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ROCK COUNTY, WISCONSIN



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**ROCK COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' MEETING
THURSDAY, JULY 8, 2021 – 6:00 P.M.**

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Agenda

1. CALL TO ORDER
2. INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
3. ROLL CALL
4. CONSENT AGENDA
 - A. ADOPTION OF AGENDA
 - B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – June 24, 2021
 - C. NOMINATIONS, APPOINTMENTS AND CONFIRMATION
 - 1) Appointment to District 11
 - 2) Appointment to the Land Conservation Committee
 - 3) Appointment to the Agriculture & Extension Committee
 - 4) Appointment to the Ad Hoc Committee on the Future of Rock Haven
 - 5) Appointments to the Ad Hoc Broadband Committee
 - 6) **Appointments to the Ad Hoc Redistricting Committee**
 - 7) **Appointments to the Technical Support Group for the Ad Hoc Redistricting Committee**
 - D. RECOGNITION OF COUNTY EMPLOYEES OR OTHERS
 - E. OTHER
 - 1) Creating A 0.5 FTE Nursing Staff Coordinator Position and Deleting A 0.5 FTE Administrative Assistant Position
5. PUBLIC HEARING
6. CITIZEN PARTICIPATION, COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS
7. NOMINATIONS, APPOINTMENTS AND CONFIRMATION
8. RECOGNITION OF COUNTY EMPLOYEES OR OTHERS
9. INTRODUCTION OF NEW RESOLUTIONS OR ORDINANCES BY SUPERVISORS FOR REFERRAL TO APPROPRIATE COMMITTEE
10. REPORTS
 - A. Humane Society of Southern Wisconsin – Jim McMullen

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11. NEW BUSINESS

- A. SUPPLEMENTARY APPROPRIATIONS AND BUDGET CHANGES - ROLL CALL
 - 1) Create the Positions of Public Health Planner, Public Health Policy Specialist, And Public Health Data Scientist; Create Class Descriptions; Establish Pay Ranges; And Amend The 2021 Budget
 - 2) Creating American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Grants for Small Businesses and Nonprofit Organizations
- B. CONTRACTS – ROLL CALL
 - 1) Retaining JP Cullen For Pre-Construction & Construction Manager Services for The Law Enforcement Services Addition/ Jail Renovation Project
- C. To create the position of a Health Educator (Health Equity Alliance of Rock County Coordinator)
- D. Directing Rock County Staff to Explore the Feasibility of Creating Programs to Address Nitrate Mitigation in Rock County's Ground Water
- E. **Providing Funding to Support the Construction of a New Facility for the Humane Society of Southern Wisconsin (Updated 7/7/2021)**
- F. Establishing A \$15 Per Hour Minimum Wage for All Employees of Rock County Government
- G. Creating An Ad Hoc Broadband Committee

12. ADJOURNMENT

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE
ROCK COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Janesville, Wisconsin
June 24, 2021

The Rock County Board of Supervisors met, pursuant to adjournment on June 10, 2021, at 6:00 p.m. in the Courthouse at Janesville, Wisconsin.

Chair Rich Bostwick called the teleconference meeting to order. Supervisor Wilson gave the invocation.

3. Roll Call.

At roll call, Supervisors Aegerter, Beaver, Bomkamp, Pam Bostwick, Brien, Davis, Fox, Gustina, Homan, Knudson, Leavy, Mawhinney, Mulligan, Rashkin, Richard, Rynes, Schulz, Stevens, Sweeney, Taylor, Williams, Wilson, Yeomans and Rich Bostwick were present. Supervisors Peer, Podzilni and Potter were absent. PRESENT – 24. ABSENT – 3. VACANT – 2.

QUORUM PRESENT

4. CONSENT AGENDA

A. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

1. CALL TO ORDER
2. INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
3. ROLL CALL
4. CONSENT AGENDA

A. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – June 10, 2021

C. NOMINATIONS, APPOINTMENTS AND CONFIRMATION

1) Appointment to the Transportation Coordinating Commission
Position: Members of the Transportation Coordinating Committee
New Appointment: Dawn Hudson, Beloit Health System
Effective: June 24, 2021

2) Appointment to Criminal Justice Coordinating Council (CJCC)
Position: Member of the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council (CJCC)
New Appointment: Chief Andre Sayles
Effective: June 24, 2021

3) Appointment to the Evidence-Based Decision Making Committee (EBDM)
Position: Member of the Evidence-Based Decision Making Committee
New Appointment: Captain Dan Molland, Beloit Police Department
Effective: June 24, 2021

D. RECOGNITION OF COUNTY EMPLOYEES OR OTHERS

1) To Recognize Sharon Metz

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Rock County Board of Supervisors duly assembled this 24th day of June, 2021, does

E. OTHER

1) Authorizing Temporary Double Fill of Airport Secretary II Position

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Rock County Board of Supervisors duly assembled this 24th day of June, 2021, does hereby authorize the temporary

double fill of one Secretary II position from August 9, 2021 through September 7th, 2021.

2) Creating 1.0 FTE Peer Support Specialist Position

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Rock County Board of Supervisors duly assembled this 24th day of June, 2021, does hereby authorize the creation of the grant-funded 1.0 FTE Peer Support Specialist position and authorizes the Human Services Department to fill this position and purchase the equipment necessary to support this role.

5. PUBLIC HEARING
6. CITIZEN PARTICIPATION, COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS
7. NOMINATIONS, APPOINTMENTS AND CONFIRMATION
8. RECOGNITION OF COUNTY EMPLOYEES OR OTHERS
 - 1) To Recognize Julie Seeman
9. INTRODUCTION OF NEW RESOLUTIONS OR ORDINANCES BY SUPERVISORS FOR REFERRAL TO APPROPRIATE COMMITTEE
10. REPORTS
 - A. R.O.A.D. to Digital Equality Project (Broadband Expansion-Bug Tussel)

Supervisor Peer joined meeting during Broadband Expansion -Bug Tussel.

11. NEW BUSINESS
 - A. Supplementary Appropriations and Budget Changes - Roll Call
 - B. Contracts – Roll Call
12. ADJOURNMENT

Supervisor Taylor and Yeomans moved the consent agenda. Chair Rich Bostwick asked for objections and questions on the items on the consent agenda. With no objections or questions, the items on the consent agenda were approved.

5. Public Hearing
None
6. Citizen Participation, Communications and Announcements
Supervisor Aegerter spoke about the Summer Shakespeare Show called Mid-Summer Nights Dream. Supervisor Gustina spoke about new candidates for vacancies, how people are showing more interest in the County Board Supervisors Supervisor's and how he would like transparencies. Aegerter gave a congratulations to Supervisor Stevens for her award as the YWCA Women of Distinction for this year. Supervisor Stevens gave an honor to Tasha Bell for being the new Equity Manager.

Supervisor Podzilni arrived at 6:12 p.m.

