RESOLUTION

ROCK COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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Ben Coopman

Public Works Director

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November 1, 2011 DATE DRAFTED

AUTHORIZING APPLICATION WITH FOCUS ON ENERGY FOR GRANT FUNDS FOR DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS ENERGY IMPROVEMENTS

WHEREAS, the Focus On Energy, a utility administered grant program, is making available grant funds through its Whole-Building Lighting Program for schools & government facilities; and,

WHEREAS, this program evaluates alternatives to standard lighting design and uses advanced design strategies to improve lighting levels and increase energy efficiency; and,

WHEREAS, Rock County desires to participate in upgrading the whole building lighting at the Public Works facility which was constructed in 1981.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Rock County Board of Supervisors on this day of November 2011, hereby authorizes the Rock County Public Works Director to act on behalf of Rock County in applying for the Focus on Energy grant funds that may be available and to sign documents and take other actions necessary to complete the application.

Respectfully submitted,

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

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FISCAL NOTE:

This resolution only authorizes an application for a grant and, therefore, has no fiscal impact at this time. If a grant is awarded a subsequent resolution would be required to accept the grant and amend the budget.

Jeffrey A. Smith Finance Director

LEGAL NOTE:

The authority to accept grant funds pursuant to sec. 59.52(19), Wis. Stats., necessarily implies the authority to make application for such funds.

Eugene R. Dumas
Deputy Corporation Counsel

ADMINISTRATIVE NOTE:

Recommended.

Craig Knutson County Administrator

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

AUTHORIZING APPLICATION WITH FOCUS ON ENERGY FOR GRANT FUNDS

The Department of Public Works' (DPW) office, shop and garage on Newville Road was constructed in 1981. The lighting fixtures and controls were state of the art for that time. By today's standards, they are now very energy inefficient, costly to maintain and offer poor light quality.

The 2011 DPW budget included a project to design and replace many of the lighting fixtures and update the lighting controls in the shop and garage areas. Another phase to do the office area is included in the 2012 budget request of the Department to complete the entire building. As part of the initial design phase, it has been determined that the project work would be eligible for grant funding under the Focus On Energy program. The amount of the reimbursement grant is estimated to be \$8,758.

This resolution authorized the Director of Public Works to file the necessary application and provide related documentation for receiving this grant.