

ROCK COUNTY, WISCONSIN

**AMENDED:
7/23/2018**



**COUNTY BOARD STAFF COMMITTEE
TUESDAY – JULY 24, 2018 – 4:00 P.M.
CONFERENCE ROOM N-1 – FIFTH FLOOR
ROCK COUNTY COURTHOUSE-EAST**

Agenda

1. Call to Order
2. Approval of Agenda
3. Citizen Participation, Communications and Announcements
4. Approval of Minutes – July 10, 2018
5. Transfers
6. Resolutions
 - A. Recognizing Pamela Crandall
 - B. Recognizing Mickey Crittenden – Information Technology Director
 - C. Recognizing John Reid
 - D. Urging the Governor and Legislature to Pass Legislature to Sustainably Fund Wisconsin's Transportation System
 - E. **Authorization to Opt-In to Federal Class Action Lawsuit Involving the Payments in Lieu of Taxes Act (PILT)**
7. Updates
 - A. Update, Discussion and Possible Action on Town of Beloit Incorporation
 - B. Discussion and Possible Action on Cell Tower Proposal for the Fairgrounds
8. Adjournment

**RESOLUTION
ROCK COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

Kathren Sucus
INITIATED BY



Kathren Sucus, Director
DRAFTED BY

Public Safety and Justice
SUBMITTED BY

July 2, 2018
DATE DRAFTED

RECOGNIZING PAMELA CRANDALL

- 1 **WHEREAS**, Pamela Crandall has been a loyal and dedicated employee for Rock County for over fifteen
- 2 (15) years; and,
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- 4 **WHEREAS**, Pamela Crandall began her career as a telecommunicator on February 17, 2003; and,
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- 6 **WHEREAS**, throughout her career Pamela received several commendations from her peers, supervisors,
- 7 and user agencies for her professional demeanor during critical incidents as well as her regular guidance
- 8 and assistance to newer employees; and,
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- 10 **WHEREAS**, Pamela Crandall also served as a training officer and acting supervisor during her tenure;
- 11 and,
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- 13 **WHEREAS**, Pamela has resigned her position at the Rock County Communications Center effective July
- 14 17, 2018; and,
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- 16 **WHEREAS**, the Rock County Board of Supervisors, representing the citizens of Rock County, wishes to
- 17 recognize Pamela Crandall for her valuable contributions to the citizens and public safety user agencies of
- 18 Rock County; and,
- 19
- 20 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Rock County Board of Supervisors duly assembled
- 21 this _____ day of _____, 2018, does hereby recognize Pamela Crandall for her fifteen (15)
- 22 years of service and wishes to express their sincere appreciation on behalf of Rock County along with best
- 23 wishes for the future.

Respectfully submitted,

PUBLIC SAFETY AND JUSTICE COMMITTEE

Mary Beaver, Chair

Brian Knudson

Terry Fell

Phillip Owens

Kara Hawes

COUNTY BOARD STAFF COMMITTEE

J. Russell Podzilni, Chair

Mary Mawhinney, Vice Chair

Richard Bostwick

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Alan Sweeney

Terry Thomas

Bob Yeomans

**RESOLUTION
ROCK COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

Josh Smith
INITIATED BY



Randy Terronez, Assistant to the
County Administrator
DRAFTED BY

Finance Committee
SUBMITTED BY

July 16, 2018
DATE DRAFTED

**RECOGNIZING MICKEY CRITTENDEN – INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
DIRECTOR**

- 1 **WHEREAS**, Mickey Crittenden began his career at Rock County as the Computer Services Director on
- 2 October 9, 2000; and
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- 4 **WHEREAS**, in the year 2000, the department was called the Computer Services Department consisted of
- 5 22 full-time employees and a budget of \$668,000 providing support to approximately 350 users; and
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- 7 **WHEREAS**, the current staffing is 25.0 full-time employees, amazingly only 2.0 full-time employees
- 8 more than in 2000 but with a \$2.1 million budget and supporting over 1,200 users; and
- 9
- 10 **WHEREAS**, Computer Services was renamed the Information Technology Department on January 1,
- 11 2003; and
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- 13 **WHEREAS**, under Mickey's leadership, the department:
 - 14 - pursued an IT strategy that recognized the operational needs of County departments for new
 - 15 systems while never losing sight of the need to use systems to streamline business processes and
 - 16 to drive costs out of operations whenever possible.
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 - 18 - directed and developed an IT staff that has the professional skills and capacity to manage
 - 19 complex and challenging County projects for systems, applications, networks, and phones
 - 20 within project budget parameters; and
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- 22 **WHEREAS**, Mickey Crittenden has worked diligently in that position until his retirement on August 24,
- 23 2018; and,
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- 25 **WHEREAS**, the Rock County Board of Supervisors representing the citizens of Rock County, wishes to
- 26 recognize Mickey Crittenden for his long, faithful and dedicated service, a total of 17 years and 9 months.
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- 28 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Rock County Board of Supervisors duly assembled
- 29 this _____ day of _____, 2018, does hereby recognize Mickey Crittenden for his over 17
- 30 years of service and extends their best wishes in his future endeavors.