7. Nominations, Appointments and Confirmation
None
8. A. Recognizing Julie Seeman Resolution number 21-6B-276
NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Rock County Board of Supervisor duly assembled this twenty fourth day of June 2021, does hereby recognize Julie Seeman for her 3 years of dedicated service and extend best wishes to her future endeavors.
Supervisors Rashkin and Pam Bostwick moved the above resolution. ADOPTED by acclamation.
9. INTRODUCTION OF NEW RESOLUTIONS OR ORDINANCES BY SUPERVISORS FOR REFERRAL TO APPROPRIATE COMMITTEE
Supervisors Aegerter and Stevens put forth a resolution for using the *American Rescue Plan Act Funds (ARPA) to provide small business grants to those that were affected by the pandemic.*
Supervisor Taylor reintroduced Supervisor Rashkin's resolution with regards to extending the *virtual option for supervisors on committees and members of the public.*

Supervisor Rich Bostwick discussed a future resolution for a one-time financial support for the *Southern Wisconsin Human Society Capital Campaign for building a new facility*. Also, Supervisor Rich Bostwick spoke about seeking authorization to create an Ad Hoc Committee to study the County's Broadband System.

10.A. REPORTS

R.O.A.D. (Rural Open Access Design) to Digital Equality Project (Broadband Expansion-Bug Tussel)- Given by Mitchel Olson and Steve Schneider.

Supervisor Mawhinney's connection was lost and was able to rejoin the meeting around the Bug Tussel discussion.

Knudson left meeting at 6:43.

12. Adjournment

Supervisors Yeomans and Bomkamp moved to adjourn at 6:49 p.m. to Thursday, July 8, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. ADOPTED by acclamation.



Prepared by Lisa Tollefson, County Clerk
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*This is a condensed version of the minutes. For the full summary,
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APPOINTMENT TO SUPERVISORY DISTRICT #11

POSITION: Representative to Supervisory District #11

AUTHORITY: County Board Rule I.F.

TERM: To Complete the Unexpired Term of Supervisor
Kaelyb Lokrantz, Ending April, 2022

PER DIEM: Yes, Per Board Rule IV.J.

PRESENT MEMBER: Kaelyb Lokrantz

CONFIRMATION: Yes, by County Board of Supervisors

NEW APPOINTMENT: Janelle Crary

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 8, 2021

APPOINTMENT TO THE LAND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE

POSITION: Member of the Land Conservation Committee

AUTHORITY: County Board Rule IV.G. and IV.H.

TERM: Unexpired Term Ending April 2022

PER DIEM: Yes, Per Board Rule IV.J.

PRESENT MEMBER: Former Supervisor Kaelyb Lokrantz

CONFIRMATION: Yes, by County Board of Supervisors

NEW APPOINTMENT: Supervisor Janelle Crary

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 8, 2021

**APPOINTMENT TO THE AGRICULTURE AND
EXTENSION EDUCATION COMMITTEE**

POSITION: Member of the Agriculture and Extension Education
Committee

AUTHORITY: County Board Rule IV.G. and IV.H.

TERM: Unexpired Term Ending April 2022

PER DIEM: Yes, Per Board Rule IV.J.

PRESENT MEMBER: Former Supervisor Kaelyb Lokrantz

CONFIRMATION: Yes, by County Board of Supervisors

NEW APPOINTMENT: Supervisor Janelle Crary

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 8, 2021

**APPOINTMENTS TO THE AD HOC ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON THE
FUTURE OF ROCK HAVEN**

POSITIONS: Members of the Ad Hoc Committee on the Future of Rock Haven

AUTHORITY: County Board Resolution #19-9B-328

TERM: Will Dissolve upon Submission of a Report to the County Board of Supervisors

PER DIEM: For County Board Supervisors Only
(Per Board Rule IV.J.)

PRESENT MEMBER: Former Supervisor Doug Wilde

CONFIRMATION: Yes, by County Board of Supervisors

NEW APPOINTMENT: Supervisor Bob Yeomans

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 8, 2021

APPOINTMENTS TO THE AD HOC BROADBAND COMMITTEE

POSITION: Member of the Ad Hoc Broadband Committee

AUTHORITY: County Board Resolution 21-7A-285

TERM: Committee will be sunset by December 31, 2026

PER DIEM: Yes, Per Board Rule IV-C

CONFIRMATION: Yes, by County Board of Supervisors

NEW APPOINTMENT: Supervisor Richard Bostwick
Supervisor Wes Davis
Supervisor Alan Sweeney
Supervisor Mary Mawhinney
Supervisor Dave Homan

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 8, 2021

APPOINTMENTS TO THE AD HOC REDISTRICTING COMMITTEE

POSITION: Member of the Ad Hoc Redistricting Committee

AUTHORITY: County Board Resolution 21-5A-257

TERM: Until final action has taken place establishing the 2021 County Board Supervisory District Ordinance

PER DIEM: Yes, Per Board Rule IV-C

CONFIRMATION: Yes, by County Board of Supervisors

NEW APPOINTMENT: Supervisor Richard Bostwick
Supervisor Wes Davis
Supervisor Robert Potter
Supervisor Mike Mulligan

Victor Gonzalez
Edgerton, WI

Ethel Himmel
Milton, WI

Lisa Imhoff
Evansville, WI

Neil Deupree
Janesville, WI

Lisa Johnson
Janesville, WI

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 8, 2021

**APPOINTMENTS TO THE TECHNICAL SUPPORT GROUP FOR THE AD
HOC REDISTRICTING COMMITTEE**

POSITION: Member of the Technical Support Group for the Ad Hoc
Redistricting Committee

AUTHORITY: County Board Resolution 21-5A-257

TERM: Until final action has taken place establishing the 2021
County Board Supervisory District Ordinance

PER DIEM: Yes, Per Board Rule IV-C

CONFIRMATION: Yes, by County Board of Supervisors

NEW APPOINTMENT: Cindy Hegglund – City Clerk City of Edgerton
Ryan McCue – Deputy City Manager, City of Janesville
Dawn Miller – Town Clerk, Town of La Prairie
Lori Stottler – City Clerk, City of Beloit
Lisa Tollefson – Rock County Clerk

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 8, 2021

**RESOLUTION
ROCK COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

**Human Resources
INITIATED BY**



**Amy Spoden
DRAFTED BY**

**Health Services Committee
SUBMITTED BY**

**June 25, 2021
DATE DRAFTED**

**CREATING A 0.5 FTE NURSING STAFF COORDINATOR POSITION
AND DELETING A 0.5 FTE ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT POSITION**

1 **WHEREAS**, Rock Haven requests that a 0.5 FTE Administrative Assistant position be deleted, and a
2 0.5 FTE Nursing Staff Coordinator position be created; and,

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4 **WHEREAS**, the 0.5 FTE Administrative Assistant position is currently vacant; and,

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6 **WHEREAS**, Rock Haven would like to provide additional assistance to the scheduling function; and,

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8 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Rock County Board of Supervisors duly
9 assembled this _____ day of _____, 2021 does hereby approve the creation of a 0.5 FTE
10 Nursing Staff Coordinator position and the deletion of a 0.5 FTE Administrative Assistant position at the
11 Rock Haven Nursing Home.

Respectfully submitted,

HEALTH SERVICES COMMITTEE

COUNTY BOARD STAFF COMMITTEE

Tom Brien, Chair

Richard Bostwick, Chair

Mary Beaver, Vice Chair

Wes Davis, Vice Chair

Kevin Leavy

Tom Brien

Ron Bomkamp

Kevin Leavy

Kathy Schulz

Louis Peer

J. Russell Podzilni

Bob Yeomans

Alan Sweeney

Mary Beaver

TO CREATE 0.5 FTE NURSING STAFF COORDINATOR POSITION

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LEGAL NOTE:

The County Board is authorized to take this action pursuant to § 59.22(2), Wis. Stats.

s/Richard Greenlee

Richard Greenlee
Corporation Counsel

FISCAL NOTE:

The annualized cost of these changes is approximately \$3,165. Due to staff vacancies, funds are available in Rock Haven's 2021 budget for these position changes. The increased cost will need to be added to the 2022 budget.

