

ROCK COUNTY, WISCONSIN



COUNTY BOARD STAFF COMMITTEE TUESDAY – APRIL 9, 2019 – 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 – March 26, 2019
5. Transfers
6. Review of Payments
7. Resolutions
 - A. Proclaiming April 2019 National County Government Month
 - B. Supporting Affordable Higher Education and Lower Student Debt
8. Committee Action and Updates
 - A. Update on Town of Beloit Incorporation
9. Adjournment

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COMMITTEE REVIEW REPORT
FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH 2019

| Account Number | Account Name | PO# | Check Date | Vendor Name | Inv/Enc Amt |
|--|-----------------|----------|------------|--------------------------------|---------------|
| 01-1320-0000-63200 | PUBL/SUBCR/DUES | P1901035 | 03/07/2019 | WISCONSIN COUNTIES ASSOCIATION | 100.00 |
| COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR PROG TOTAL | | | | | 100.00 |

I have reviewed the preceding payments in the total amount of **\$100.00**

Date:

Dept Head _____

Committee Chair _____

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| 03-1110-0000-63107 | PUBL. & LEGAL | P1900013 | 03/14/2019 | BELOIT DAILY NEWS | 1,078.11 |
| COUNTY BOARD PROG TOTAL | | | | | 1,078.11 |

I have reviewed the preceding payments in the total amount of **\$1,078.11**

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Committee Chair _____

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| 06-1620-0000-63200 | PUBL/SUBCR/DUES | | | | |
| | | P1900533 | 03/28/2019 | US BANK | 385.00 |
| 06-1620-0000-63202 | LAW BOOKS | | | | |
| | | P1900151 | 03/28/2019 | STATE BAR OF WISCONSIN | 80.39 |
| | | P1900154 | 03/28/2019 | THOMSON REUTERS WEST | 508.00 |
| | | P1900533 | 03/28/2019 | US BANK | 65.00 |
| 06-1620-0000-64200 | TRAINING EXP | | | | |
| | | P1900533 | 03/28/2019 | US BANK | 150.00 |
| CORPORATION COUNSEL PROG TOTAL | | | | | 1,188.39 |

I have reviewed the preceding payments in the total amount of **\$1,188.39**

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| 08-1420-0000-61925 | BACKGROUND/TEST | P1900593 | 03/21/2019 | US BANK | 61.95 |
| | | P1900598 | 03/14/2019 | WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF JUSTIC | 281.35 |
| 08-1420-0000-63100 | OFC SUPP & EXP | P1900593 | 03/21/2019 | US BANK | 37.10 |
| | | P1900597 | 03/14/2019 | OFFICE PRO INC | 9.54 |
| 08-1420-0000-63200 | PUBL/SUBCR/DUES | P1900593 | 03/21/2019 | US BANK | 189.00 |
| 08-1420-0000-64215 | RECRUITMENT | P1900332 | 03/14/2019 | JANESVILLE GAZETTE INC | 203.21 |
| | | P1900593 | 03/21/2019 | US BANK | 74.25 |
| | | P1900599 | 03/07/2019 | CHRONICLE,THE | 144.00 |
| 08-1420-0000-64417 | RH EXPENSES | P1900340 | 03/21/2019 | GREATER BELOIT PUBLISHING CO | 432.00 |
| | | P1900598 | 03/14/2019 | WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF JUSTIC | 49.65 |
| | | P1900599 | 03/07/2019 | CHRONICLE,THE | 144.00 |
| HUMAN RESOURCES PROG TOTAL | | | | | 1,626.05 |

I have reviewed the preceding payments in the total amount of \$1,626.05

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| 19-1912-0063-61710 | WORKERS COMP | P1900150 | 03/28/2019 | MINUTE MEN HR MANAGEMENT OF WI | 2,850.00 |
| Worker's Compensation PROG TOTAL | | | | | 2,850.00 |

I have reviewed the preceding payments in the total amount of **\$2,850.00**

Date:

Dept Head _____

Committee Chair _____

**RESOLUTION
ROCK COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

Lisa Tollefson
INITIATED BY



Lisa Tollefson and Jenny Stanek
DRAFTED BY

County Board Staff Committee
SUBMITTED BY

April 1, 2019
DATE DRAFTED

PROCLAIMING APRIL 2019 NATIONAL COUNTY GOVERNMENT MONTH
"Connecting the Unconnected"

