

RESOLUTION
ROCK COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Supervisor Jason Dowd
INITIATED BY

Jason Dowd, County Board Supervisor
DRAFTED BY

Supervisors Jason Dowd, Jeremy Zajac
and Greg Addie
SUBMITTED BY



December 1, 2014
DATE DRAFTED

CREATING AD HOC BOARD ORGANIZATION REVIEW COMMITTEE

1 WHEREAS the Rock County Board of Supervisors are made up of 29 Supervisors elected from geographic
2 districts every two years during the spring election cycle of even numbered years; and,
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4 WHEREAS the Board of Supervisors operates under a committee system and County Administrator form of
5 government. Supervisors exercise policy supervision of county activities through its committee system and
6 has certain home rule authority to determine aspects of board structure; and,
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8 WHEREAS the County Board has the authority to establish as many advisory and standing committees to
9 perform its business. Rock County has 13 standing committees and numerous advisory committees that have
10 not received in-depth evaluation regarding scope of services and how each interact and overlap with the
11 other committees for several years; and,
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13 WHEREAS many other Wisconsin counties have taken actions in recent years to review their board of
14 supervisor structure and restructure committees to improve efficiency and effectiveness; and,
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16 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Rock County Board of Supervisors hereby creates an
17 Ad Hoc Board Organization Review Committee with the express duties being to recommend changes or
18 support current structure of county board procedures:
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- 20 • Review the membership of the County Board and determine if the number of supervisors is at an
21 appropriate number to achieve effective and efficient operations for future years to come.
- 22 • Review County Board rules of procedures and recommend any changes and reorganization of the
23 current rules for clarity and to meet the charge of the County Board of Supervisors.
- 24 • Review each current standing and advisory county board committee, board or commission.
25 Investigate scope of services, membership and identify if each committee is properly meeting
26 purpose and intended responsibilities. Each committee should be closely reviewed to evaluate if
27 committees can remain as currently operating or if committees can be restructured for more
28 effective and efficient actions.
- 29 • Review whether County Board Supervisors should serve four year terms versus the current two
30 year term.
- 31 • Review if a change should be enacted for Board Supervisors to be elected in staggering terms
32 during different election cycles versus the current process of the whole board membership being
33 elected during the same election cycle.
- 34 • Investigate options for televising County Board meetings.
- 35 • Review compensation of Board Supervisors and evaluate if it is comparable with similar counties.
- 36 • Offer recommendations for process and procedural improvements of the County Board that may
37 arise during its review.

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39 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Ad Hoc Committee shall consist of 7 County Board
40 Supervisors, and further that said supervisors shall receive compensation for per diems and mileage
41 reimbursement pursuant to county policies. A completed report detailing the findings of the Ad Hoc
42 Committee should be completed and presented to the whole County Board of Supervisors for
43 consideration in time to enact any proposed changes allowed to become effective following the April 2016
44 Supervisor Election cycle.

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Respectfully Submitted,

COUNTY BOARD STAFF COMMITTEE

Discent
J. Russell Podzilni , Chair

Absent
Sandra Kraft, Vice Chair

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Eva Arnold

Discent
Henry Brill

Discent
Betty Jo Bussie

Discent
Mary Mawhinney

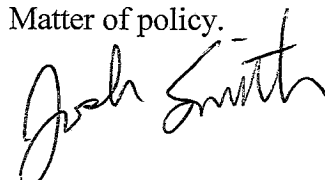
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Louis Peer

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Alan Sweeney

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Terry Thomas

ADMINISTRATIVE NOTE:

Matter of policy.


Josh Smith
County Administrator

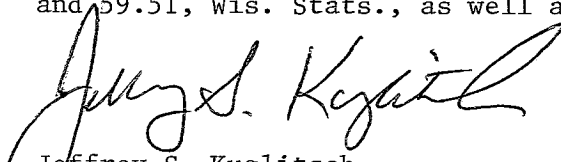
FISCAL NOTE:

Per County Board Rule IV-C, County Board Supervisors who are members of additional special, single purpose for ad hoc committees are eligible for per meeting allowances and mileage reimbursement


Sherry Oja
Finance committee

LEGAL NOTE:

The County Board is authorized to take this action pursuant to section 59.01 and 59.51, Wis. Stats., as well as Rule IV-C of the County Board rules.


Jeffrey S. Kuglitsch
Corporation Counsel

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Board of Supervisors operates under a committee system and County Administrator form of government. The Board exercises policy supervision of county activities through its committee system and has certain home rule authority to determine aspects of board structure. With the addition of a new county administrator after several decades, there comes a transition where a new administrator develops his own personality and style of leadership and investigates the operations of county government and offers changes according to his individual skill set and experience. The county board has an opportunity to also look at current operations and possibly identify more effective improvements or support how the board operates currently.

This resolution creates a temporary committee to review the county board structure and offer any suggestions that may allow the county board to increase efficiency, effectiveness and streamline procedures. This proposed committee is a self-evaluating tool to develop a discussion and to promote board growth. Identifying best practices from other Wisconsin counties and taking an in-depth look at operations while sharing ideas allow supervisors the ability to better serve the citizen they represent.

The committee would complete a review and issue a report to the whole county board with recommendations. These areas include, membership size of the board; rules of procedures; committee scope of services; structure and possible consolidation or new creation of committees; staggering terms for county supervisors; supervisor compensation; televising county board meetings; other procedural and process improvements and also investigating the idea of changing county supervisor terms to 4 years and creation of a resolution encouraging the State to make this possible.

Introduced by
Supervisor Dowd
Supervisor ZAJAC
Supervisor Addie

April 9, 2015

We the undersigned county supervisors request that the resolution "creating Ad Hoc Board Organization Review Committee" be placed on the most immediate scheduled county board meeting for consideration.

This resolution was drafted by Supervisor Dowd on 12/1/14; presented by Supervisor Dowd, Supervisor Zajac and Supervisor Addie on 12/11/14; considered by the county board staff committee on 1/27/15 and 2/10/15 and has not been moved out of committee; be forwarded to the entire county board for discussion and action. The 60 days from time of resolution presentation has been exceeded.

Respectfully,

<u>Jason R Dowd</u>	- JASON DOWD
<u>Greg Addie</u>	- GREG ADDIE
<u>Wesley K. Davis</u>	- WES DAVIS
<u>Jeremy Zajac</u>	- JEREMY ZAJAC
<u>Katlynn M. Schutz</u>	- KATLYN SCHUTZ
