve the right to have their voices heard on this
- 35 important issue; and,
- 36
- 37 **WHEREAS**, providing constitutional protection much like our neighbors in Minnesota, Iowa,
- 38 Michigan and Ohio already have done is the only way to ensure that this practice will not continue.

RESOLUTION PLACING ADVISORY REFERENDUM QUESTION ON NOVEMBER
BALLOT REGARDING SEGREGATED TRANSPORTATION FUND

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41 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Rock County Board of Supervisors assembled
42 this _____ day of September 2010 that the following question will be put to the voters of Rock
43 County in an advisory referendum during the November 2010 election:

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45 "Should the Wisconsin Constitution be amended to prohibit any further transfers or lapses
46 from the segregated transportation fund?" and,

47
48 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the County Clerk is directed to cause a copy of the Notice of
49 Referendum to be published in the county's official newspaper as required by law; and,

50
51 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the County Clerk is directed to provide a copy of this
52 resolution and a copy of the results of the advisory referendum to the Wisconsin Counties
53 Association.

Respectfully submitted,

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

COUNTY BOARD STAFF COMMITTEE

Kurtis Yankee, Chair

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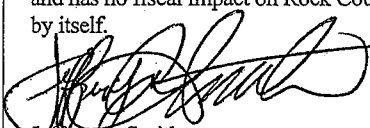
FISCAL NOTE:

This resolution only authorizes an advisory referendum during the November 2010 election and has no fiscal impact on Rock County in and by itself.

Ivan Collins

Marilynn Jensen

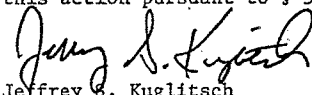
Louis Peer


Jeffrey A. Smith
Finance Director

Kurtis L. Yankee

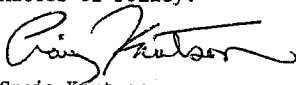
LEGAL NOTE:

The County Board is authorized to take this action pursuant to § 59.52(25).


Jeffrey B. Kuglitsch
Corporation Counsel

ADMINISTRATIVE NOTE:

Matter of Policy.


Craig Knutson
County Administrator

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY
FOR
RESOLUTION PLACING ADVISORY
REFERENDUM QUESTION ON NOVEMBER BALLOT
REGARDING SEGREGATED TRANSPORTATION FUND

Over the last decade and maybe longer, Wisconsin's Governors and Legislators have transferred money from the segregated Transportation Fund into the general State budget. This tactic occurred regardless of party affiliation or control. The Transportation Fund was originally set up as a user fee fund to address all common modes of transportation needs.

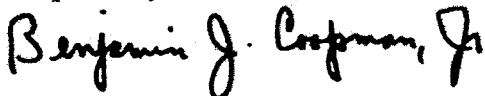
Transferred transportation funds were used for all kinds of non-transportation budget items. These fund transfers have put additional pressure on the state, as it backfilled the budget holes created with debt proceeds. Now a major structural deficit lurks within the state budget. Tough budget choices lie ahead for state lawmakers.

In response to this repeated abuse of the intent of the fund, transportation stakeholders across the state have come together to form a coalition to advocate for a constitutional amendment to protect the integrity of the Transportation Fund. They have suggested that all counties and other local units of government weigh in on this topic by posing a referendum question in November. This coalition, Finding Forward Wisconsin, and others individually as their association or organization will conduct media outreach to help inform the public.

Opponents argue that a constitutional amendment is unnecessary and maybe an abuse of that process. They fear that every time political factions can't agree and resolve their differences, another constitutional amendment for that current issue will be sought. The sanctity of the constitution will be lost.

This referendum is only advisory and requires no further action from the County Board upon receiving the citizen vote results. It is advisory for the state legislators and governor.

