



**ROCK COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' MEETING
THURSDAY, JULY 11, 2013 – 6:00 P. M.**

**COUNTY BOARD ROOM/COURTROOM H
FOURTH FLOOR/COURTHOUSE EAST**

Agenda

1. CALL TO ORDER
2. INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
3. ROLL CALL
4. ADOPTION OF AGENDA
5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – JUNE 27, 2013
6. PUBLIC HEARING
7. CITIZEN PARTICIPATION, COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS
8. NOMINATIONS, APPOINTMENTS AND CONFIRMATION
9. INTRODUCTION OF NEW RESOLUTIONS OR ORDINANCES BY SUPERVISORS FOR REFERRAL TO APPROPRIATE COMMITTEE
10. REPORTS
11. UNFINISHED BUSINESS
12. NEW BUSINESS
 - A. Supplementary Appropriations and Budget Changes - Roll Call
 1. Approving Additional Contingency Funding and Amending the 2013 Budget for the Rock Haven Facility Replacement Project
 2. Authorizing Acceptance of Grant for Beloit Area Sewer Service Area Planning and Amending the 2013 Planning Department Budget
 - B. Bills Over \$10,000 – No Roll Call
 - C. Encumbrances Over \$10,000 – Roll Call
 - D. Contracts – Roll Call
 1. Retaining Engineering Firm to Prepare Plans and Specifications for Mass Notification and Security Upgrades at the UW-Rock Campus
 - E. Repealing and Recreating Rock County Ordinance 3.204 State Alcohol Beverage Law Adopted (Second Reading and Adoption)

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12. NEW BUSINESS

- F. Supporting the Designation of the Madison Region Economic Partnership as an Economic Development District

NOTE: Item 12.F. will be considered by the Planning and Development Committee on July 11, 2013

13. ADJOURNMENT

**RESOLUTION
ROCK COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

General Services Committee
INITIATED BY

Randy Terronez
DRAFTED BY



General Services Committee
SUBMITTED BY

July 2, 2013
DATE DRAFTED

**APPROVING ADDITIONAL CONTINGENCY FUNDING AND AMENDING 2013 BUDGET FOR
THE ROCK HAVEN FACILITY REPLACEMENT PROJECT**

1 **WHEREAS**, residents moved into the new Rock Haven facility on May 13; and
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 3 **WHEREAS**, there are several issues yet to be resolved prior to the project's close-out; and,
 4
 5 **WHEREAS**, additional funding as recommended by the Samuels Group in the amount of \$70,539 is
 6 needed; and,
 7
 8 **WHEREAS**, funding is available from the Net Assets (fund balance) of the Rock Haven Operations
 9 account.
 10
 11 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Rock County Board of Supervisors duly assembled
 12 this _____ day of _____, 2013 that the Contingency budget be increased a total of \$70,539 to
 13 cover a change order and related project costs as recommended by the Samuels Group with funds to
 14 come from the Net Assets of the Rock Haven operational account, and that the 2013 budget be amended
 15 as follows:

| <u>Account/Description</u> | <u>Budget</u> <u>5/31/13</u> | <u>Increase</u> <u>(Decrease)</u> | <u>Amended</u> <u>Budget</u> |
|----------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Source of Funds | | | |
| 00-0000-0050-46400 | | | |
| Net Assets – Rock Haven | \$386,473 | \$70,539 | \$457,012 |
| Use of Funds | | | |
| 18-1851-0000-67200 | | | |
| Capital Project-Rock Haven | \$31,481,473 | \$70,539 | \$31,552,012 |

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 27 **BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED**, that the General Services Committee be delegated the authority to
 28 approve all change orders for the Rock Haven Facility Replacement Project and report any change orders
 29 over \$10,000 to the Rock County Board of Supervisors at its regularly scheduled meeting.

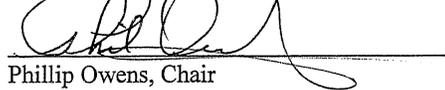
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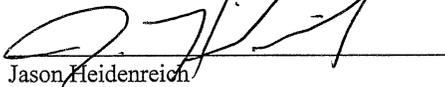
Respectfully Submitted,

GENERAL SERVICES COMMITTEE


Phillip Owens, Chair


Henry Brill, Vice Chair

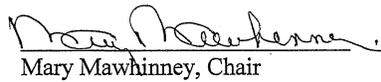
Absent
Ivan Collins


Jason Heidenreich


Edwin Nash

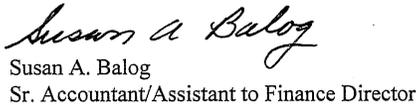
PURCHASING PROCEDURAL ENDORSEMENT AND FINANCE COMMITTEE ENDORSEMENT

Reviewed and approved on a vote of 50.


