

PLAT AND RECORD

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Of a Survey on Section.....T.....R.....E. of the 4 P. M. in.....Township

Rock County, Wisconsin, made.....the.....19

I hereby certify that the following is a correct record of said survey as made by me.

COUNTY BUILDING
CITY OF JANESVILLE
County Surveyor.

DATE: April 27, 1983

TO: Donald Barnes
County Surveyor

FROM: Thomas A. Schroeder
Corporation Counsel

SUBJECT: Request for Opinion Dated April 20, 1983

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You have asked: " Per County Board Resolution dated October 17, 1968, did the County Board delegate to the County Surveyor the authority and responsibility to manage the Tax Description Department?"

While it is difficult to conclude merely from the minutes of that meeting, it is my opinion after reviewing minutes from other Board meetings and other documents, that such authority and responsibility was not delegated to the Surveyor.

On October 17, 1968, the County Board voted to combine the Tax Description and Surveyor offices. That vote referred back to a Resolution discussed at the September 19, 1968 meeting of the County Board. That Resolution states in part:

"BE IT RESOLVED by the Rock County Board of Supervisors . . . to combine the offices of TAX DESCRIPTION and COUNTY SURVEYOR in the Court House for office administrative purposes . . ." (Emphasis added).

It is my feeling that the combination "for office administrative purposes" merely refers to a physical combination of those offices. It does not refer to one department being consolidated into or under the other.

In an opinion dated March 31, 1972 addressed to Deloris Biron, who was then Rock County Real Property Lister, Corporation Counsel A. Henry Hempe concluded that Mrs. Biron is an employee of Rock County and the County Board had the sole authority to set her salary and conditions of employment. In the course of that opinion Mr. Hempe stated the County Board could, if it so desired, consolidate the Tax Description Department with that of an elected official. Implicit in

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