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Rock County Administrator Josh Smith Announces Resignation

Today, Rock County Administrator Josh Smith announced that he will be resigning from his position effective November 15, 2024. Smith has accepted the position of Senior Associate Vice President for Finance at the Universities of Wisconsin.

Smith issued the following statement:

“It has been an honor and a privilege to serve as County Administrator for the last 10 years and to have been entrusted with the stewardship of services for county residents. The 15 years I have worked for Rock County have been the most professionally fulfilling of my career.

While it is difficult to leave, I have determined the time has come both for me to seek new challenges and for the County Board to have a new voice providing guidance. I am proud of what we have been able to accomplish during my tenure, and I hope that my leadership has contributed to the well-being of the organization and those we serve. At the same time, I am confident that the next County Administrator will bring new ideas that will help move the County forward. I feel the timing of my departure, shortly following adoption of the 2025 budget and in the middle of the County Board term, will be least disruptive and give the Board time to identify a successor.

I owe much thanks and credit to the County's outstanding department heads and staff, who are well positioned not only to see the County through this transition, but also to address the numerous challenges that await the County in the coming months and years.

I appreciate all the support the County Board, County staff, and the community have provided me over the years.”

Kevin Leavy, Chair of the Rock County Board of Supervisors, said:

“Josh will be truly missed as the leader of this organization. He truly was dedicated to the county and the residents. His calm demeanor helped in making tough decisions a little easier. He was very thoughtful and informative when preparing and presenting the budget. He was an asset that will be missed. We will keep the public informed as we move through the process.”

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