Respectfully submitted,

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Mary Mawhinney, Chair

Mary Beaver, Vice Chair

Brent Fox

J. Russell Podzilni

Bob Yeomans

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RESOLUTION

ROCK COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Public Works Committee
INITIATED BY _____



Duane M. Jorgenson Jr.,
Director of Public Works
DRAFTED BY _____

Public Works Committee
SUBMITTED BY _____

July 13, 2018
DATE DRAFTED _____

RECOGNIZING JOHN REID

- 1 **WHEREAS**, John Reid began his career at Rock County Department of Public Works as a Heavy
- 2 Equipment Operator on January 7, 2002 and remained in that position until his retirement; and
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- 4 **WHEREAS**, Mr. Reid has served the citizens of Rock County for over the past sixteen years and
- 5 six months as a dedicated and valued employee of Rock County, and will retire from public service
- 6 effective July 6, 2018; and
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- 8 **WHEREAS**, the Rock County Board of Supervisors representing the citizens of Rock County,
- 9 wishes to recognize Mr. Reid for his long, faithful and dedicated service.
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- 11 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Rock County Board of Supervisors at its
- 12 regular meeting this _____ day of _____, 2018, directs that a sincere expression of
- 13 recognition be given to John Reid for his sixteen years and six months of service and expresses to
- 14 him best wishes for the future.

Respectfully submitted,

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

COUNTY BOARD STAFF COMMITTEE

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**RESOLUTION
ROCK COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

Wisconsin Counties Association
INITIATED BY

County Board Staff/Public Works
Committee
SUBMITTED BY



Nick Osborne, Assistant to the County
Administrator
DRAFTED BY

July 5, 2018
DATE DRAFTED

**URGING THE GOVERNOR AND LEGISLATURE TO PASS LEGISLATION TO
SUSTAINABLY FUND WISCONSIN'S TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM**

- 1 **WHEREAS**, local government in Wisconsin is responsible for about 90% of the road miles in the state; and
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- 3 **WHEREAS**, Wisconsin's diverse economy is dependent upon county and town roads as well as city and
4 village streets and transit systems across the state; and
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- 6 **WHEREAS**, while the increase in transportation funding for local government in the last budget was
7 certainly appreciated, many still are not back to 2011 levels when you adjust for inflation; and
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- 9 **WHEREAS**, Rock County and other local governments continue to struggle to meet even the most basic
10 maintenance needs for our transportation system; and
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- 12 **WHEREAS**, states surrounding Wisconsin and across the country have adopted sustainable funding plans
13 for their state and local roads; and
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- 15 **WHEREAS**, Wisconsin will be at a competitive disadvantage if it does not implement a revenue and
16 spending plan that addresses both our Interstates that were built in the 1950's and 60's *and* our local and
17 state roads; and
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- 19 **WHEREAS**, levy limits do not allow local government to make up for the deterioration of state funding;
20 and
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- 22 **WHEREAS**, local governments would not be forced to turn to local wheel taxes or increased borrowing or
23 exceeding their levy limits if the state would finally pass a sustainable funding plan for transportation; and
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- 25 **WHEREAS**, Rock County recognizes that our state highway and interstate system is the backbone of our
26 surface transportation system and plays a vital role in the economy of Wisconsin. Both local *and* state roads
27 need to be properly maintained in order for our economy to grow; and
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- 29 **WHEREAS**, from a competitive standpoint Wisconsin motorists pay significantly less than any of our
30 neighbors when you combine the annual cost of the state gas tax and vehicle registration fees.
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- 32 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Rock County Board of Supervisors duly assembled
33 this _____ day of _____, 2018 urges the Governor and Legislature to Just Fix It and agree upon a
34 sustainable solution: one that includes a responsible level of bonding and adjusts our user fees to adequately
35 and sustainably fund Wisconsin's transportation system.
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- 37 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Rock County Board of Supervisors directs the County Clerk to
38 send a copy of this resolution to the Wisconsin Counties Association, Rock County Legislative Delegation
39 and to Governor Scott Walker.