Respectfully submitted,



Benjamin J. Coopman, Jr., P.E.
Director of Public Works

RESOLUTION NO. _____

AGENDA NO. _____

**RESOLUTION
ROCK COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

Sherry Gunderson
INITIATED BY



WACH
DRAFTED BY

Health Services Committee
SUBMITTED BY

August 3, 2010
DATE DRAFTED

COUNTY NURSING HOMES AND THE 2011-2013 STATE BIENNIAL BUDGET

- 1 **WHEREAS**, county homes play a unique role in Wisconsin's continuum of care for citizens in
2 need of long-term care services; and,
3
- 4 **WHEREAS**, the majority of county homes care for residents with high acuity levels and intense
5 behavioral needs; and,
6
- 7 **WHEREAS**, Wisconsin county homes have a long history of partnering with the state to
8 maximize federal resources available to the state; and,
9
- 10 **WHEREAS**, under the Supplemental Payment Program, formerly known as the
11 intergovernmental transfer program, federal matching funds are generated based on actual
12 operating losses incurred by governmental nursing homes; and,
13
- 14 **WHEREAS**, all revenue generated from county nursing home losses is deposited in the state of
15 Wisconsin's Medical Assistance Trust Fund; and,
16
- 17 **WHEREAS**, through the combined efforts of the state and counties, billions of dollars have been
18 brought in over the past decade, most of which was utilized to offset deficits in the Medical
19 Assistance Trust Fund; and,
20
- 21 **WHEREAS**, under current state law, the state may not distribute to counties more than
22 \$39,100,000 in each fiscal year; and,
23
- 24 **WHEREAS**, all revenue received under the supplemental payment program is derived from
25 certified county nursing home losses; and,
26
- 27 **WHEREAS**, counties depend on revenue received from the supplemental payment program to
28 maintain high-quality services to vulnerable residents; and,
29
- 30 **WHEREAS**, counties utilize revenue from the Supplemental Payment and Certified Public
31 Expenditure Programs to offset property tax dollars utilized to fund the operation of county
32 homes; and,
33
- 34 **WHEREAS**, the 2009-2011 state biennial budget allocates only \$38.1 million annually in
35 payments to counties, although the Department of Health Services estimates receiving \$96.2
36 million in federal matching funds based on county nursing home losses; and,
37
- 38 **WHEREAS**, the nursing home bed assessment (tax) was created as part of 1991 Wisconsin Act
39 269 as a methodology to fund the Medical Assistance nursing home rate increases that took
40 effect in FY 92; and,
41
- 42 **WHEREAS**, since that time, the bed tax has increased from \$32 per month per bed to \$170 per
43 licensed bed; and,
44
- 45 **WHEREAS**, in the 2009-2011 state biennial budget, a majority of the funds raised through the
46 increased bed tax was utilized to offset the state's Medicaid deficit, in addition to funding the
47 two percent rate increase in each year of the biennium; and,
48

COUNTY NURSING HOMES AND THE 2011-2013 STATE BIENNIAL BUDGET

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49 **WHEREAS**, in FY 10, 68% of the federal revenue derived from the bed tax was utilized to
50 offset general fund expenditures; 51% of the federal revenue will be utilized for non-nursing
51 home expenditures in FY 11; and,

52

53 **WHEREAS**, a bed tax increase of \$14 in FY 10 and an additional increase of \$33 in FY 11 is
54 all that was needed to fund the two percent rate increase; instead, over \$66 million of revenue
55 derived from the bed tax was utilized over the biennium to replace GPR base funding for MA
56 benefits; and,

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58 **WHEREAS**, there is no public policy argument to justify increasing taxes paid by nursing
59 homes and their residents to benefit the general fund; and,

60

61 **WHEREAS**, returning the revenue generated from the bed tax will fund a rate increase of
62 approximately 3.25 percent in FY 12 without the need for additional GPR or bed tax dollars; and,

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64 **WHEREAS**, Institutes for Mental Disease (IMDs) with state-only licenses are required to pay
65 the bed tax, even though they do not qualify for Medicaid payments.

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67 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the _____ County Board of
68 Supervisors requests that the following action be taken by the Governor and State Legislature
69 during 2011-2013 state biennial budget deliberations:

70

- 71 1. Support a statutory change to Sec. 49.45 (6u)(am) Wis. Stats. such that it reads *...the*
72 *department shall distribute to these facilities and to care management organizations at*
73 *least \$39,100,000 in each fiscal year...*
- 74 2. Support a statutory change requiring the state to share equally the federal match
75 dollars received as a result of county nursing home losses.
- 76 3. Nursing home bed assessment funds and the federal matching funds generated should
77 be used for nursing home rate increases, not as supplementation to the MA Trust Fund.
- 78 4. County government-owned IMDs and state-only licensed facilities should be exempt
79 from the provider bed assessment (bed tax).

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81 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that copies of this resolution be sent to Department of Health
82 Services Secretary Karen Timberlake, Department of Administration Secretary Dan Schooff, all
83 area legislators and the Wisconsin Counties Association.

