

Of a Survey on Section T R E. of the 4 P. M. in Township

Rock County, Wisconsin, made the 19



COUNTY OF ROCK . . . COURT HOUSE

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April 28, 1983COUNTY BUILDING
CITY OF JANESVILLETO: Thomas A Schroeder
Corporation Counsel

RE: Opinion dated April 27, 1983

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I appreciate your opinion. Clearly, I am not responsible for the Tax Lister's actions. Probably you are not aware of the history of the departments.

Mr. Les Jero worked full time for the County Surveyor in the County Surveyor's court house offices. The offices are in the same location except they are shared by the Tax Lister. During the winter of 1958⁶⁵ or 59⁶⁶ Les died of an heart attack in the offices. Harold Combs who was working for the County Surveyor at the private office was placed in the court house until a replacement for Les was found. A few months later Mrs. Deloris Biron was hired by the County Surveyor.

Until about 1968, the Tax Lister worked in the County Abstracting Department. Until about 1972, when it was abolished, it was located on the main floor where accounting is. When the Lister, Margaret Halstead, neared retirement the County Board passed the before mentioned resolution and moved her to the County Surveyor's office. In less than a year she retired. Her duties were assigned to Deloris, a County Surveyor employee. Thus the county was able to eliminate a position. I believe the County Board justified it because of two reasons. One, the tax description function is closest to the County Surveyor. Two, the work load of Les and Deloris were minimal. In fact, Les operated a private photo processing business from the County Surveyor's office.

Since the two major cities, Janesville and Beloit, did not use the tax description's services they would not financially support it. So, the remaining townships and municipalities funded it. Until Deloris left she received a salary from the County Surveyor and the townships and municipalities.

Mr. Bry probably did not realize the events when he wrote his memo in 1974.

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