

RESOLUTION

ROCK COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Ronald Woodman, Dist. 7
INITIATED BY



1/19/2023
DATE DRAFTED

Authorizing Ban of TikTok on County Devices

WHEREAS, the social media application Tik Tok, owned by ByteDance, a Chinese company headquartered in Singapore, poses security concerns to government owned devices. TikTok may access user data, such as browsing history, location, record keystrokes, and gather biometric data; and,

WHEREAS, the TikTok application is currently prohibited on United States military devices and Governor Evers has stated he will ban the application on all state-owned devices due to these security concerns; and,

WHEREAS, county government data and programs, along with the citizens of Rock County, may be at risk; and,

WHEREAS, some county agencies with investigative powers may need access to TikTok for investigative purposes.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Rock County Board of Supervisors does hereby authorize the banning of the TikTok application on all Rock County issued devices, with the exception of county agencies that may be required to access TikTok for investigative purposes only. The County shall create a policy regarding how TikTok can be used for investigative purposes to ensure County systems and data are not put at risk.

~~**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, the County will restrict access to password protected County information systems from any personally owned devices.~~

FISCAL NOTE:

No fiscal impact.

Rock County Board of Supervisors duly assembled this 26th day of January, 2022.

Sherry Oja
Finance Director

LEGAL NOTE:

The County Board is authorized to take this action pursuant to §§ 59.01 & 59.51, Wis. Stats.

Richard Greenlee
Corporation Counsel

ADMINISTRATIVE NOTE:

Matter of policy.

Josh Smith
County Administrator

Committee Action

Finance Committee

Finance Committee recommended this resolution for approval by a unanimous voice vote.