

**RESOLUTION****ROCK COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

Katherine Luster and Brian Knudson  
INITIATED BY



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**Recognizing Diane Jones**

**WHEREAS**, Diane Jones has served the citizens of Rock County for over twenty-one (21) years as a dedicated and valued employee of Rock County; and,

**WHEREAS**, Ms. Jones began her employment with Rock County on August 23, 1992, working as a Detention Officer in the Juvenile Justice Division on the third shift. At that time, Ms. Jones worked either in the less secure youth home or in the county jail where youth who needed secure placement stayed. While in this position, Ms. Jones was considered a "rover", meaning she was a master of all trades and moved about to whichever area needed her support. This included intakes of new children coming in and discharges of those who could be released, handing out meals and responding to incidents. She would also monitor Central Control checking in visitors, and ensuring doors were secure and children and staff were safe. Ms. Jones worked on the third shift in this capacity for two years; and,

**WHEREAS**, Ms. Jones then took a position on the second shift in the same role and continued to work as a "rover". However, at that time, the Juvenile Detention Center was just built. Therefore, all youth resided in this new building, as opposed to offsite or in the jail. Ms. Jones continued to work both the secure and non-secure areas of the new building, as well as taking on some different responsibilities with day-time hours, including overseeing the gym or keeping the youth busy with activities. Ms. Jones held this position for four years before moving to first shift and working another four years before leaving county employment. The time spent in this division made a strong impression on Ms. Jones. She will always remember the youth who were released from the center only to return a few hours later because they "were guaranteed three meals a day;" and,

**WHEREAS**, in 2006, Ms. Jones came back to Rock County to work as a Limited Term Employee (LTE) in the Long Term Support (LTS) Division for several six-month periods through 2012. While in LTS, Ms. Jones answered intake calls and wrote up the referrals for Adult Protective Services and general service. Later, Ms. Jones became certified to conduct the Long Term Care Functional Screen with individuals needing MA-Waiver services but who would be placed on the Waiver wait list; and,

**WHEREAS**, in March 2013 the Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC) opened its doors in Rock County and Ms. Jones was hired as an Information and Assistance (I&A) Specialist. As an I&A Specialist, Ms. Jones provided options, referrals, assistance, and support to those in need of community resources to remain independent in their home and community; and,

**WHEREAS**, while working for Rock County, Ms. Jones has supported and assisted many youth and adults in Rock County to successful outcomes. Her compassionate and relaxed social work style has comforted those she's worked with. Her LOUD can't-help-but-smile, when-you-hear-it laugh, has made many of her fellow co-workers chuckle; and,

**WHEREAS**, Ms. Jones has decided to retire on January 5, 2024, from Rock County after over 21 years of dedicated service. Ms. Jones and her LOUD but genuine personality will be missed; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Rock County Board of Supervisors, representing the citizens of Rock County, wishes to recognize Diane Jones for her dedication and contribution to the citizens of Rock County.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Rock County Board of Supervisors, duly assembled this 14th day of December, 2023, does hereby recognize Diane Jones for her 21 years of service and extend best wishes to her in her future endeavors.

**Committee Action**

**Human Service Board**

Human Services Board recommended this resolution for approval by a unanimous voice vote. Supervisor Knudson and Citizen Representative Weaver-Landers were absent.

**County Board Staff Committee**

County Board Staff Committee recommended this resolution for approval by a unanimous voice vote.