

RESOLUTION

ROCK COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Josh Smith, County
Administrator
INITIATOR



6/18/2024
DATE SUBMITTED

Supervisor Mary
Mawhinney
SPONSOR

Recognizing Sherry Oja for Service to Rock County

1 **WHEREAS**, Sherry Oja began employment with Rock County as a Controller in the Human Services
2 Department on March 26, 2007; and,

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4 **WHEREAS**, Sherry was promoted to Senior Accountant/Assistant to Finance Director in the Financial
5 Services Department under then Finance Director Jeff Smith on December 1, 2008; and,

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7 **WHEREAS**, Sherry was appointed Finance Director by County Administrator Craig Knutson on
8 January 7, 2012; and

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10 **WHEREAS**, Sherry's leadership has been integral to the successful financial management of the
11 County, including by updating policies and procedures, improving the County's financial reserves, and
12 implementing a number of financial system software upgrades; and

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14 **WHEREAS**, Sherry's strong financial management skills have contributed to the County maintaining a
15 bond rating of Aa1, one step from the highly coveted AAA bond rating, despite socioeconomic factors
16 to the contrary; and,

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18 **WHEREAS**, Sherry's support to the County Administrator's Office and all County departments during
19 the budget process has been valuable in ensuring budgets were completed accurately and in a timely
20 manner; and

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22 **WHEREAS**, Sherry has developed various staff reorganization plans and overseen their
23 implementation, resulting in cost savings and the prioritized use of staff resources; and,

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25 **WHEREAS**, despite a limited number of staff and a high workload in the Financial Services
26 Department, Sherry regularly offered to have Finance staff assist other departments with staff shortages
27 and workload backlogs; and,

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29 **WHEREAS**, Sherry will retire from Rock County on July 1, 2024, after more than 17 years of service
30 to Rock County.

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32 **NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Rock County Board of Supervisors duly
33 assembled this 27th day of June, 2024, does hereby recognize Sherry Oja for her over 17 years of
34 faithful service and recommends that a sincere expression of appreciation be given to Sherry along with
35 best wishes for the future.

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Committee Action

County Board Staff Committee

County Board Staff Committee recommended this resolution for approval by a unanimous voice vote.
Supervisor Leavy was absent.

Finance Committee

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

