

**RESOLUTION
ROCK COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

JEFFREY S. KUGLITSCH
INITIATED BY



JEFFREY S. KUGLITSCH
DRAFTED BY

COUNTY BOARD STAFF
SUBMITTED BY

JANUARY 3, 2011
DATE DRAFTED

RESCINDING RESOLUTION 08-5B-022 TITLED UPDATING CLAIMS REVIEW PROCESS

1 WHEREAS, Rock County adopted Resolution 08-5B-022 on May 22, 2008 which updated the
2 claims review process for Rock County; and
3

4 WHEREAS, it documented procedures that had been used for years by the County while self-
5 insured, for the approval and denial of specific claims brought to the Rock County Board of Supervisors;
6 and
7

8 WHEREAS, in 2007, Rock County joined the Wisconsin Municipal Mutual Insurance Company
9 (WMMIC) and as part of that signed an agreement which indicated that WMMIC would have the
10 responsibilities to determine how claims were resolved; and
11

12 WHEREAS, WMMIC has requested the County rescind their current policy since they believe it
13 is contrary to the agreement that Rock County signed and is different than any other organization insured
14 by them; and
15

16 WHEREAS, WMMIC assures Rock County that their opinion as to whether or not a claim should
17 be approved or denied will be considered by WMMIC before any action is taken; and
18

19 WHEREAS, the County Board Staff Committee has reviewed these procedures and approves the
20 contracted language with WMMIC.
21

22 NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Rock County Board of Supervisors in session this 27th
23 day of January, 2011, that it officially rescinds Resolution 08-5B-022 and indicates that it will
24 follow the appropriate claims procedure as agreed to in its contract with the Wisconsin Municipal Mutual
25 Insurance Company (WMMIC).
26

27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all initial notice of claims in excess of \$10,000 will still be
28 presented to the County Board pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes and all subsequent outcomes of those
29 claims will be reported to the Board.

Respectfully submitted:

COUNTY BOARD STAFF COMMITTEE:

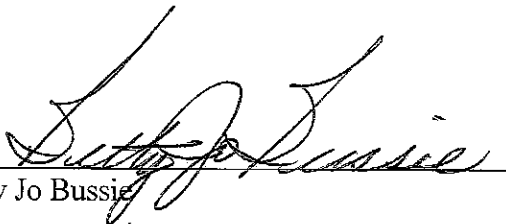
J. Russell Podzilni
J. Russell Podzilni, Chair

Sandra Kraft
Sandra Kraft, Vice Chair

Eva Arnold
Eva Arnold

Hank Brill
Hank Brill

11-1B-273



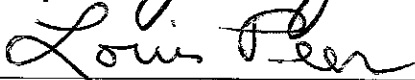
Betty Jo Bussie

Absent

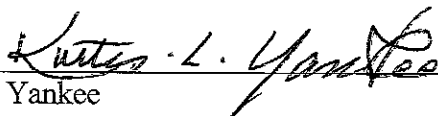
Ivan Collins



Marilynn Jensen



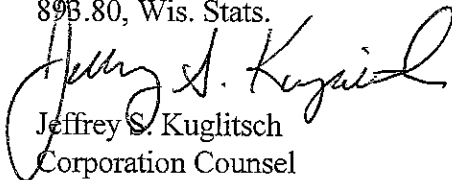
Louis Peer



Kurtis Yankee

LEGAL NOTE:

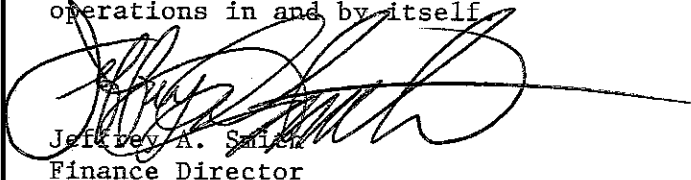
The County Board is authorized to take this
action pursuant to § 59.01, 59.51 and
89B.80, Wis. Stats.



Jeffrey S. Kuglitsch
Corporation Counsel

FISCAL NOTE:

This resolution addresses a policy issue
and has no direct fiscal impact on Rock County
operations in and by itself.



Jeffrey A. Smith
Finance Director

ADMINISTRATIVE NOTE:

Recommended.



Craig Knutson
County Administrator

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The County's claim policy for the last 25 to 30 years was that amounts less than \$5,000 were allowed to be settled by the Corporation Counsel Office; amounts \$5,000 to \$10,000 were decided by the County Board Staff Committee and claims of more than \$10,000 went to the County Board for their approval/denial. This process was in effect while the County was self-insured. In 2007, Rock County joined the Wisconsin Municipal Mutual Insurance Company (WMMIC). WMMIC at that time wanted documentation on how Rock County made their decisions on claims. Resolution 08-5B-022 was used for that purpose and sent to WMMIC. However, a new executive director has taken over at WMMIC and he correctly points out that Rock County signed an agreement to have WMMIC handle the County's claims as the insurance company. As our policy dictates, those claims decisions are made by the insurance company, not the insured. WMMIC has asked that we rescind Resolution 08-5B-022 and that we honor the agreement that we signed. WMMIC also indicates that Rock County's opinion will still be considered when determining the appropriate course of action on any claim filed against Rock County. This resolution would rescind the resolution that was adopted previously and would allow Rock County to then proceed pursuant to its contractual agreements with WMMIC.