/s/Sherry Oja

Sherry Oja
Finance Director

ADMINISTRATIVE NOTE:

Recommended.

/s/Josh Smith

Josh Smith
County Administrator

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The .5 Administrative Assistant position is currently vacant. As the Nursing Home Administrator continues to evaluate the staffing patterns at Rock Haven, a request has been made to delete the .5 Administrative Assistant position and create a .5 Nursing Staff Coordinator. This change will provide additional coverage in managing the daily staffing needs of Rock Haven.

**RESOLUTION
ROCK COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

Board of Health
INITIATED BY



Katrina Harwood
DRAFTED BY

Board of Health
SUBMITTED BY

June 28, 2021
DATE DRAFTED

CREATE THE POSITIONS OF PUBLIC HEALTH PLANNER, PUBLIC HEALTH POLICY SPECIALIST, AND PUBLIC HEALTH DATA SCIENTIST; CREATE CLASS DESCRIPTIONS; ESTABLISH PAY RANGES; AND AMEND THE 2021 BUDGET

- 1 **WHEREAS**, the COVID-19 pandemic has exemplified the need for strong public health infrastructure
- 2 and a workforce skilled in areas of data science, policy development, and planning; and,
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- 4 **WHEREAS**, the expertise brought by these specialist positions would improve the design and execution
- 5 of public health programs; and,
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- 7 **WHEREAS**, the additional positions would improve public health emergency preparedness activities
- 8 through planning and analysis; and,
- 9
- 10 **WHEREAS**, COVID-19 remains a threat to the public’s health through the potential to mutate into
- 11 variants that are not covered by the developed vaccines; and,
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- 13 **WHEREAS**, the Rock County Public Health Department and other community partners are working to
- 14 increase the proportion of the population fully vaccinated, which requires concerted planning efforts that
- 15 incorporate predictive analytics and policy development; and,
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- 17 **WHEREAS**, public health professionals anticipate that novel diseases will continue to pose a threat to
- 18 the public’s health; and,
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- 20 **WHEREAS**, pandemics are likely to become more frequent; and,
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- 22 **WHEREAS**, there is a need to develop infrastructure so that the next pandemic does not result in the
- 23 same significant morbidity and mortality as the COVID-19 pandemic; and,
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- 25 **WHEREAS**, the COVID-19 pandemic has created and exacerbated additional public health concerns
- 26 related to health inequities and the social determinants of health; and,
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- 28 **WHEREAS**, the Rock County Public Health Department requests that a 1.0 FTE Public Health Planner
- 29 position, a 1.0 FTE Public Health Policy Specialist position, and a 1.0 FTE Public Health Data Scientist
- 30 position be created; and,
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- 32 **WHEREAS**, the positions will be funded through the American Rescue Plan Act, unless other public
- 33 health specific funding is identified; and,
- 34
- 35 **WHEREAS**, these positions would provide the additional capacity needed for the Rock County Public
- 36 Health Department to effectively design and implement public health programs aimed at pandemic
- 37 response/recovery; and,
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- 39 **WHEREAS**, the position of a Public Health Planner will support the development, implementation, and
- 40 ongoing monitoring of the Rock County Public Health Department’s performance management system,
- 41 quality improvement plan, workforce development plan, and partner relationship management system
- 42 specific to COVID response, recovery, and ongoing design and execution of public health programs; and,
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- 44 **WHEREAS**, the position of a Public Health Policy Specialist will ensure that efforts to protect and
- 45 promote public health through policy action are evidence-based and take into consideration feasibility,

46 apply public health ethics, and take steps to ensure that there are not disproportionate impacts
 47 communities of color and other groups that have been historically marginalized ; and,
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49 **WHEREAS**, the position of a Public Health Data Scientist will apply predictive analytics, machine
 50 learning, and other methods to develop public health surveillance systems that continuously assess risk to
 51 the public’s health and to ensure that strategies to protect and promote public health are data informed
 52 and likely to achieve the desired health outcomes; and,
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54 **WHEREAS**, collectively, the additional positions will enable the Rock County Public Health
 55 Department to effectively address the COVID-19 pandemic, engage in COVID-19 pandemic recovery,
 56 and develop infrastructure and capacity to effectively address future pandemics and other public health
 57 emergencies.
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59 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Rock County Board of Supervisors duly
 60 assembled this _____ day of _____, 2021 moves to create the position of a 1.0 FTE Public
 61 Health Planner, a 1.0 FTE Public Health Policy Specialist, and a 1.0 FTE Public Health Data Scientist;
 62 create class descriptions; and establish the positions in Pay Range 22 (\$63,120 -\$76,776) in the unilateral
 63 pay grid as Unilateral C positions (under the Fair Labor Standards Act).
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65 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the 2021 Rock County Public Health Department budget be
 66 amended as follows:
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<u>Account/Description</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Amended</u>
<u>Source of Funds</u>	<u>1/1/21</u>	<u>(Decrease)</u>	<u>Budget</u>
31-3000-0000-68000 Cost Allocations	\$303,604	\$66,860	\$370,464
<u>Federal Aid</u>			
<u>Use of Funds</u>			
31-30000-0000-61100 Wages	\$2,187,756	\$47,340	\$2,235,096
31-30000-0000-61400 FICA	\$167,363	\$3,621	\$170,984
31-30000-0000-61510 Retirement	\$147,674	\$3,195	\$150,869
31-30000-0000-61610 Health Insurance	\$566,432	\$12,350	\$578,782
31-30000-0000-61620 Dental	\$16,281	\$355	\$16,636

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 Respectfully submitted,

BOARD OF HEALTH

 Louis Peer, Chair

 Dr. Connie Winter, DDS, Vice Chair

 VACANT

 Supervisor Shirley Williams

 Eric Gresens, R.PH

 Dr. Kaitlyn Meyers, DVM, MPH

 Supervisor Danette Rynes

 Dr. Vijaya Somaraju, MD, MPH, FACP

 Debra Kolste

To Create the Positions of Public Health Planner, a Public Health Policy Specialist, and a Public Health Data Scientist
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Finance Committee Endorsement

Reviewed and approved on a vote of _____

Mary Mawhinney, Chair Date

To Create the Positions of Public Health Planner, a Public Health Policy Specialist, and a Public Health Data Scientist
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FISCAL NOTE:

At this time, the addition of these positions will not require County funding. We will be using a portion of the ARPA funding, or a direct grant to the Health Department as the funding source.

/s/Sherry Oja

Sherry Oja
Finance Director

LEGAL NOTE:

The County Board is authorized to take this action pursuant to § 59.22(2), Wis. Stats. As an amendment to the 2021 County Budget, this Resolution requires a 2/3 vote of the entire membership of the County Board pursuant to § 65.90(5)(a), Wis. Stats.

s/Richard Greenlee

Richard Greenlee
Corporate Counsel

ADMINISTRATIVE NOTE:

Recommended. The American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) includes additional funding (in addition to the County's direct ARAP allocation) to support the development of public health infrastructure. If such federal funding is directed to the Health Department, we may be able to use those funds for this purpose and reserve the County's direct allocation to other purposes. In either case, we would anticipate using ARPA funding for these positions through the end of 2024, at which time we will better understand the organizational structure and positions needed to operate effectively, as well as other sources of funding that may be available for these positions. In this way, we will be able to use the intervening three-plus years to evaluate needs.

