

**RESOLUTION**

**ROCK COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

Supervisor Wilson, Supervisor  
Towns, Supervisor Sutterlin, and  
Supervisor Bostwick  
INITIATED BY



11/2/2023  
DATE DRAFTED

**Establishment of an Ad-Hoc Rock County Youth in Governance Program Exploratory Committee**

**WHEREAS**, The Rock County Board of Supervisors deems it beneficial to promote the importance of leadership, citizenship and stewardship among all citizens, and;

**WHEREAS**, positive youth development is critical to building civic leadership and long-term community sustainability in Rock County, and;

**WHEREAS**, the Rock County Board of Supervisors values the ideas, voice and input of youth in our communities, and;

**WHEREAS**, future civic leaders must be fostered from a diverse population, and;

**WHEREAS**, a number of Wisconsin counties have established successful Youth in Governance programs as an integral part of their county governments, and;

**WHEREAS**, at least six of such programs are coordinated through University of Wisconsin County Extension Offices, and;

**WHEREAS**, these programs typically enable the participation of young adults in a variety of developmental activities including non-voting participation on select committees, and;

**WHEREAS**, the Rock County Extension Office has indicated a willingness to explore the establishment of a Youth in Governance program in Rock County,

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Rock County Board of Supervisors authorizes the establishment of an Ad-Hoc Youth in Governance Exploratory Committee to work with the Rock County Extension Office to develop specific guidelines for the creation of a Youth in Governance program for Rock County, and;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Committee shall be composed of seven members, three of whom shall be Rock County Board Supervisors, and;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Rock County Board of Supervisors that the Ad-Hoc Youth in Governance Exploratory Committee shall report back to the Board of Supervisors with its recommendations no later than ~~February 1,~~ **April 1, 2024**. The Committee shall dissolve upon presentation of this report to the County Board of Supervisors.

FISCAL NOTE:

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

Sherry Oja  
Finance Director

LEGAL NOTE:

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

Richard Greenlee  
Corporation Counsel

ADMINISTRATIVE NOTE:

Matter of policy.

Josh Smith  
County Administrator

**Committee Action**

Agriculture & Extension Education Committee

Agriculture & Extension Education Committee recommended this resolution for approval by a unanimous voice vote. Supervisor Crary was absent.