- 1 **WHEREAS**, the nation's 3,069 counties serving more than 300 million Americans provide essential services
- 2 to create healthy, safe and vibrant communities; and
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- 4 **WHEREAS**, counties move America forward by providing health care, administering justice, keeping
- 5 communities safe, creating economic opportunities and much more; and
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- 7 **WHEREAS**, through National Association of Counties President Greg Cox's "Connecting the Unconnected"
- 8 initiative, NACo is demonstrating how counties deliver "people-centered services to our residents nationwide;
- 9 and
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- 11 **WHEREAS**, each year since 1991, NACo has encouraged counties across the country to actively promote
- 12 their own programs and services to the public they serve; and
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- 14 **WHEREAS**, Rock County and all counties take pride in their responsibility to protect and enhance the health,
- 15 welfare and safety of its residents in efficient and cost-effective ways; and
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- 17 **WHEREAS**, Rock County Administrator's Office strives to treat citizens with courtesy and as valued
- 18 customers. This office will be open to new ideas, learn new methods, and identify opportunities for
- 19 operating more effectively and efficiently, including through consultation with colleagues, professional
- 20 associations, training, and other methods of professional development; and
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- 22 **WHEREAS**, some Rock County Departments use social media, such as Facebook, Twitter and LinkedIn, to
- 23 connect to our residents and maximize government efficiency; and
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- 25 **WHEREAS**, a portion of Rock County's budget is contributed to nonprofit agencies in various programs
- 26 yearly. In 2019, a few of those agencies were the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program, YWCA of Rock
- 27 County, Family Services of Southern Wisconsin and Northern Illinois and Court Appointed Special
- 28 Advocates; and
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- 30 **WHEREAS**, Council on Aging provides numerous resources to the disabled and elderly, as well as
- 31 family members, neighbors, friends and caregivers alike. Through the Older American Act and
- 32 partnership with other agencies and medical community, six evidence-based health promotion programs
- 33 are offered to Rock County seniors, namely Living Well with Chronic Conditions, Stepping On, Powerful
- 34 Tools for Caregivers, Healthy Eating for Successful Living in Older Adults, Lighten UP and Walk with
- 35 Ease. Council on Aging further offers nutrition and meal programs, such as Home Delivered Meals,
- 36 which they delivered over 29,000 meals in 2018; and
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- 38 **WHEREAS**, Rock County Communications Center (9-1-1) is designed to provide the most efficient
- 39 method for citizens to obtain fast, effective public safety services 24 hours a day throughout the year. The
- 40 Communications Center regularly provides tours and conducts public presentations to schools and other
- 41 community organizations. This program is essential to building a good relationship with the public and
- 42 making certain that as new technologies emerge, the public is aware and trained on how to utilize them
- 43 properly. The Communications Center also regularly attends job and community events, such as the Rock
- 44 County Fair and National Night Out, to promote the Center and encourage people within our community
- 45 to consider employment at the center; and

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"Connecting the Unconnected"

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46 **WHEREAS**, the Rock County Public Health Department creates, maintains and continuously improves
47 conditions that will ensure the health and safety of those who live, work and play in Rock County. Public
48 health is commonly described as what we do together as a society to ensure the conditions in which
49 everyone can be healthy; and

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51 **WHEREAS**, Rock Haven serves those in need of rehabilitation, the frail elderly, those with behavioral,
52 emotional and psychiatric needs and those with developmental disabilities. On campus activities include
53 live music, games, craft projects, movies, groups and more. Through Rock Haven's own transportation
54 service, they are able to take residents on community outings such as bowling, shows, or picnics; and

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56 **WHEREAS**, one way the Rock County Sheriff's Office communicates with the community is by
57 providing advisory news and media releases via email and/or text messages. They further offer and take
58 part in many community based events, such as Shakes with the Sheriff and the 2019 Severe Weather
59 Safety & Spotter Training. Rock County Officers often take time out of their day to participate in area
60 school programs, such as Drop Everything and Read and a Reality Maze, talking to area students about
61 making positive choices; and

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63 **WHEREAS**, UW-Extension has county-based educators that work with residents, organizations,
64 communities and volunteer groups within the county to determine priority educational needs, deliver
65 high-quality programming aimed at these issues and develop local leadership and serve as the extension
66 of the University of Wisconsin knowledge and resources to cooperating agencies. One program of UW-
67 Extension is FoodWise, which brings over \$450,000 in federal USDA funds into the county for
68 educational programming directed to families with limited resources; and

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70 **WHEREAS**, Rock County continues to explore ways to connect to the residents in the spirit of building
71 healthy, safe and vibrant communities.