Respectfully submitted,

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Louis Peer

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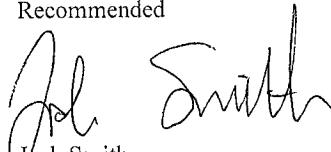
No fiscal impact in and of itself.



Sherry Oja
Finance Director

ADMINISTRATIVE NOTE:

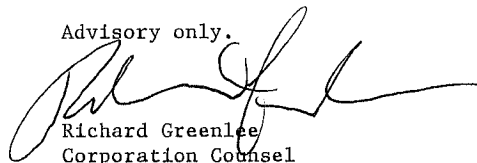
Recommended



Josh Smith
County Administrator

LEGAL NOTE:

Advisory only.



Richard Greenlee
Corporation Counsel

RESOLUTION NO. _____

AGENDA NO. _____

**RESOLUTION
ROCK COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

COUNTY BOARD STAFF
COMMITTEE
INITIATED BY



JODI TIMMERMAN
DRAFTED BY

JULY 20, 2018
DATE DRAFTED

COUNTY BOARD STAFF
COMMITTEE
SUBMITTED BY

**AUTHORIZATION TO OPT-IN TO FEDERAL CLASS ACTION LAWSUIT INVOLVING THE
PAYMENTS IN LIEU OF TAXES ACT (PILT)**

1 WHEREAS, The United States Court of Federal Claims has certified a class action lawsuit in the
2 case of *Kane County, Utah v. United States*, Case Nos. 17-739C and 17-1991C, following concerns that
3 Congress did not appropriate enough funds to make full payments to eligible local governments for the
4 fiscal years 2015, 2016, and 2017, as required by the Payments in Lieu of Taxes Act (PILT), and
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6 WHEREAS, PILT requires that these federal payments be made to local governments to help
7 offset losses in property taxes due to the non-taxable Federal lands within their boundaries, and
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9 WHEREAS, the Court's certification of the *Kane County* case allows local governments to opt in
10 to the case as a member of the class of plaintiffs who have similar claims against the federal government
11 for failing to pay the full amount required under PILT for the fiscal years 2015, 2016, and 2017, and
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13 WHEREAS, to qualify for a potential financial award from the federal government for its share of
14 the class action recovery, Rock County must formally file a Class Action Opt-In Notice Form with the
15 United States Court of Federal Claims by September 14, 2018;
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17 NOW, THEREFORE, the Rock County Board of Supervisors duly assembled this 9th day of
18 August, 2018, does hereby authorize the Corporation Counsel's Office to complete and file a Class
19 Action Opt-In Notice Form on behalf of the County prior to the deadline of September 14, 2018, as the
20 official act of the County.
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Respectfully submitted:

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LEGAL NOTE:

The County Board is authorized to take this action pursuant to Wis. Stat. §59.01 and §59.51



Richard Greenlee
Corporation Counsel

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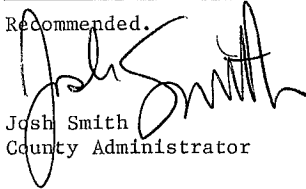
There is no fiscal impact to the County.



Sherry Oja
Finance Director

ADMINISTRATIVE NOTE:

Recommended.



Josh Smith
County Administrator

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

In 1976, Congress enacted the Payments in Lieu of Taxes Act (PILT), to compensate local governments for the loss of tax revenues resulting from the tax immune status of federal lands located in their jurisdictions. PILT requires the Secretary of the Interior to make a payment each year to the unit of general local government where federal land, including wilderness areas, national parks, and lands administered by the Bureau of Land Management, are located. The amount to be paid is determined by statutory formulas based on the acreage of the land involved.

In June of 2017, Kane County, Utah, filed a complaint in federal court on behalf of itself and on behalf of all other similarly situated units of local government, alleging that the federal government violated PILT by failing to pay the full amount of payment to which it and others were entitled for the fiscal years of 2015, 2016, and 2017. Kane County requested that the court certify the matter as a class action lawsuit, allowing other units of government to join the lawsuit.

The court certified the matter as a class action lawsuit in April of 2018. The court has not yet determined the amount to which the class as a whole, or any individual class member, was underpaid for the fiscal years of 2015, 2016, and 2017. The court ordered that any unit of local government that received payment pursuant to PILT in the fiscal years of 2015, 2016, or 2017 may participate in the lawsuit by submitting a completed Class Action Opt-In Notice Form by September 14, 2018.

There is no cost for opting in and no risk of any financial obligations for becoming a party to this class action law suit. In order to be considered as a party/class member to receive any payment once the court has made that determination, the county must complete and submit the Opt-In Notice by the deadline.