Mary Mawhinney, Chair

FISCAL NOTE:

This resolution authorizes a transfer of \$70,539 from Rock Haven's Net Assets to the Rock Haven capital project account. Rock Haven's Net Assets are estimated to be \$3,815,900 at 12/31/12.


Susan A. Balog
Sr. Accountant/Assistant to Finance Director

LEGAL NOTE:

County Board is authorized to take this action pursuant to sec. 59.01 & sec. 59.51 WI Stats. As an amendment to the adopted 2013 County Budget, this Resolution requires a 2/3 vote of the entire membership of the County Board pursuant to sec. 65.90(5)(a), Wis. Stats.


Jeffrey S. Kuglitsch
Corporation Counsel

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTE:

Recommended.


Craig Knutson
County Administrator

Executive Summary

Approving Additional Contingency Funding and Amending the 2013 Budget for the Rock Haven Replacement Facility Project

This resolution contains additional funding for the Rock Haven project totaling \$70,539.

The Samuels Group recommends Program Request #32 in the amount of \$45,539 and covers the following items identified during the state inspection for occupancy of May 8, 2013:

- Hardware modifications to closet door,
- Fire penetration sealant at ceiling tiles throughout the facility,
- Fire stopping sealant at IT closets,
- Modifications to sliding pass through window to eliminate pass through to vestibule,
- Smoke seals at double doors,
- Removal of smoke sealant and install fire penetration sealant at storage rooms.
- Installation of key switches for delayed egress hardware in each of the neighborhoods.

In addition to the program request, an addition to the Furniture, Fixtures and Equipment (FF &E) in the amount of \$25,000 is requested and includes the following:

1. A crank to open and close the roll down security window to the secretaries' office due to the weight (\$1,500),
2. Three more carpet cleaners (at \$3,600 each) so that each neighborhood can promptly deal with spills (\$10,800),
3. Reflectors along the driveways (\$2,500),
4. Twelve additional public address speakers (\$4,500),
5. Other (\$5,700).

Funds in the total requested amount of \$70,539 would come from the Net Assets (fund balance) of the Rock Haven operational account.

Program Request #32

To: General Services Committee
 From: Kevin Higgs, Owners Representative
 Date: July 1, 2013

RE: Rock County Project # 2011-63 -Rock Haven Skilled Nursing Facility

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Change Order Request #209

Total Cost; \$ 43,710.00

PCO #209 pertains to Construction Change Directive #004.

Construction Change Directive #004 directs the Contractor to proceed with Code related issues on a Time and Materials basis.

The Code related issues were the result of the May 8, 2013 DHS inspection.

Items include: Hardware modifications to a closet door, Fire penetration sealant at ceiling tiles throughout, Fire Stopping sealant at IT closets, modifications to a sliding pass through window to eliminate pass through into vestibule, smoke seals at double doors, and remove smoke sealant and install fire penetration sealant at storage rooms.

Change Order Request #213

Total Cost; \$ 1,829.00

PCO #213 pertains to CB #33 Key Switch to delayed Egress.

Construction Bulletin #33 directs the Contractor to provide labor to install Key Switches for the delayed Egress hardware at N1, N2, N3, & N4. (DHS inspection requirement)

Total cost for Program Request #32 = \$ 45,539



**RESOLUTION
ROCK COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

Planning & Development
INITIATED BY



Paul Benjamin
DRAFTED BY

Planning & Development
SUBMITTED BY

June 7, 2013
DATE DRAFTED

**AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF GRANT FOR BELOIT AREA SEWER
SERVICE AREA PLANNING AND AMENDING THE 2013 PLANNING
DEPARTMENT BUDGET**

1 **WHEREAS**, the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) makes funding available to
2 regional planning councils and county planning agencies throughout the state for Metropolitan Sewer
3 Service Area planning; and,
4

5 **WHEREAS**, on June 3, 2013, the Rock County Planning, Economic & Community Development
6 Agency received a letter from DNR that contained an agreement to provide \$10,885 for sewer service
7 area planning in the Beloit area in 2013; and,
8

9 **WHEREAS**, the grant agreement shall commence upon its signing by both parties and continue until
10 December 31, 2013 and grantee may claim eligible costs for reimbursement for work conducted between
11 January 1, 2013 and the end of the grant agreement; and,
12

13 **WHEREAS**, the last update of the Beloit Area Sewer Service Area Plan was in 1998, and it does not
14 serve current planning needs; and,
15