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73 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Rock County Board of Supervisors duly assembled
74 this _____ day of _____, 2019 does hereby proclaim April 2019 as National County Government
75 Month in honor of all county officials, employees and partners.

Respectfully submitted,

COUNTY BOARD STAFF COMMITTEE

J. Russell Podzilni, Chair

Louis Peer

Mary Mawhinney, Vice Chair

Alan Sweeney

Richard Bostwick

Terry Thomas

Henry Brill

Bob Yeomans

Betty Jo Bussie

RESOLUTION NO. _____

AGENDA NO. _____

**RESOLUTION
ROCK COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

SUPERVISORS THOMAS
BRIEN AND KARA HAWES
INITIATED BY



CORPORATION COUNSEL
RICHARD GREENLEE
DRAFTED BY

COUNTY BOARD STAFF
SUBMITTED BY

March 20, 2019
DATE DRAFTED

SUPPORTING AFFORDABLE HIGHER EDUCATION AND LOWER STUDENT DEBT

1 WHEREAS, as student debt has continued to climb, it is clear there is an immediate need for
2 action to ensure higher education remain an affordable option for students both during their college years
3 and during their repayment period; and
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5 WHEREAS, according to the New York Federal Reserve, total student debt nationwide has
6 tripled in the past decade and now exceeds all credit card debt in the United States. Research done by
7 One Wisconsin Institute shows that nearly thirty percent of households in the state are currently paying a
8 student loan. Current policies prevent borrowers from being able to refinance to take advantage of low
9 interest rates and make it nearly impossible to discharge student loans through bankruptcy; and
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11 WHEREAS, the growing student debt burden has direct impacts on our state and local economy.
12 Residents with student loan debt were more likely to forego the purchase of a new vehicle and more likely
13 to rent rather than own a home. Funds tied to student loan payments are not available for discretionary
14 spending at local businesses, stalling the engine of our local economy; and
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16 WHEREAS, in addition to borrowing, we recognize that need-based aid such as the Pell grant is
17 essential to many students' ability to afford a college education. The federal government must find ways
18 to strengthen and sustain this aid if education is to continue to be a path to greater equality in our
19 community and an opportunity to ensure that every individual, regardless of socioeconomic status, has the
20 opportunity to succeed; and
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22 WHEREAS, it is important for student borrows to have access to a variety of repayment options
23 in order to best fit their needs and goals. Current repayment options also include a possibility of loan
24 forgiveness after ten years of repayment during employment in public service or with a government
25 employer. As a government employer, we must do our part to ensure employees are aware of this option
26 and potential benefit of employment with Rock County.
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28 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Rock County Board of Supervisors, on this
29 _____ day of _____, 2019, does hereby direct the Department of Human Resources to
30 ensure each employee is notified annually that they may be eligible for public service loan forgiveness of
31 federal direct loans repaid during their employment with Rock County and that the Department of Human
32 Resources is further directed to, upon request for an employee, complete any necessary paperwork to
33 provide proof of employment to those employees who are eligible.
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35 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Rock County Board of Supervisors urges Congress to
36 adopt legislation which would allow borrowers to refinance existing student loan debt to address the
37 growing student loan debt crisis.
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39 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Rock County Board of Supervisors urges the State
40 Legislature to support the state Higher Ed, Lower Debt bill, which would allow borrowers to refinance
41 loans and create a tax break for state residents actively paying back student loans.
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43 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Rock County Board of Supervisors urges state and
44 federal leaders to pursue additional solutions to the student debt burden, including policies that invest in
45 the Pell grant program, reduce interest rates for future loans, and ensure tuition is affordable.
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47 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County Clerk be authorized and directed to send a copy
48 of this resolution to Governor Evers, the office of each member of congress representing the citizens of
49 Wisconsin, and the Wisconsin Counties Association.

Respectfully submitted:

COUNTY BOARD STAFF COMMITTEE

J. Russell Podzilni, Chair

Mary Mawhinney, Vice Chair

Richard Bostwick

Henry Brill

Betty Jo Bussie

Louis Peer

Alan Sweeney

Terry Thomas

Bob Yeomans

FISCAL NOTE:

No fiscal impact to the County.


Sherry Oja
Finance Director

LEGAL NOTE:

The County Board is authorized to take action to inform and assist its employees with navigating student loan forgiveness programs pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 59.51. The remaining parts of the resolution are advisory only.


Richard Greenlee
Corporation Counsel

ADMINISTRATIVE NOTE:

Matter of policy.


Josh Smith
County Administrator