/s/Josh Smith

Josh Smith
County Administrator

Executive Summary

The COVID-19 pandemic has stretched the public health workforce and public health system. Additionally, the COVID-19 pandemic has created gaps in public health services and has made existing gaps in public health disease surveillance and planning efforts evident. The Rock County Public Health Department remains committed to assessing the impact of COVID-19 on the population of Rock County, including assessing the risk to the public from variants of the virus, conducting contact tracing, working with private and public organizations to develop and implement strategies to prevent the spread of illness, and coordinate the delivery of vaccines to specific geographic areas of Rock County. Although the COVID-19 pandemic has not yet run its course, we begin to look towards pandemic recovery. COVID-19 pandemic recovery will be focused on mobilizing communities and partnerships to address social determinants of health and would benefit from a highly effective local public health department.

In September 2020, the revised 10 Essential Public Health Services were released. The revision to the 10 Essential Public Health Services framework was the first in 25 years and the revised framework has incorporated updated expectations for public health departments. Of note, the new 10 Essential Public Health Services centers equity and emphasizes the role of public health in assessing and monitoring population health, investigating and diagnosing health hazards, creating and championing the implementation of policies, plans and laws, and innovating through evaluation and quality improvement. To effectively address health inequities that have been exacerbated as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, we need an approach that incorporates data and information into the development of policies and plans.

The Public Health Planner position would work to ensure that COVID-19 response activities are aligned with anticipated outcomes of response efforts. The position would ensure that public health emergency response plans are updated to reflect lessons learned during the COVID-19 pandemic and would coordinate the development of a Workforce Development Plan that incorporates ongoing expectations for staff training/development in public health emergency response. As part of COVID-19 recovery, the Rock County Public Health Department will not just be working with community partners to address the health concerns and inequities that have been exacerbated as a result of the pandemic, but the health department will also be working to rebuild and strengthen public health programs that were paused during the pandemic response. This effort to rebuild and strengthen the health department would be supported by the Public Health Planner and would help to ensure that the health department is prepared for future public health emergencies.

The Public Health Policy Specialist would work to ensure that policy actions taken by the health department during the remainder of the COVID-19 pandemic are data informed and are developed in a manner that is consistent with public health ethics and centering health equity. Effective recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic will require actions to address social determinants of health and working to address system level challenges. While working at this level allows for more impactful solutions to public health challenges to be identified, it requires that local health departments have access to the expertise needed to assess policy options against desired health outcomes and to conduct Health Impact Assessments on specific policies being considered. The Public Health Policy Specialist would provide this expertise to the Rock County Public Health Department team and would support community-wide efforts to improve health outcomes.

The Public Health Data Scientist would apply predictive analytics, machine learning, informatics, and network analysis to strengthen public health programs and continually assess emerging threats to the public's health. During the COVID-19 pandemic, the expertise of the Public Health Data Scientist would be utilized to assess the risk of emerging variants, to anticipate the spread of illness (should a variant emerge that the vaccine does not provide protection against), and to project vaccine uptake. The Rock County Public Health Department's Epidemiologist has been instrumental in the health department's ability to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic. While epidemiological capacity continues to be needed to investigate root causes of public health issues and maintain our disease surveillance system, having a Public Health Data Scientist would allow for the health department to take into consideration future conditions when designing and implementing public health interventions.

We intend to utilize funds from the American Rescue Plan Act to fund salary and benefits for a full time Public Health Planner, a Public Health Policy Specialist, and a Public Health Data Scientist at a cost of \$66,860 for the remainder of 2021. Because these positions are also needed for basic public health infrastructure, we are proposing that they be added to our Rock County Public Health Department staff for future years. The Public Health Planner position, the Public Health Policy Specialist position, and the Public Health Data Scientist position will be placed in Range 22 of the Unilateral Pay Grid.

**RESOLUTION
ROCK COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

Supervisors Stevens and Aegerter
INITIATED BY



Supervisors Stevens and Aegerter
DRAFTED BY

Planning & Development Committee
SUBMITTED BY

June 4, 2021
DATE DRAFTED

Creating American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Grants for Small Businesses and Nonprofit Organizations

1 **WHEREAS**, the World Health Organization (WHO) declared COVID-19 a global pandemic on March
2 11, 2020; and

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4 **WHEREAS**, in an effort to control the spread of COVID-19, multiple emergency orders went into place
5 starting on March 16, 2020; restricting in-person activities and even closing businesses. A safer-at-home
6 order was in effect from March 25, 2020 until the state Supreme Court struck the emergency orders
7 down on May 13, 2020, when Rock County issued a safer-at-home order and then a phased approach to
8 reopening; and

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10 **WHEREAS**, from March 2020 to the present, COVID-19 precautions have continued to contribute to
11 decreased economic activity and lost revenue. Unemployment in Rock County has increased to 5.5%
12 from the 2019 rate of 3.5%. Some Rock County small businesses have closed since March 2020 and
13 more are in danger of closing; and

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15 **WHEREAS**, although the CARES Act, Paycheck Protection Program (PPP), and the small business loan
16 fund were put in place to help address the economic losses in our community, many Rock County
17 businesses did not receive any aid, including disproportionately disadvantaged groups that may have
18 lacked access to the resources necessary to submit applications or may have been challenged with the
19 complexity of the application processes and gathering required documentation; and

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21 **WHEREAS**, Rock County’s mission statement is, “To enhance the quality of life, health, safety, and
22 trust of all citizens by providing top quality public services through a creative and responsive team
23 committed to excellence, integrity, accountability, and respect;” and

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25 **WHEREAS**, Rock County may use funds received through the American Rescue Plan “to respond to the
26 public health emergency with respect to the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID–19) or its negative
27 economic impacts, including assistance to households, small businesses, and nonprofits, or aid to
28 impacted industries such as tourism, travel, and hospitality.” Providing funding to small businesses and
29 nonprofits in this way will have a long-term impact on the health of our local economy by ensuring these
30 organizations are strengthened, resilient, and can remain in operation; and

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32 **WHEREAS**, we have a duty to our local businesses, nonprofits, and citizens who fell through the cracks,
33 who the government on all levels failed to help previously. Specifically:

- 34 • Small business owners in Rock County have been unable to pay their payroll costs, mortgage,
35 rent and utilities, and other expenses associated with doing business since the start of the COVID-
36 19 pandemic.
- 37 • Small business owners in Rock County have struggled with finding resources that adequately
38 prepare them for post-COVID business development and sustainability planning.
- 39 • Small business owners and nonprofits in Rock County deserve a pandemic relief plan that
40 provides both immediate relief and resources that provide for long-term disaster preparedness and
41 sustainability planning.

42
43 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Rock County Board of Supervisors, duly
44 assembled this ____ day of ____, 2021, does hereby create an American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Small

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45 Business and Nonprofit Grant Program, to be funded with \$5 million from Rock County's ARPA
46 allocation.