Respectfully submitted,

HEALTH SERVICES COMMITTEE

Betty Jo Bussie, Chair

Anna Marie Johnson, Vice Chair

Katie Kuznacic

Robert Fizzell

Brent Fox

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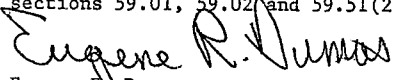
FISCAL NOTE:

This resolution addresses a legislative policy issue and has no direct fiscal impact on Rock County operations in and by itself.


Jeffrey A. Smith
Finance Director


LEGAL NOTE:

The County Board is authorized to take this action by Wisconsin Statutes sections 59.01, 59.02 and 59.51(2).


Eugene R. Dumas
Deputy Corporation Counsel

ADMINISTRATIVE NOTE:

Recommended.


Craig Knutson
County Administrator

RESOLUTION NO. _____

AGENDA NO. _____

**RESOLUTION
ROCK COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

Planning & Development Agency
INITIATED BY



Paul Benjamin
DRAFTED BY

Planning & Development Agency
SUBMITTED BY

August 17, 2010
DATE DRAFTED

**RECOGNITION OF THE LIFE AND SERVICE OF ROD NILSESTUEN, LATE SECRETARY
OF THE WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, TRADE, AND CONSUMER
PROTECTION**

- 1 **WHEREAS**, Rod Nilsestuen was the Secretary of the Department of Agriculture, Trade, and Consumer
2 Protection from 2003 until his untimely death on July 21, 2010; and,
3
4 **WHEREAS**, Rod provided outstanding leadership to agriculture for many years through his work as
5 Secretary of the Department of Agriculture, Trade, and Consumer Protection for seven years and with the
6 Wisconsin Federation of Cooperatives for twenty-four years; and,
7
8 **WHEREAS**, through Rod's leadership during his tenure at the Department of Agriculture, Trade, and
9 Consumer Protection agriculture saw advances in bioenergy, organic agriculture, grazing, the dairy
10 industry, consumer protection, and food safety; and,
11
12 **WHEREAS**, Rod resurrected the Farmland Preservation Program through his Working Lands Initiative
13 and brought into the program new features such as Farmland Preservation Planning grants, Agricultural
14 Enterprise Areas, and the Purchase of Agricultural Conservation Easements, all of which will benefit
15 Rock County; and,
16
17 **WHEREAS**, Rod addressed difficult public issues by inviting all stakeholders to the table with the
18 message to "come with your most honorable intentions to the table and let's explore honestly the best
19 solutions for your interests and for the state."
20
21 **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by The Rock County Board Of Supervisors on this ___ day
22 of _____, 2010 that sincerest thanks be given for the life and service of Rod Nilsestuen to the
23 State of Wisconsin and our heartfelt condolences be given to his family.
24
25 **BE IF FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the County Clerk be authorized and directed to furnish a copy of
26 this Resolution to Deputy Secretary Randy Romanski, Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer
27 Protection, 2811 Agriculture Drive, Madison, WI 53718.

Planning & Development Committee

Alan Sweeney, Chair

Mary Mawhinney, Vice-Chair

Wayne Gustina

Marilynn Jensen

Phillip Owens

**RECOGNITION OF THE LIFE AND SERVICE OF ROD NILSESTUEN, LATE SECRETARY
OF THE WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, TRADE, AND CONSUMER
PROTECTION**

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COUNTY BOARD STAFF COMMITTEE

J. Russell Podzilni, Chair

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Kurtis L. Yankee



Executive Summary

On July 21, 2010, Rod Nilsestuen, Secretary of the Department of Agriculture, Trade, and Consumer Protection, died while swimming in Lake Superior. We grieve his passing and will miss his guidance and leadership.

Rod provided outstanding leadership to agriculture through his work as Secretary of the Department of Agriculture, Trade, and Consumer Protection for seven years and with the Wisconsin Federation of Cooperatives for twenty-four years, building it into one of the most respected cooperative trade associations in the nation. Through Rod's leadership during his tenure at the Department of Agriculture, Trade, and Consumer Protection agriculture saw advances in bioenergy, organic agriculture, grazing, the dairy industry, consumer protection, and food safety.

Rod resurrected the Farmland Preservation Program through his Working Lands Initiative and brought into the program new features such as Farmland Preservation Planning Grants, Agricultural Enterprise Areas, and Purchase of Agricultural Conservation Easements, all of which will benefit Rock County.

Rod addressed difficult public issues by inviting all stakeholders to the table with the message to "come with your most honorable intentions to the table and let's explore honestly the best solutions for your interests and for the state."

We wish to give sincerest thanks for the life and service of Rod Nilsestuen to the State of Wisconsin and to give our heartfelt condolences to his family.

