

**RESOLUTION
ROCK COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**



SUPERVISOR YURI
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INITIATED BY

CORPORATION COUNSEL
RICHARD GREENLEE
DRAFTED BY

COUNTY BOARD STAFF
COMMITTEE
SUBMITTED BY

FEBRUARY 13, 2019
DATE DRAFTED

**DIRECTING THE COUNTY ADMINSTRATOR TO EXPLORE AND REPORT ON
OPTIONS FOR THE PUBLIC BROADCASTING OF MEETINGS OF
THE ROCK COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

1 WHEREAS, having an informed electorate is necessary to the proper function of local
2 government, and is dependent on the transparent and open conducting of business before a government
3 body; and
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5 WHEREAS, the Wisconsin State Legislature has codified such policy in the Wisconsin Open
6 Meetings law, as section 19.81, et seq. of the Wisconsin Statutes, which says in part, "it is declared to
7 be the policy of this state that the public is entitled to the fullest and most complete information
8 regarding the affairs of government as is compatible with the conduct of governmental business;" and
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10 WHEREAS, to further this policy, and achieve the goal of public engagement and an informed
11 electorate, it is desirable to provide the broadest access to view, hear and observe public meetings of
12 the Rock County Board of Supervisors and its constituent committees, commissions and boards; and
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14 WHEREAS, technological improvements in the last five years have made the streaming and
15 archiving of live media significantly less expensive and easier to accomplish; and
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17 WHEREAS, the broadcasting of the proceedings of the Rock County Board of Supervisors via
18 streaming digital video is consistent with and will help facilitate a more well informed electorate
19 consistent with the policy of the State of Wisconsin and the Rock County Board of Supervisors.
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21 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Rock County Board of Supervisors duly
22 assembled this 28th day of February 2019, that it is the policy of the Rock County Board of
23 Supervisors to, at the earliest and most practicable moment, begin broadcasting the proceedings of the
24 Rock County Board of Supervisors in a manner that would provide broad access to members of the
25 public not present at its meetings;
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27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Rock County Board of Supervisors does hereby direct
28 the County Administrator to explore and pursue options for broadcasting meetings of the Rock County
29 Board and Supervisors, and its constituent committees, commissions and boards to the public and
30 report back to the Rock County Board of Supervisors with a proposal to be submitted to the Board no
31 later than to be included with the submission of the Administrator's 2020 budget proposal.

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Respectfully submitted:

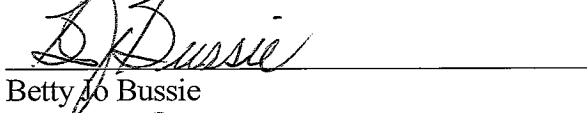
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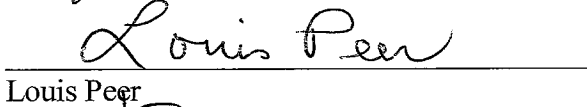

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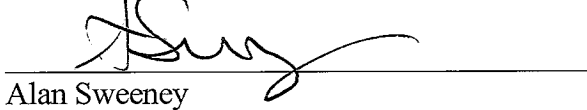

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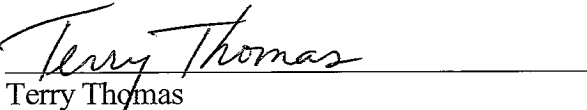

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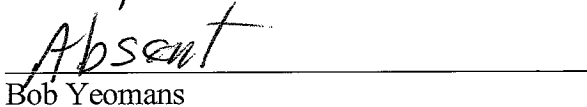

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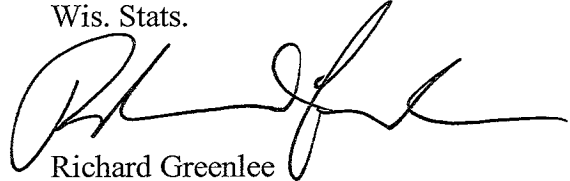
FISCAL NOTE:

No fiscal impact at this time.


Sherry Oja
Finance Director

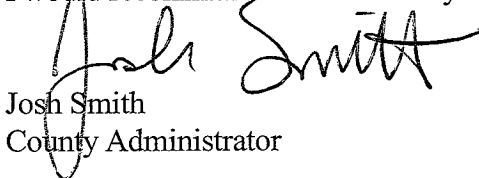
LEGAL NOTE:

The County Board is authorized to take this
action pursuant to §§ 51.01, 59.03 & 59.51,
Wis. Stats.


Richard Greenlee
Corporation Counsel

ADMINISTRATIVE NOTE:

This resolution asks the Board to make a policy decision regarding
broadcasting its meetings. That being said, the concept of being
transparent and communicating with the public is an important goal.
I would recommend that the County consider options to accomplish this goal.


Josh Smith
County Administrator