

**RESOLUTION
ROCK COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

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URGING WISCONSIN TO USE FEDERAL MEDICAID FUNDING TO IMPROVE BADGERCARE

1 WHEREAS, the governor has rejected billions of new federal dollars for Medicaid which
2 would have improved the state's BadgerCare program; and
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4 WHEREAS, the federal Affordable Care Act encourages innovation in states with the goal of a
5 greater level of health care coverage; and
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7 WHEREAS, the decision to turn down federal funding for the State of Wisconsin will not
8 increase health care coverage; it actually makes it harder for people to qualify for BadgerCare, with an
9 estimated 88,000 adults who currently qualify for the program being dropped; and
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11 WHEREAS, not only does the decision to reject federal Medicaid funding shrink the number of
12 Wisconsin residents who have health care coverage, but it also increases the costs to the state for the
13 program; and
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15 WHEREAS, if Medicaid was fully expanded, Wisconsin would have received \$4.4 billion in
16 federal support over six years. However, according to the Legislative Fiscal Bureau, the state budget
17 will require more than \$100 million more this budget cycle by rejecting these federal funds; and
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19 WHEREAS, in 2014 thousands of Medicaid recipients will be placed in private health
20 insurance exchanges and required to pay premiums. The transition from Medicaid to private insurance
21 and the premium cost could result in the loss of health care due to confusion and inability to pay; and
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23 WHEREAS, being underinsured and uninsured impacts county human services departments
24 because it can lead to untreated mental health or substance abuse and lack of preventive health care that
25 can lead to loss of jobs, the inability to function, and loss of self- sufficiency; and
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27 WHEREAS, the Wisconsin Counties Association passed a resolution September 22, 2013
28 stating, "Now, therefore, be it resolved, that the Wisconsin Counties Association, in conference
29 assembled, does hereby urge the Wisconsin Legislature to support Assembly Bill 53 and Senate Bill 38
30 and accept enhanced federal Medicaid funding to improve the state's BadgerCare program,"
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32 WHEREAS, Wisconsin Assembly Bill 53 and its companion, Senate Bill 38, require the state
33 to take action to qualify for enhanced Medicaid funding.
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35 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Rock County Board of Supervisors, in
36 session this 12 day of December of 2013, does hereby urge the Wisconsin Legislature to
37 support Assembly Bill 53 and Senate Bill 38 and accept enhanced federal Medicaid funding to improve
38 the state's BadgerCare program;
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40 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, as an alternative, the Rock County Board of Supervisors
41 encourages the Governor and the Wisconsin Legislature to authorize and enable counties to access
42 enhanced Medicaid funding at the county level, thereby ensuring their citizens in participating counties
43 have access to affordable health coverage.

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45 BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be provided to Governor Walker,
46 Wisconsin Department of Health Services Secretary Kitty Rhoades, U.S. Department of Human Services
47 Secretary Kathleen Sebelius and the Rock County state legislative delegation.

Respectfully submitted:

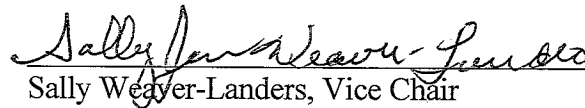
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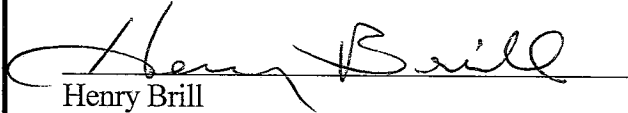
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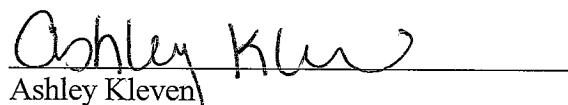

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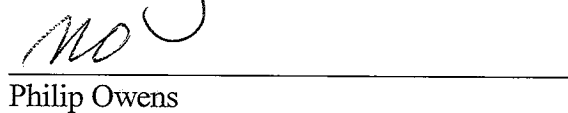

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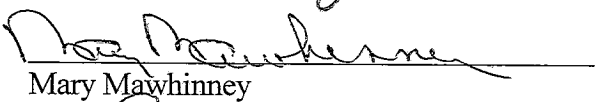
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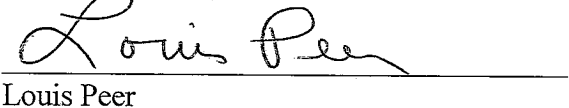

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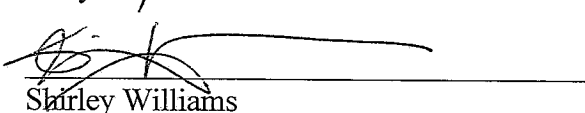

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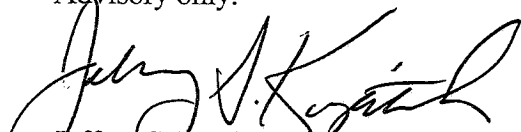
FISCAL NOTE:

This resolution addresses a legislative policy issue and has no direct fiscal impact on Rock County operations in and by itself.


Sherry Oja
Finance Director

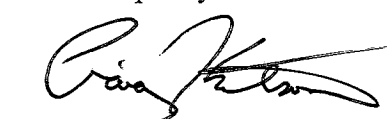
LEGAL NOTE:

Advisory only.


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ADMINISTRATIVE NOTE:

Matter of policy.


Craig Knutson
County Administrator