RESOLUTION NO. _____

AGENDA NO. _____

RESOLUTION

ROCK COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Public Works Committee
INITIATED BY

Public Works Committee
SUBMITTED BY



Ronald D. Burdick
DRAFTED BY

August 19, 2010
DATE DRAFTED

AUTHORIZING OVERLAP OF POSITION FOR DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS, AIRPORT DIVISION

- 1 **WHEREAS**, the Department of Public Works, Airport Division currently has four field staff
2 positions; and,
3
4 **WHEREAS**, fifty percent of the field staff are off work for medical reasons; and,
5
6 **WHEREAS**, having a limited number of staff is causing difficulty adequately maintaining
7 the airport and will create even greater difficulties with the upcoming winter season; and,
8
9 **WHEREAS**, temporarily overlapping an Airport Maintenance Worker position insures that
10 the temporary new hire will be adequately trained prior to the winter season; and,
11
12 **WHEREAS**, the Airport has sufficient funds available for this position.
13
14 **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Rock County Board of Supervisors
15 duly assembled this _____ day of _____, 2010 does hereby authorize
16 temporarily overlapping an Airport Maintenance Worker position, not to exceed six months.

Respectfully submitted,

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

Kurtis L. Yankee, Chair

Betty Jo Bussie, Vice Chair

Eva Arnold

David Diestler

Brent Fox

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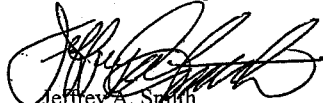
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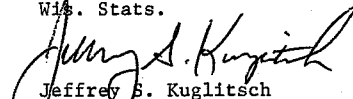
FISCAL NOTE:

Sufficient funding is available in the Employee Benefits Cost Pool for the cost of this position.


Jeffrey A. Smith
Finance Director


LEGAL NOTE:

County Board is authorized to take this action pursuant to § 59.22(2), Wis. Stats.


Jeffrey B. Kuglitsch
Corporation Counsel

ADMINISTRATIVE NOTE:

Recommended.


Craig Knutson
County Administrator

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY
For
AUTHORIZING OVERLAP OF POSITION FOR DEPARTMENT OF
PUBLIC WORKS, AIRPORT DIVISION

The Southern Wisconsin Regional Airport maintenance department has four field staff positions and fifty percent of that staff is currently on or will be on medical leave for extended periods.

Current needs at the airport are not being met and remaining staff has rearranged their vacation/time off requests so as to maintain a minimum staffing level.

The overlap of a new hire into the Airport Maintenance Worker position will allow that person to be properly trained prior to the start of the winter season. This temporary position will not exceed six months.

Respectfully Submitted

Ronald D. Burdick
Airport Director

RESOLUTION NO. _____

AGENDA NO. _____

RESOLUTION

ROCK COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

SHERIFF ROBERT D. SPODEN
INITIATED BY



CHIEF DEPUTY
BARBARA J. TILLMAN
DRAFTED BY

PUBLIC SAFETY & JUSTICE
SUBMITTED BY

August 19, 2010
DATE DRAFTED

RECOGNIZING SERGEANT LAURIE SPRECHER

- 1 WHEREAS, Laurie Sprecher began her employment with Rock County in 1985 as a Correctional Officer in the
- 2 Rock County Sheriff's Office; and,
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- 4 WHEREAS, Laurie Sprecher was promoted to the rank of Deputy Sheriff in 1986; and,
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- 6 WHEREAS, Laurie Sprecher was promoted to the rank of Sergeant in 2000 and worked in the Jail until 2005
- 7 when she was assigned to the Community Corrections with RECAP helping the program grow and expand to the
- 8 point where it is now considered one of the premier programs in the State of Wisconsin; and,
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- 10 WHEREAS, Sergeant Sprecher in 2007, began to work to request grant funding for a community-based version
- 11 of the RECAP program and succeeded in starting this program; and,
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- 13 WHEREAS, Sergeant Laurie Sprecher will retire from public service effective September 1, 2010.
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- 15 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Rock County Board of Supervisors duly assembled this
- 16 _____ day of _____, 2010, does hereby recognize Sergeant Laurie Sprecher for her 25 years of
- 17 faithful service and recommends that a sincere expression of appreciation be given to Sergeant Laurie Sprecher
- 18 along with best wishes for the future.
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- 20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the County Clerk be authorized and directed to furnish a copy of this
- 21 resolution to Sergeant Laurie Sprecher.

Respectfully submitted,

PUBLIC SAFETY & JUSTICE COMMITTEE

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