47
48 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, grants of up to \$10,000 per applicant will be provided until allocated
49 funding is no longer available. The amount of the grant provided will be equal to the demonstrated
50 amount of losses in 2020, up to the grant maximum.

51
52 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, eligibility criteria are that a business:

- 53 • must be independently owned with their main office in Rock County;
- 54 • generate less than \$1 million in revenue annually;
- 55 • is a restaurant, in the service industry, retail business, or start up that operates as a limited liability
56 corporation (LLC), independent contractor, or sole proprietor, or is a 501(c)3 nonprofit;
- 57 • experienced a decrease in revenue in 2020;
- 58 • was in operation prior to March 15th, 2020;
- 59 • has at least 1 employee but no more than 25;
- 60 • has obtained no assistance from the federal PPP or Economic Injury Disaster Loan (EIDL)
61 program;
- 62 • is not delinquent on any outstanding taxes owed, including the Wisconsin Department of
63 Administration's ineligible vendor list under s. 77.66, Wis. Stats; and
- 64 • is not on the Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development's debarred contractor list.

65
66 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, businesses who are primarily engaged in gambling, tobacco or
67 vaping, alcohol sales, payday lending, lobbying, multi-level marketing, or direct sales, as well as
68 financial, religious, and educational institutions, are excluded from receiving grants through this
69 program. Grant applicants who are registered as sex offenders are also excluded from the program.

70
71 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, applicants must certify that the pandemic has had an adverse
72 economic impact on them and be able to demonstrate they need ARPA funding in order to stabilize,
73 sustain, strengthen or restart operations. Funding must be used to offset COVID-19 related losses. Funds
74 may be used to pay rent, payroll costs, utilities, and other necessary operating expenses. Documentation
75 submitted with the application must include 2019 and 2020 tax returns or Form 990 for nonprofit
76 organizations, proof of business/organization formation (e.g. articles of incorporation, business license,
77 or registration with the state of Wisconsin), and a state issued identification.

78
79 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, County staff are directed to partner with a local financial institution or
80 accounting firm, or other third party skilled at reviewing similar applications, for the purpose of
81 reviewing Rock County's ARPA grant applications and determining eligibility, pursuant to the criteria
82 established herein. County staff will also contract with a third party to develop a Rock County ARPA
83 grant application portal, through which all applicants must apply.

84
85 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, Rock County will partner with and provide \$1.5 million to the
86 University of Wisconsin Small Business Development Centers (SBDC) to provide custom training,
87 coaching, mentoring, and business plan development services to Rock County's small business owners
88 as a condition of their participation in the program to assist with post-COVID related business
89 development, disaster preparedness, and sustainability planning. SBDC may work with other business
90 development partners to provide services as appropriate.

91
92 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, applicants who do not receive funding through this ARPA grant can
93 apply through the SBDC to receive post-COVID related entrepreneurial support funded by Rock County
94 through this program. Such applicants will receive priority in receiving a loan through the Rock County
95 Small Business Loan Fund once they have completed a program through the SBDC.

96
97 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, Rock County will identify and provide funding to local organizations
98 that can provide assistance in helping small businesses apply for grants through this program.

99
100 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, Rock County will work with the Arrowhead Library System (ALS) to
101 establish a plan, funded through the County's ARPA allocation, on how to make available business
102 planning resources through the seven public libraries in Rock County for business owners who don't

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03 have access to the internet or the technology they need to develop a post-COVID business development
04 and sustainability plan, including the deployment of both hardware (e.g. laptops, hotspots) and business
05 planning software

06
07 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, an additional \$1 million will be set aside to operate this program,
08 including for the ALS plan, application assistance, and administrative contracts. Any unspent funds when
09 all grants have been provided and all contracts completed will be available for other ARPA programs
10 determined by the County Board.

11
12 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, the 2021 budget be amended as follow:

PROGRAM	BUDGET 7/1/2021	INCREASE (DECREASE)	AMENDED BUDGET
Small Business and Non-Profit Grant Program			
<u>Source of Funds</u>			
19-1980-0000-42100			
Federal Aid	-0-	\$5,250,000	\$5,250,000
<u>Use of Funds</u>			
19-1980-2901-63110			
Administration	-0-	\$50,000	\$50,000
19-1980-2901-62191			
Technology Services	-0-	\$100,000	\$100,000
19-1980-2901-62104			
Consulting Services	-0-	\$100,000	\$100,000
19-1980-2901-64320			
Grants to Small Businesses	-0-	\$4,000,000	\$4,000,000
19-1980-2901-64321			
Grants to Non-Profits	-0-	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000
Business Planning Resources			
<u>Source of Funds</u>			
19-1980-0000-42100			
Federal Aid	-0-	\$750,000	\$750,000
<u>Use of Funds</u>			
19-1980-2902-63110			
Administration	-0-	\$50,000	\$50,000
19-1980-2902-62104			
Consulting Services	-0-	\$50,000	\$50,000
19-1980-2902-63408			
Program Supplies	-0-	\$650,000	\$650,000
Small Business Development Centers			
<u>Source of Funds</u>			
19-1980-0000-42100			
Federal Aid	-0-	\$1,500,000	\$1,500,000
<u>Use of Funds</u>			
19-1980-2903-62119			
Other Contracted Services	-0-	\$1,500,000	\$1,500,000

Executive Summary

Creating American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Grants for Small Businesses and Nonprofit Organizations

This resolution would allocate a total of \$7.5 million from Rock County's total American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) allocation of \$31.7 million for the following purposes:

- \$5.0 million to provide grants to small businesses and nonprofits;
- \$1.5 million to Small Business Development Centers (SBDC) to provide business plan development, coaching, mentoring, and counseling; and
- \$1.0 million for administrative and other operational costs, including funding to the Arrowhead Library System to coordinate access to software and hardware for small businesses to interact with SBDC staff and complete business planning. Other administrative costs include application processing, an application portal, and support in completion of applications.

Grants provided to small businesses and nonprofits would be a maximum of \$10,000, based on the amount of documented losses in 2020 due to the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic.

The resolution directs that the County contract with a third-party vendor to process applications consistent with the eligibility criteria outlined in the resolution, including that an organization:

- must be independently owned with their main office in Rock County;
- generate less than \$1 million in revenue annually;
- is a restaurant, in the service industry, retail business, or start up that operates as a limited liability corporation (LLC), independent contractor, or sole proprietor, or is a 501(c)3 nonprofit;
- experienced a decrease in revenue in 2020;
- was in operation prior to March 15th, 2020;
- has at least 1 employee but no more than 25;
- has obtained no assistance from the federal PPP or Economic Injury Disaster Loan (EIDL) program;
- is not delinquent on any outstanding taxes owed, including the Wisconsin Department of Administration's ineligible vendor list under s. 77.66, Wis. Stats; and
- is not on the Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development's debarred contractor list.

Certain types of organizations are ineligible to receive grants, as noted in the resolution.

Applicants who do not receive funding through this grant program will receive priority in receiving funding through Rock County's Small Business Loan Fund once they have completed programming through the SBDC.

