RESOLUTION ROCK COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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Jeffrey A. Smith, Finance Director DRAFTED BY

September 1, 2011 DATE DRAFTED

INITIAL RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$29,300,000

- 1 WHEREAS, the 2011 Adopted Budget, as amended by Resolution 11-9A-445, includes \$30,840,000
- 2 for the replacement of Rock Haven Nursing Home; and,
- WHEREAS, this project is included in the Budget with the anticipation that it would be funded with the future issuance of debt; and,
- 7 WHEREAS, this project will have long-term benefits and is most appropriately funded by debt
- 8 issuance.
- 10 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Rock County Board of Supervisors duly
- assembled this 8 day of 500, 2011, that there shall be issued, pursuant to Chapter 67,
- 12 Wisconsin Statutes, General Obligation Bonds in an amount not to exceed \$29,300,000, in one or
- more series of tax-exempt or taxable bonds, for constructing and equipping a replacement for the Rock
- 14 Haven Nursing Home.

Respectfully submitted,

FINANCE COMMITTEE

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FISCAL NOTE:

This resolution authorizes expenditures for the Rock Haven Building Project prior to actual debt issuance. If the County adopts this resolution, the project costs and issuance costs will be included in a subsequent resolution that authorizes the issuance of one or more tax-exempt or taxable bonds.

1993 Wisconsin Act 16 (the State Budget Bill) established property tax levy rate limits for Wisconsin Counties, beginning with the 1993 payable 1994 levy. The Wisconsin Department of Revenue's Administrative Rules authorize an increase in the debt levy rate under certain conditions, including resolutions authorizing debt issuance that are adopted by affirmative vote of at least three-fourths of the members of the County Board. The County Board may also approve the issuance of debt by adopting a resolution which provides a reasonable expectancy that the new debt will not cause the County to increase its debt levy rate. It is my opinion that the debt amortization that would be incurred upon issuance of debt for the projects included in this resolution would not exceed Rock County's debt levy rate as limited by Wisconsin Act 16.

Finance Director

LEGAL NOTE:

This is only an initial resolution. Pursuant to sec. 67.05(10), Stats., the County Board, before issuing any contemplated long-term debt, must adopt a resolution levying a direct, annual tax sufficient in an amount to pay for the express purpose of paying the interest on such bonds as it falls due, and also to pay and discharge the principal thereof at maturity. That will happen at a later date.

A majority vote is necessary to adopt this resolution. However, a three-fourths vote of the "members-elect" would avoid any potential issue relative to the dept levy rate limit.

Jeffrey 5. Kuglitsch Corporation Counsel

ADMINISTRATIVE NOTE:

Recommended.

Craig Knutson

County Administrator