

RESOLUTION
ROCK COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Finance Committee
INITIATED BY

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SUBMITTED BY



Sandra Disrud, Deputy Register of Deeds
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DATE DRAFTED

RECOGNIZING RANDY LEYES

1 **WHEREAS**, Randy Leyes was appointed to the office of Register of Deeds by Governor Tommy
2 Thompson on April 29, 1996 to fill the vacant Register of Deeds position. He competed in both a primary
3 and general election later that year. He was successful in those elections. Randy was elected to 6 two-
4 year terms and 2 four-year terms; and,
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6 **WHEREAS**, the Register of Deeds has seen many changes over the last 21 years. Vital Records and Land
7 Records were two separate offices down the hall from each other. With the completion of the 1999
8 courthouse remodel, the two offices were merged into one. Staff and work load were able to be
9 consolidated and shared; and,
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11 **WHEREAS**, in 2006, Fidar's state of the art software was installed which allowed for images to be
12 scanned, indexed, and searched immediately after being received. This system has streamlined office
13 workflow and allowed for a reduction in staff. Records are able to be searched and viewed online.
14 Documents are able to be recorded electronically. 33% of all recordings are now filed electronically. Title
15 companies are able to search the records online from their office through subscriptions and the public is
16 able to purchase a copy of their deed at any time; and,
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18 **WHEREAS**, in 2011, the State Vital Records began using a new software system. Instead of sending
19 through the mail, the hospitals submit birth records directly into the system online. In 2013, funeral homes
20 started submitting death certificates directly. In 2015, marriage certificates were submitted electronically.
21 The Vital Records program is continually evolving; and,
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23 **WHEREAS**, Randy has always been receptive to advancing the efficiency of the office through
24 modernization. He often participated in the testing phase of new programs, embracing new technology;
25 and,
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27 **WHEREAS**, on the Real Estate side, Randy has modernized record access. In 2013, he initiated a project
28 that scanned more than 600,000 documents from paper and microfilm, including deeds dating back to the
29 1830's. The tract books were also scanned. These documents are now available at the touch of a button;
30 and,
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32 **WHEREAS**, Randy has served in various organizations including: Rock County Land Information
33 Council, Wisconsin Land Information Association, Wisconsin County Constitutional Officers
34 Association, and the Wisconsin Register of Deeds Association (serving as a board member, District
35 Chair and on numerous committees); and
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37 **WHEREAS**, through it all, the office has been self-sufficient through fees and services. After covering
38 expenses, the office has been able to contribute to the County's General Fund, to Land Records and to the
39 State; and,
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41 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Rock County Board of Supervisors duly assembled
42 this 15th day of December, 2016 does hereby recognize Randy Leyes for his service and extends best
43 wishes in his future endeavors.

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Respectfully submitted,

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