

**RESOLUTION  
ROCK COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

Human Services Board  
INITIATED BY



Phil Boutwell, HSD Deputy Director  
DRAFTED BY

Human Services Board  
SUBMITTED BY

October 6, 2011  
DATE DRAFTED

**Authorize the Renaming of the Juvenile Detention Center  
to the Youth Services Center**

- 1 **WHEREAS**, the Rock County Juvenile Detention Center falls under the Juvenile Justice and Preventive
- 2 Services (JJPS) Division of the Human Services Department; and,
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- 4 **WHEREAS**, the Rock County Juvenile Detention Center (JDC) was built in the mid-1990's and has
- 5 historically served two roles that included a state licensed secure detention center for youth detained for
- 6 criminal activity and a state licensed shelter facility for youth; and,
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- 8 **WHEREAS**, it has been well publicized that the JJPS has undergone significant changes over the
- 9 previous two years including new programming initiatives at the JDC; and,
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- 11 **WHEREAS**, one of those initiatives is a collaboration with the Mental Health Division to implement a
- 12 Behavioral Stabilization Program in shelter care to keep at-risk youth close to their families and reduce
- 13 mental health institutional costs; and,
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- 15 **WHEREAS**, another initiative is planning for an alternative to the State Juvenile Correctional Institutes
- 16 by placing them in secure detention in order to keep youth close to their families, offer better
- 17 programming, reduce recidivism and reduce institutional cost; and
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- 19 **WHEREAS**, the Rock County Juvenile Detention has moved away from a "jail" model to a "youth
- 20 development" model and youth placed at the Juvenile Detention Center (JDC) now receive programming
- 21 to address the reasons for their placement at the JDC; and,
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- 23 **WHEREAS**, it is the desire of the Department and the Human Services Board to rename the Juvenile
- 24 Detention Center to the Youth Services Center, which more appropriately reflect the broader mission of
- 25 the facility.
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- 27 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Rock County Board of Supervisors duly assembled
- 28 this 17<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2011, does hereby authorize the renaming of the Juvenile
- 29 Detention Center to the Youth Services Center.
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Respectfully submitted,

**Human Services Board**

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FISCAL NOTE:

This resolution has no fiscal impact in and of itself.

Sherry Oja  
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 Senior Accountant / Assistant to the Finance Director

ADMINISTRATIVE NOTE:

Recommended.

Craig Knutson  
 Craig Knutson  
 County Administrator

LEGAL NOTE:

The County Board is authorized to take this action by Wisconsin Statutes 59.02(1) and 59.52(6)(b). Resolution No. 79-12B-422 provides that naming or renaming of County property requires a 3/4 vote of the County Board.

Eugene R. Dumas  
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## **Executive Summary**

Following an evaluation by the Wisconsin Council on Children & Families of the Rock County Juvenile Detention Center (JDC) numerous improvements have occurred at the JDC. One such improvement is the implementation of a behavioral management program to better supervise and work with youth placed in the facility. In addition to programmatic changes, significant staff training has occurred to better prepare the Youth Specialists to meet the complex needs of the youth placed there. As a result of these strategic innovations in the JDC it is appropriate that the title of the detention facility reflect those changes.