**RESOLUTION
ROCK COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

The General Services Committee
INITIATED BY



Brent Sutherland- Director of
Facilities Management
DRAFTED BY

The General Services Committee
SUBMITTED BY

June 25, 2021
DATE DRAFTED

**Retaining JP Cullen for Pre-Construction & Construction Manager Services
for the Law Enforcement Services Addition/ Jail Renovation Project**

- 1 **WHEREAS**, the Rock County Board of Supervisors approved moving forward with engineering and
- 2 design work for the Law Enforcement Services addition/ Jail renovation project; and,
- 3
- 4 **WHEREAS**, due to the size of the project Facilities Management is recommending hiring a construction
- 5 company to provide pre-construction and construction manager services for this project; and,
- 6
- 7 **WHEREAS**, three experienced construction companies were selected by RFP and invited to give a
- 8 presentation; and,
- 9
- 10 **WHEREAS**, an evaluation team of six Rock County staff and Venture Architect was put together
- 11 representing, Facilities Management, the Sheriff's Office, Purchasing, Administration and Architect; and,
- 12
- 13 **WHEREAS**, the six county employees completed a score card for each construction company. Our
- 14 Architect did not score only advised and helped answered staff questions; and,
- 15
- 16 **WHEREAS**, JP Cullen obtained the highest score and was chosen for these services; and,
- 17
- 18 **WHEREAS**, there is no charge for the pre-construction services which will be performed in 2021; and,
- 19
- 20 **WHEREAS**, the Construction Manager services cost including general conditions cost is \$3,795,057 for
- 21 this project which will be performed and in 2022-2025 and was included in the total project cost estimate
- 22 of \$96,600,000.
- 23
- 24 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Rock County Board of Supervisors duly assembled
- 25 this _____ day of _____, 2021, that a contract for construction management
- 26 services be awarded to JP Cullen, of Janesville, WI, in the amount of \$3,795,057.

Respectfully submitted,

GENERAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

Robert Potter, Chair

Tom Brien, Vice Chair

Brent Fox

Dave Homan

William Wilson

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LEGAL NOTE:

The County Board is authorized to take this action pursuant to secs. 59.01 and 59.51, Wis. Stats. Professional services are not subject to bidding requirements of sec. 59.52(29), Wis. Stats.

s/Richard Greenlee

Richard Greenlee
Corporation Counsel

FISCAL NOTE:

A funding source for this project will need to be identified and included in the 2022 budget.

/s/Sherry Oja

Sherry Oja
Finance Director

ADMINISTRATIVE NOTE:

Recommended.

/s/Josh Smith

Josh Smith
County Administrator

Executive Summary

Retaining JP Cullen for Pre-Construction & Construction Manager Services for the Law Enforcement Services Addition/ Jail Renovation Project

The resolution before you awards a contract to JP Cullen of Janesville, Wisconsin, for pre-construction services in 2021 and Construction Manager services in 2022-2025.

Rock County Facilities Management is recommending utilizing a construction company to provide pre-construction services and construction manager services for this project due to its size. Hiring a Construction Manager this project will not be bid out to a General Contractor. Each section of work performed will be bid separately in a sealed bid and opened by Rock County Purchasing per State Statutes. This is an option that is typically used by State as well as County Government for larger projects. This method helps to keep it on schedule and within budget.

Three construction companies experienced in working on government projects were selected to submit an RFP and give a presentation. Rock County put together a seven-person evaluation team representing Facilities Management, Administration, Purchasing, the Sheriff's Office, and Venture Architect. Score cards were completed by the evaluation team. Except for the Architect who participated to help advise the evaluation team.

The cost for the pre-construction services which will be performed in 2021 will be no cost. The Construction Manager and general conditions cost will come during construction in 2022-2025. The Construction Manager cost is \$673,260 and the general conditions cost which includes all the additional costs such as job trailer, porta-potties, temporary power, Superintendent, etc. is \$3,121,797 for a total cost of \$3,795,05.

This cost was included in the total project cost estimate of \$96,600,000.

**RESOLUTION
ROCK COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

Board of Health
INITIATED BY



Katrina Harwood
DRAFTED BY

Board of Health
SUBMITTED BY

6/30/2021
DATE DRAFTED

CREATE THE POSITION OF A HEALTH EDUCATOR (HEALTH EQUITY ALLIANCE OF ROCK COUNTY COORDINATOR)

- 1 **WHEREAS**, the Rock County Board of Supervisors Declared Racism a Public Health Crisis on June 25,
- 2 2020; and,
- 3
- 4 **WHEREAS**, the Rock County Board of Supervisors resolved to advocate for policies that improve health in
- 5 communities of color, eliminate health and opportunity gaps along racial lines, and increase the success of all
- 6 groups by distributing resources justly across all communities; and,
- 7
- 8 **WHEREAS**, the Rock County Board of Supervisors resolved to support local, state, and federal initiatives
- 9 that advance social justice; and,
- 10
- 11 **WHEREAS**, the Rock County Board of Supervisors resolved to build alliances and partnerships with other
- 12 organizations that are confronting racism and commit to engaging municipalities and institutions within the
- 13 county to prioritize racial equity and to address structural racism producing disparate population health
- 14 outcomes; and,
- 15
- 16 **WHEREAS**, the Rock County Public Health Department is committed to carrying out the activities outlined
- 17 in resolution number 20-6B-037 through the department’s role in coordinating the Health Equity Alliance of
- 18 Rock County (HEAR); and,
- 19
- 20 **WHEREAS**, HEAR is a multi-sector partnership dedicated to eliminating health inequities through the
- 21 Community Health Assessment (CHA) and Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP) Process; and,
- 22
- 23 **WHEREAS**, organizations, including health systems, non-profits, and local government utilize the CHA to
- 24 inform their initiatives and to bring resources to Rock County, through grant applications; and,
- 25
- 26 **WHEREAS**, community engagement, collaboration, and relationship building are key components of the
- 27 HEAR Coordinator’s role; and,
- 28
- 29 **WHEREAS**, the current position within the Rock County Public Health Department, responsible for
- 30 coordinating the work of HEAR is a project funded position; and,
- 31
- 32 **WHEREAS**, creating a permanent position of a Health Educator (HEAR Coordinator) would ensure
- 33 consistent and sustainable coordination of HEAR; and,
- 34
- 35 **WHEREAS**, the creation of a permanent position for this work would help to ensure that the commitment of
- 36 the Rock County Board of Supervisors to address racism and the disparate health outcomes that result from
- 37 racism is carried out through specific and targeted initiatives; and,
- 38
- 39 **WHEREAS**, the Rock County Public Health Department requests that a 1.0 FTE Health Educator (Health
- 40 Equity Alliance of Rock County Coordinator), position be created; and,
- 41
- 42 **WHEREAS**, there are no budget implications for 2021; and,
- 43
- 44 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Rock County Board of Supervisors duly assembled this
- 45 _____ day of _____, 2021 moves to create the position of a 1.0 FTE Health Educator (Health
- 46 Equity Alliance of Rock County Coordinator).
- 47
- 48 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that there are no budget implications for the current budget year.
- 49

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Respectfully submitted,

BOARD OF HEALTH

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FISCAL NOTE:

This position will be funded by a grant in 2021. A funding will need to be determined for the 2022 budget.

/s/Sherry Oja

Sherry Oja
Finance Director

LEGAL NOTE:

The County Board is authorized to take this action pursuant to § 59.22(2), Wis. Stats

s/Richard Greenlee

Richard Greenlee
Corporation Counsel

ADMINISTRATIVE NOTE:

Recommended.