16 **WHEREAS**, representatives from the Towns of Turtle, Beloit, and Rock, and the City of Beloit have
17 agreed to send representatives to a Technical Advisory Committee that will oversee the planning process.
18

19 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Rock County Board of Supervisors duly
20 assembled this _____ day of _____, 2013, does hereby authorize Rock County Planning
21 and Development Agency to accept the 2013 DNR funding for Beloit Area Sewer Service Area
22 planning; and,
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24 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the 2013 County Budget be amended as follows:
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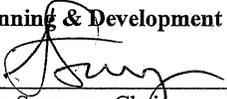
| Account Description | Budget at <u>1/1/2013</u> | Increase (Decrease) | Amended Budget |
|--|------------------------------|------------------------|-------------------|
| <u>Source of Funds:</u> | | | |
| 64-6407-2013-42100 Federal Aid | -0- | \$10,885 | \$10,885 |
| <u>Use of Funds:</u> | | | |
| 64-6407-2013-63110 Administrative Expense | -0- | \$10,885 | \$10,885 |

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AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF GRANT FOR BELOIT AREA SEWER SERVICE AREA
PLANNING AND AMENDING THE 2013 PLANNING DEPARTMENT BUDGET
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Respectfully submitted,

Planning & Development Committee

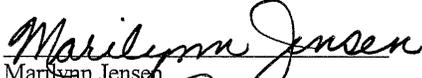


Alan Sweeney, Chair



Mary Mawhinney, Vice Chair

Wayne Gustina



Marilyn Jensen



Phillip Owens

FINANCE COMMITTEE ENDORSEMENT

Reviewed and approved on a vote of
50.



Mary Mawhinney, Chair

FISCAL NOTE:

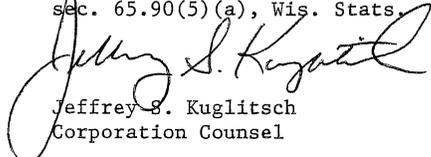
This resolution authorizes the acceptance and expenditure of \$10,885 in Federal Aid for sewer service planning in the Beloit area. No County matching funds are required.



Sherry Oja
Finance Director

LEGAL NOTE:

The County Board is authorized to accept grant funds pursuant to sec. 59.52(19), Wis. Stats. As an amendment to the adopted 2013 County Budget, this Resolution requires a 2/3 vote of the entire membership of the County Board pursuant to sec. 65.90(5)(a), Wis. Stats.



Jeffrey S. Kuglitsch
Corporation Counsel

ADMINISTRATIVE NOTE:

Recommended


Craig Knutson
County Administrator

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

In the Federal Water Pollution Control Act Amendments of 1972, federal law created a process to establish locally developed area-wide water quality management plans. Area-wide water quality management planning was codified at the state-level through the development of Wisconsin Administrative Code NR121, which specifies that Area-wide water quality management plans include components that deal specifically with metropolitan sewer service areas and their projected needs for 20 years into the future.

The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) makes funding available to regional planning councils and county planning agencies throughout the state for sewer service area planning as it relates to ground water quality and environmentally sensitive areas.

On June 3, 2013, the Rock County Planning and Development Agency received a letter from DNR that contained an agreement to commit \$10,885 for the first year's planning for water quality in the Beloit area. The grant agreement shall commence upon its signing by both parties and continue until December 31, 2013 and grantee may claim eligible costs for reimbursement for work conducted between January 1, 2013 and the end of the grant agreement, and

The last update of the Beloit Area Sewer Service Area Plan was in 1998, and it does not serve current planning needs. Representatives from the Towns of Turtle, Beloit, and Rock, and the City of Beloit have agreed to provide representatives to a Technical Advisory Committee that will oversee the planning process.

RESOLUTION NO. 13-7A-378

AGENDA NO. 12.B.

INITIATED: FINANCE DIRECTOR

SUBMITTED BY: FINANCE COMMITTEE

DATE:

JUL 03 2013

WHEREAS, THE FINANCE COMMITTEE HAS EXAMINED THE FOLLOWING BILLS OVER \$10,000 AS REQUIRED BY COUNTY BD. RULE H.(3), AND FOUND THEM TO BE PROPER AND WITHIN BUDGET.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, THE ROCK COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AT ITS REGULAR MEETING ON JUL 1 1 2013, APPROVES PAYMENT AND AUTHORIZES AND DIRECTS THE COUNTY CLERK AND COUNTY TREASURER TO PAY THE SAME.

