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## COUNTY BOARD STAFF COMMITTEE

MONDAY, MAY 24, 2021 – 4:30 P.M.

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**COUNTY BOARD STAFF COMMITTEE  
MONDAY, MAY 24, 2021 – 4:30 P.M.**

**Agenda**

1. Call to Order
2. Approve Agenda
3. Public Comment
4. Approval of Minutes May 10, 2021
5. Transfers
6. Resolutions and Committee Action
  - a. Recognizing Rock County Assistant District Attorney Mark Jahnke
7. Review, Discussion and Possible Action
8. Adjournment

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**COUNTY BOARD STAFF COMMITTEE**  
**Minutes – May 10, 2021**

**Call to Order.** Chair Bostwick called the meeting of the County Board Staff Committee to order at 4:30 P.M. via telephone conference.

**Committee Members Present:** Supervisors Beaver, Brien, Richard Bostwick, Peer, Podzilni, Sweeney, Leavy, Yeomans, and Davis.

**Committee Members Absent:** None.

**Staff Members Present via Phone:** Josh Smith, County Administrator; Randy Terronez, Assistant to County Administrator; Richard Greenlee, Corporation Counsel; Bridget Laurent, Deputy Corporation Counsel; Annette Mikula, Human Resources Director; Terri Carlson, Risk Manager; Kate Luster, Human Services Director; Patrick Singer, Data Services Manager.

**Others Present:** Supervisor Rashkin.

**Approval of Agenda.** Supervisor Davis moved approval of the agenda as presented, second by Supervisor Peer. ADOPTED.

**Public Comment.** None.

**Approval of Minutes of April 19, 2021.** Supervisor Podzilni moved approval of the minutes of April 19, 2021, second by Supervisor Beaver. ADOPTED.

**Transfers.** None.

**Review of Payments.** The committee accepted the report.

**Resolutions and Committee Action.**

**In Support of Governor Evers' 2021-2023 Executive Budget Proposals for Caregivers**  
**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Rock County Board of Supervisors duly assembled this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_, 2021, does hereby support the family caregiver support initiatives proposed by Governor Tony Evers and urge the Wisconsin State Legislature to include them in the 2021-2023 Wisconsin State Budget.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Rock County Clerk be authorized and directed to send copies of this resolution to Governor Evers, the Wisconsin Counties Association, and members of the Wisconsin State Legislature representing Rock County.”

Supervisor Davis moved approval of the above resolution, second by Supervisor Beaver. ADOPTED on the following vote: YES – Beaver, Brien, Rich Bostwick, Peer, Sweeney, Yeomans, Davis, Leavy; NO - Podzilni.

**Recognizing Deputy Sheriff Mark J. Johns**

“NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Rock County Board of Supervisors duly assembled this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2021, does hereby recognize Deputy Mark J. Johns for his over 22 years of faithful service and recommends that a sincere expression of appreciation be given to Deputy Mark J. Johns along with best wishes for the future.”

Supervisor Beaver moved approval of the above resolution, second by Supervisor Peer. ADOPTED.

**Recognizing Joyce Ritter for Service to Rock County**

“NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Rock County Board of Supervisors duly assembled this \_\_\_\_\_ day of May 2021, does hereby recognize Joyce Ritter for her years of service and extends their best wishes to her in her future endeavors; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the County Clerk be authorized and directed to furnish a copy of this resolution to Joyce Ritter.”

Supervisor Beaver moved approval of the above resolution, second by Supervisor Brien. ADOPTED.

**Authorizing Creation of an Ad Hoc Committee for Redistricting of Supervisory Districts**

“NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Rock County Board of Supervisors, in session this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2021, that they hereby direct the County Board Chair to appoint a nine (9) member Ad Hoc Redistricting Committee consisting of four (4) County Board Supervisors and five (5) members at large charged with the responsibility of preparing the tentative redistricting plan of supervisory districts for the County.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the County Board Chair appoint a five-member technical support group charged with the responsibility of assisting the Ad Hoc Redistricting Committee in their duties.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Ad Hoc Redistricting Committee is directed to recommend a preliminary redistricting plan for the County’s supervisory districts to the County Board.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Ad Hoc Redistricting Committee and the technical support group be available for consultation with the County Board until final action has taken place establishing the 2021 County Board Supervisory District Ordinance.”

Supervisor Davis moved approval of the above resolution, second by Supervisor Yeomans. Josh Smith spoke to this. He mentioned that Census data is delayed, and we want to be prepared when data is available. ADOPTED.

**Proclaiming May 2021 as Community Action Month**

“NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Rock County Board of Supervisors duly assembled this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2021, hereby proclaims May 2021 as Community Action Month in recognition of the hard work and dedication of all Rock County Community Action Agencies.”

Supervisor Brien moved approval of the above resolution, second by Supervisor Yeomans. ADOPTED.

**Recognize Rock County Foster Families**

“NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Rock County Board of Supervisors, duly assembled this 12th day of May , 2021, does hereby recognize Rock County Foster Families for the dedicated and compassionate service they provide.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the County Clerk be authorized and directed to furnish a copy of this resolution to the Rock County Foster Care Unit Supervisor for sharing with Licensed Rock County Foster Families and with staff.”