/s/Josh Smith

Josh Smith
County Administrator

Executive Summary

The Health Equity Alliance of Rock County (HEAR) is a multi-sector partnership that is coordinated by the Rock County Public Health Department. HEAR works to identify, implement, and evaluate county-wide initiatives that address inequities and the health disparities that result from the inequitable distribution of resources. Currently, the position within the health department that is allocated to the coordination of HEAR is a project, grant funded position. Changing the position to a permanent position within the health department would ensure that there is consistency and sustainability in the coordination of HEAR. As noted in the recently revised 10 Essential Public Health Services, an essential service of local public health departments is to strengthen, support, and mobilize communities and partnerships to improve health with a focus on equity.

We intend to utilize funds from existing grant funding to fund salary and benefits for a full time Health Educator (Health Equity Alliance of Rock County Coordinator) for 2021. To ensure that the work of addressing health inequities through multi-sector partnerships continues, we are proposing that the position be added to our Rock County Public Health Department staff for future years. The position will be placed in Range 19 of the Unilateral Pay Grid.

**RESOLUTION
ROCK COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

Supervisor Rick Richard
INITIATED BY

Land Conservation Committee
SUBMITTED BY



Corporation Counsel Richard
Greenlee
DRAFTED BY

February 3, 2021
DATE DRAFTED

**DIRECTING ROCK COUNTY STAFF TO EXPLORE THE FEASIBILITY OF
CREATING PROGRAMS TO ADDRESS NITRATE MITIGATION IN
ROCK COUNTY'S GROUND WATER**

- 1 **WHEREAS**, the level of nitrates in Rock County' s groundwater has increased over the past two decades
- 2 in private wells, with over an estimated 3,000 Rock County homeowner wells exceeding the drinking
- 3 water nitrate health advisory level of 10 mg/L; and,
- 4
- 5 **WHEREAS**, it's estimated that fewer than 5% Rock County private wells are tested annually, at a cost of
- 6 \$25 per test.
- 7
- 8 **WHEREAS**, ;in order to address the continued threat to public health of nitrates in Rock County's ground
- 9 water, the Rock County Board of Supervisors created the Rock County Nitrate Workgroup by Resolution
- 10 17-5A-282 which was tasked with, among other things, evaluating nitrate sources and researching
- 11 groundwater nitrate reduction initiatives being conducted in other parts of Wisconsin; and,
- 12
- 13 **WHEREAS**, other communities across Wisconsin have also confronted the problems of excess nitrates in
- 14 groundwater and similarly formed working groups of community leaders and stakeholders to address
- 15 excess and unsafe nitrates in Wisconsin's groundwater; and,
- 16
- 17 **WHEREAS**, developing programs to remediate or mitigate nitrate concentrates in groundwater is essential
- 18 for protecting human health.
- 19
- 20 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Rock County Board of Supervisors duly assembled
- 21 this _____ day of _____, 20__ directs that staff from the Rock County Planning
- 22 Department, Rock County Public Health Department, County Administrator's Office, Land Conservation
- 23 and Corporation Counsel to explore the feasibility of creating and administrating programs to address
- 24 excess nitrate levels in Rock County Groundwater including, but not limited to, implementation of a
- 25 program to subsidize the cost of nitrate testing for ground water well users in Rock County, and a program
- 26 to subsidize the cost of installation of reverse osmosis, or similar, water treatment systems that filter out
- 27 groundwater nitrates to levels lower than federal maximums.
- 28
- 29 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that any such program evaluated and considered use Sales Tax collected
- 30 in Rock County or the American Rescue Plan Act funds as a funding source.
- 31
- 32 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the group of staff shall report on their findings to the Rock County
- 33 Nitrate Working Group by December 1, 2021.

DIRECTING ROCK COUNTY STAFF TO EXPLORE THE FEASIBILITY OF CREATING PROGRAMS TO ADDRESS NITRATE MITIGATION IN ROCK COUNTY'S GROUND WATER

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Respectfully submitted,

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Wayne Gustina, Vice-Chair

Wes Davis

FISCAL NOTE:

Minimal fiscal impact in and by itself.

/s/Sherry Oja

Sherry Oja
Finance Director

LEGAL NOTE:

The County Board is authorized to take this action pursuant to §§ 59.01 and 59.51, Wis. Stats.

s/Richard Greenlee

Richard Greenlee
Corporation Counsel

ADMINISTRATIVE NOTE:

The County Board has previously determined that nitrates in groundwater is a priority issue for Rock County. This resolution would further clarify how the County Board wants staff to support the work of the Nitrate Working Group, focusing on which approaches, and on what timeline.

/s/Josh Smith

Josh Smith
County Administrator

**RESOLUTION
ROCK COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

Supervisor Rich Bostwick
& Supervisor Lou Peer
INITIATED BY



Josh Smith
DRAFTED BY

June 29, 2021
DATE DRAFTED

Board of Health and County Board
Staff Committee
SUBMITTED BY

Providing Funding to Support the Construction of a New Facility for the Humane Society of Southern Wisconsin

- 1 **WHEREAS**, the Humane Society of Southern Wisconsin has acquired 44 acres of property and will be
- 2 constructing a new facility at 4700 S. CTH D between Janesville and Beloit, with groundbreaking
- 3 scheduled for July 12, 2021; and,
- 4
- 5 **WHEREAS**, the Humane Society has been fundraising for several years to fund the construction of the
- 6 \$4.3 million facility, which will provide significantly more space to be able to accommodate animals and
- 7 provide services after having outgrown its current facility; and,
- 8
- 9 **WHEREAS**, the Hendricks Family Foundation is matching donations of \$100,000 or more; and,
- 10
- 11 **WHEREAS**, Rock County has established a Community Agency Initiatives policy, whereby the County
- 12 Board can provide funding to eligible nonprofits that further the County’s mission; and
- 13
- 14 **WHEREAS**, Chapter 174, Wis. Stats., identifies a role for counties in ensuring resources are available to
- 15 support humane societies, including through the County-administered dog license fund, which pays for
- 16 care of stray animals when no other resources are available; and
- 17
- 18 **WHEREAS**, Chapter 94, Wis. Stats., gives certain responsibilities to counties for funding rabies control;
- 19 and
- 20
- 21 **WHEREAS**, pet owners issued animal bite orders routinely struggle to find a facility that is available
- 22 and/or affordable to complete the required quarantine for rabies control and prevention; and
- 23
- 24 **WHEREAS**, the Rock County Sheriff’s Office employs a deputy with responsibilities as a humane
- 25 officer to ensure the well-being of animals;
- 26
- 27 **WHEREAS**, it is in the County’s interest to support the Humane Society of Southern Wisconsin.
- 28
- 29 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Rock County Board of Supervisors duly
- 30 assembled this _____ day of _____, 2021, does hereby direct the County Administrator to
- 31 include in the 2022 budget’s Community Agency Initiatives funding a one-time payment of \$100,000, to
- 32 be funded with sales tax proceeds, to the Humane Society of Southern Wisconsin for its capital
- 33 campaign, with the intent that this funding be matched by the Hendricks Family Foundation.

Providing Funding to Support the Construction of a New Facility for the Humane Society of Southern Wisconsin
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Respectfully submitted,

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Dr. Vijaya Somaraju, MD, MPH, FACP

FISCAL NOTE:

The \$100,000 of funding will need to be included in the 2022 budget.

