

**RESOLUTION
ROCK COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

Supervisors Arnold, Bussie
Beaver, Peer, Kraft, Owens
Mawhinney, Podzilni
Initiated by



Phil Boutwell
Drafted by

Public Safety and Justice
Committee
Submitted by

November 9, 2010
Date Drafted

**Abolishing the Office of the Coroner and
Establishing a Medical Examiner System**

- 1 **WHEREAS**, the County Board previously abolished the Office of the Coroner by Resolution 06-8A-
- 2 069, this resolution was later rescinded by Resolution 08-12A-170; and,
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- 4 **WHEREAS**, in May 2010, the County Board voted to have a non-binding advisory referendum placed
- 5 on the November, 2010 ballot; and,
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- 7 **WHEREAS**, the referendum question asked: should the County of Rock exercise its authority under
- 8 Article VI, Section 2 of the Wisconsin Constitution to replace the existing elected Office of County
- 9 Coroner with a county-appointed medical examiner system, effective January 2015; and,
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- 11 **WHEREAS**, on November 3, 2010 residents voted 25,441 to 19,775 to replace the elected coroner
- 12 with a county-appointed medical examiner system; and,
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- 14 **WHEREAS**, the County Board wishes to follow the will of the citizens of Rock County as reflected by
- 15 the majority vote that directs the Board to exercise its authority to adopt a medical examiner system.
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- 17 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Rock County Board of Supervisors duly assembled
- 18 this 27th day of JANUARY, 2010 does hereby abolish the position of the coroner and establish a
- 19 medical examiner system, effective January 2015.
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11-1B-270

Respectfully submitted,

PUBLIC SAFETY AND JUSTICE COMMITTEE

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Ivan Collins, Chair

Lawrence Wiedenfeld
Lawrence Wiedenfeld, Vice Chair

Absent
Mary Beaver

Henry Brill
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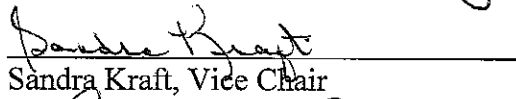
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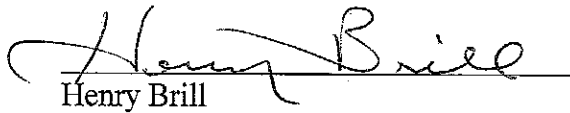
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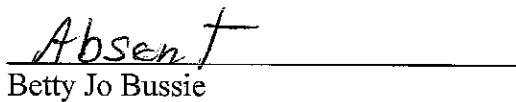
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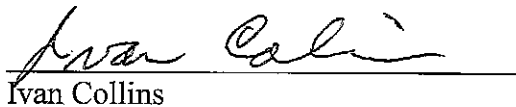

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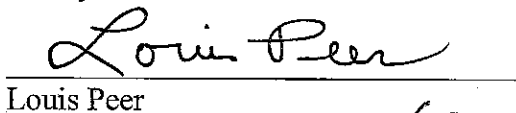

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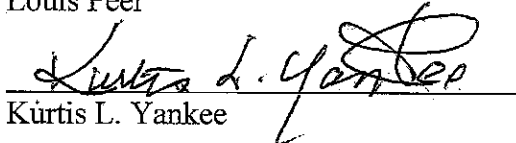

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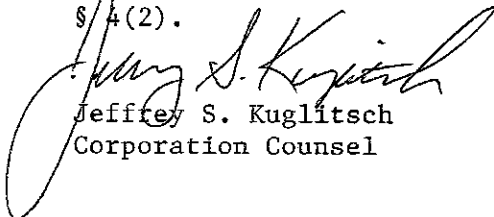
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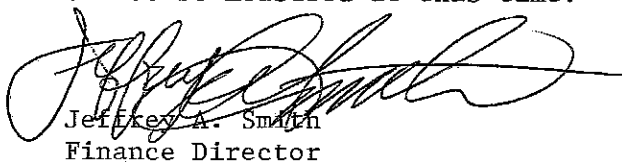
LEGAL NOTE:

The County Board is authorized to take this action pursuant to sec. 59.34, Wis. Stats. and the Wisconsin Constitution, Article VI, § 4(2).


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Corporation Counsel

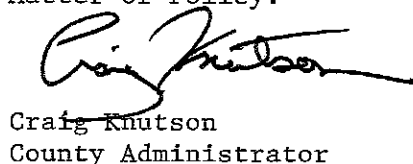
FISCAL NOTE:

The actual costs of operating a Medical Examiner Office compared to a Coroner Office cannot be measured at this time.


Jeffrey A. Smith
Finance Director

ADMINISTRATIVE NOTE:

Matter of Policy.


Craig Knutson
County Administrator