Supervisor Peer moved approval of the above resolution, second by Supervisor Sweeney. ADOPTED.

**Amending Rules I & IV Of The Rock County Board Of Supervisors Rules Of Procedure**

“NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Rock County Board of Supervisors duly assembled this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_ amends the Rock County Board Rules of Procedure as follows (added text appears as underlined; deleted text appears as struck through):

Rule I shall be amended as follows:

J. At all meetings of the Rock County Board of Supervisors, members shall have the ability to attend, participate, and exercise all the responsibilities and privileges of their position by audio visual electronic means.

K. During any period of public comment, or public hearing during a meeting of the Rock County Board of Supervisors, the public shall be provided the opportunity to submit their comments to the Board by electronic means which may include, but shall not be limited to, comments submitted by email, web form, or real-time remote testimony or comment.

Rule IV-Q. shall be created as follows:

Q. At all meetings of the committees listed in Rule V. of these Rules, members of such committees shall have the ability to attend, participate and exercise all the responsibilities and privileges of their position by audio-visual electronic means. All other committees, advisory groups, or other governmental bodies created by order, rule, statute or ordinance of the Rock County Board of Supervisors, or any other government authority, but not listed under Rule V herein, may provide access to meetings consistent with this paragraph”

Supervisor Davis moved approval of the above resolution, second by Supervisor Beaver.

Supervisor Rashkin spoke to this resolution. He highlighted that the resolution was created to foster transparency, convenience, access. The pros and cons of hybrid meetings was discussed.

Supervisor Peer amended the motion to table this until the second meeting in September, second by Yeomans. Motion FAILED on the following vote: YES – Yeomans, Podzilni, and Leavy; NO - Beaver, Brien, Rich Bostwick, Peer, and Sweeney.

Original, unamended motion ADOPTED on the following vote: YES – Beaver, Brien, Rich Bostwick, Peer, Podzilni, Yeomans, Davis, and Leavy; NO – Sweeney.

ADOPTED.

**Review, Discussion and Possible Action.** None.

**Adjournment.** Supervisor Yeomans moved adjournment at 5:18 P.M., second by Supervisor Sweeney. ADOPTED.

Respectfully submitted,

Haley Hoffman  
Office Coordinator

**NOT OFFICIAL UNTIL APPROVED BY COMMITTEE.**

RESOLUTION

ROCK COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

DISTRICT ATTORNEY  
DAVID J. O'LEARY  
INITIATED BY

PUBLIC SAFETY & JUSTICE  
SUBMITTED BY



DAVID J. O'LEARY  
DRAFTED BY

MAY 10, 2021  
DATE DRAFTED

RECOGNIZING ROCK COUNTY ASSISTANT DISTRICT ATTORNEY MARK JAHNKE

- 1 WHEREAS, Mark Jahnke graduated from Marquette University in 1986 with a Bachelor of Arts, majoring in
- 2 history and criminology with a law minor; Mark graduated from Marquette University Law School in 1989 where
- 3 he earned his Juris Doctorate; Mark has 32 total years in the legal profession; and
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- 5 WHEREAS, Mark began his legal career in private practice from 1989-1995; Mark was hired as a Special
- 6 Prosecutor in the Columbia County District Attorney's office from 1995-96; Mark was hired as a full-time
- 7 Assistant District Attorney (ADA) in Dodge County, WI, from 1997-98. Mark was subsequently hired as an
- 8 ADA in the Rock County District Attorney's Office on March 15, 1998; Mark has served as a general prosecutor
- 9 focusing on domestic violence, gun and drug prosecutions; and
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- 11 WHEREAS, Mark has served Rock County as an Assistant District Attorney since 1998 and intends to retire
- 12 with over 23 years of service to the citizens of Rock County; and
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- 14 WHEREAS, Mark has been an active member of Nativity of Mary Parish (St. Mary's) since moving to Janesville
- 15 in March of 1998, currently serves as the Chair of the Finance Council; Mark is married to his wife, Deb, and has
- 16 two sons, Mark Jr. and Andrew; and
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- 18 WHEREAS, Mark has worked for most of his career in order to make Rock County a better, safer community;
- 19 Mark will retire as an Assistant District Attorney for Rock County on May 28, 2021.
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- 21 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Rock County Board of Supervisors duly assembled this
- 22 \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2021, does hereby recognize Mark Jahnke for his years of faithful service and
- 23 recommends that a sincere expression of appreciation be given to him along with best wishes for the future.
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- 25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the County Clerk be authorized and directed to furnish a copy of this
- 26 resolution to Rock County Assistant District Attorney Mark Jahnke.

Respectfully submitted,

**PUBLIC SAFETY & JUSTICE COMMITTEE**

**COUNTY BOARD STAFF COMMITTEE**

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Mary Beaver, Chair

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Rich Bostwick , Chair

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Brian Knudson, Vice Chair

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Wes Davis, Vice Chair

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Jacob Taylor

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