/s/Sherry Oja

Sherry Oja
Finance Director

ADMINISTRATIVE NOTE:

Matter of policy.

/s/Josh Smith

Josh Smith
County Administrator

LEGAL NOTE:

The County's authority to appropriate money in some contexts to community based nonprofit organizations has been called into question by the Wisconsin Attorney General. See OAG-01-07 opining that counties do not have the authority to directly appropriate money to a private nonprofit corporation whose sole mission is to operate a food pantry for the benefit of the county's citizens. However, counties also have broad authority to operate and expend money to address animal control, animals welfare, and address the humane treatment of animals, *see* Wis. Stat. §§ 59.54, 59.23(2)(dg), Chps. 172-174, including the power to appropriate funds out of the dog license fund to fund ongoing operation of a county designated humane society.

s/Richard Greenlee

Richard Greenlee
Corporation Counsel

**RESOLUTION
ROCK COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

Supervisor Kathy Schulz and
Supervisor Mary Beaver
INITIATED BY



Supervisor Kathy Schulz and
Supervisor Mary Beaver
DRAFTED BY

County Board Staff Committee
SUBMITTED BY

May 24, 2021
DATE DRAFTED

Establishing a \$15 per Hour Minimum Wage for All Employees of Rock County Government

1 **WHEREAS**, in August 2014, the Rock County Board of Supervisors voted to place an advisory
2 referendum on the November 2014 election ballot asking Rock County voters whether to increase the
3 minimum wage to \$10.10 per hour, and this advisory referendum was supported by approximately 65%
4 of voters; and
5

6 **WHEREAS**, in 2020, the County Board passed Resolution 20-6B-038 *Support LRB 3342/1 To Increase*
7 *in State's Minimum Wage*, which supported an increase in the state's minimum wage to \$15 per hour
8 over a five-year period; and
9

10 **WHEREAS**, the current minimum wage in the State of Wisconsin is \$7.25 per hour, which was last
11 increased from \$6.50 per hour in 2008; and
12

13 **WHEREAS**, the minimum wage calculates out to \$15,080 per year, based on a 40 hour work week,
14 which is 86% of the national poverty level for a family of two of \$17,420; and
15

16 **WHEREAS**, Rock County employs 68 individuals in 9 job classifications that make less than \$15 per
17 hour, in addition to various seasonal positions and interns; and
18

19 **WHEREAS**, these job classifications include several at Rock Haven (Food Service Worker,
20 Environmental Service Worker, Medical Records Clerk, Beautician, Central Supply Clerk, and Cook),
21 the Council on Aging (Nutritional Site Manager and Specialized Transit Driver), and Child Support
22 Clerical Worker; and
23

24 **WHEREAS**, hourly wages for these job classifications currently range from \$10.80 to \$14.86; and
25

26 **WHEREAS**, due to salary compression, these changes would necessitate reallocating the Food Service
27 Supervisor and Cook positions; and
28

29 **WHEREAS**, Rock County, having supported increasing the minimum wage, should be a leader in
30 establishing a \$15 per hour minimum wage for its own employees.
31

32 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Rock County Board of Supervisors, duly
33 assembled this ____ day of ___, 2021, does hereby establish a minimum wage of \$15.00 per hour for all
34 employees of Rock County government, effective with the first pay period covered by the 2022 Rock
35 County Budget.
36

37 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, the Rock County Administrator is directed to include these wage
38 increases in the 2022 Budget.
39
40

Establishing a \$15 per Hour Minimum Wage for All Employees of Rock County Government
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Respectfully submitted,

COUNTY BOARD STAFF COMMITTEE

Wes Davis, Chair

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FINANCE COMMITTEE

Mary Mawhinney, Chair

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Stephanie Aegerter

Rich Bostwick

Brent Fox

LEGAL NOTE:

The County Board is authorized to take this action pursuant to § 59.22(2), Wis. Stats.

s/Richard Greenlee

Richard Greenlee
Corporation Counsel

ADMINISTRATIVE NOTE:

Matter of policy.

/s/Josh Smith

Josh Smith
County Administrator

FISCAL NOTE:

The annual cost for the wage increases is approximately \$162,000. The increase would need to be included in the 2022 budget.

/s/Sherry Oja

Sherry Oja
Finance Director

**RESOLUTION
ROCK COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

Supervisor Rich Bostwick
INITIATED BY



Josh Smith
DRAFTED BY

County Board Staff Committee
SUBMITTED BY

June 11, 2021
DATE DRAFTED

Creating an Ad Hoc Broadband Committee

1 **WHEREAS**, on February 25, 2021, the Rock County Board of Supervisors passed Resolution 21-2B-
2 200 *In Support of Legislation to Allow for Greater Broadband Expansion*; and

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4 **WHEREAS**, that resolution noted that 53% of the County’s square miles, affecting approximately
5 20,301 individuals or 12% of the County’s total population, are partially underserved, unserved or not
6 serviced (per 2020 broadband application to state to serve Rock County, supplied by Bug Tussel
7 Wireless); and

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9 **WHEREAS**, according to the Wisconsin Broadband Office at the Public Service Commission,
10 significant portions of Rock County are unserved by wireline internet access with at least 25 Mbps
11 download and at least 3 Mbps upload speed; and

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13 **WHEREAS**, this data, collected by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC), reports internet
14 availability by census tract and is known to overstate the availability of internet access; and

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16 **WHEREAS**, many County residents experience difficulty accessing vital internet access for work- and
17 school-related functions; and

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19 **WHEREAS**, robust broadband availability is an important element of economic growth and
20 development by attracting and retaining a workforce; and

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22 **WHEREAS**, the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) has provided Rock County with \$31.7 million,
23 which is available to support investment in broadband infrastructure, and the State of Wisconsin has also
24 made additional ARPA and State funds available for broadband grants; and

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26 **WHEREAS**, Rock County should evaluate whether to invest ARPA funding in and help to coordinate
27 the expansion of broadband throughout Rock County to assist its residents in accessing fast and reliable
28 internet service.

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30 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Rock County Board of Supervisors, duly
31 assembled this ____ day of ___, 2021, does hereby create an Ad Hoc Broadband Committee to evaluate
32 potential uses of American Rescue Plan Act funding for broadband expansion throughout Rock County;
33 coordinate with other local units of local government, the State, and private sector organizations; and
34 serve as the focus of public input into broadband needs.

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36 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, the Ad Hoc Broadband Committee will be composed of five County
37 Board supervisors appointed by the Chair and confirmed by the County Board.

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39 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, the Committee will be sunset by December 31, 2026, which is the
40 final date for ARPA funded-projects to be completed, unless otherwise extended or ended sooner by the
41 County Board.

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Respectfully submitted,

COUNTY BOARD STAFF COMMITTEE

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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.

/s/Sherry Oja

Sherry Oja
Finance Director

ADMINISTRATIVE NOTE:

Broadband is an eligible expense under ARPA. Creating a committee would provide a focal point for County discussions about whether and how to invest ARPA funds in broadband expansion, as well as provide a mechanism through which other local jurisdictions interested in broadband expansion can coordinate their efforts.

/s/Josh Smith

Josh Smith
County Administrator

LEGAL NOTE:

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

s/Richard Greenlee

Richard Greenlee
Corporation Counsel