| Vendor Name | Fund Name | Department Name | Program Name | Amount | Claim Amount |
|--------------------------|---------------|-----------------|---------------------|-----------|--------------|
| BANDT COMMUNICATIONS INC | CPF-SHER. VEH | SHERIFF | SHERIFF'S VEH 68471 | 20,953.25 | 20,953.25 |
| CLAIMS IN THE AMOUNT OF | 20,953.25 | | | | |

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

HAVE BEEN APPROVED AND CHECKED BY THE GOVERNING COMMITTEES.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Mary MacArthur

A. K. Kuntz

Susan Balog

Marjorie

Pat 70

LEGAL NOTE:
THE COUNTY BOARD RULE CITED REQUIRES THE COUNTY BOARD TO EXAMINE AND SETTLE ALL CLAIMS OVER \$10,000.00

Jeffrey S. Kuglitsch
JEFFREY S. KUGLITSCH
CORPORATION COUNSEL

FISCAL NOTE

ABOVE LISTED CLAIMS ARE FULLY FUNDED.

Susan Balog

SHERRY OJA Assistant to
FINANCE DIRECTOR

ADMINISTRATIVE NOTE

RECOMMENDED

Craig Knutson

CRAIG KNUTSON
COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

13-7A-378

**RESOLUTION
ROCK COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

General Services Committee
INITIATED BY



Robert Leu
DRAFTED BY

General Services Committee
SUBMITTED BY

June 19, 2013
DATE DRAFTED

**Retaining Engineering Firm to Prepare Plans and Specifications for Mass
Notification and Security Upgrades at the UW-Rock Campus**

- 1 **WHEREAS**, Arnold and O'Sheridan Inc. completed an Emergency Communications/Security Systems
- 2 Feasibility Study for the UW-Rock Campus, and;
- 3
- 4 **WHEREAS**, the General Services Committee and the Campus feel installation of a mass notification
- 5 system and security system upgrades are needed, and;
- 6
- 7 **WHEREAS**, for bidding and implementation purposes, engineering design services are necessary.
- 8
- 9 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Rock County Board of Supervisors duly assembled
- 10 this _____ day of _____, 2013 that Arnold & O'Sheridan of Madison be retained to
- 11 complete the plans and specifications for a mass notification and security system upgrades at the UW-
- 12 Rock Campus in the amount of \$69,000, and;
- 13
- 14 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a reimbursable expense and design contingency account be
- 15 established in an amount not to exceed of \$10,000.

13-7A-379

Respectfully submitted,

General Services Committee:

Phillip Owens
Phillip Owens, Chair

Henry Brill
Henry Brill, Vice Chair

Absent
Ivan Collins

Jason Heidenreich
Jason Heidenreich

Edwin Nash
Edwin Nash

PURCHASING PROCEDURAL ENDORSEMENT

Reviewed and approved on a vote of
5-0.

Mary Mawhinney
Mary Mawhinney, Chair

Retaining Engineering Firm to Prepare Plans and Specifications for Mass Notification and Security Upgrades at the UW-Rock Campus

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FISCAL NOTE:

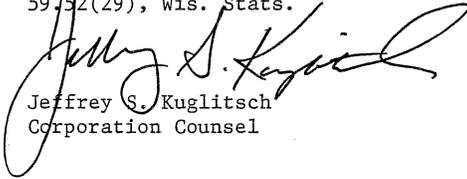
Sufficient funding is available in the U-Rock Expansion capital improvement account, A/C 18-1843-0000-67200, for the cost of this contract.



Sherry Oja
Finance Director

LEGAL NOTE:

The County Board is authorized to take this action pursuant to secs. 59.01 and 59.51, Wis. Stats. Professional services are not subject to the bidding requirements of sec. 59.52(29), Wis. Stats.



Jeffrey S. Kuglitsch
Corporation Counsel

ADMINISTRATIVE NOTE:

Recommended.



Craig Knutson
County Administrator

Executive Summary

Retaining A&O Engineering for the Design Services

Earlier this year, the Emergency Mass Notification and Security System Feasibility Assessment, completed by A&O Inc., was presented to the General Services Committee, and Campus officials.

The assessment looked at the options for upgrading and expanding existing security systems at the Campus, along with a concept design for an emergency mass notification system, which currently does not exist.

The Committee, Campus officials, and the Engineer recently met to define the scope of the project, so that plans and specifications can be completed for bidding.

The systems being designed for implementation include:

- Emergency Mass Notification
- Distributed Antenna System (for cell phone coverage)
- Door Control and Monitoring
- Card Access
- Duress Alarm
- Video Surveillance

Design of the systems will take about six months. Bidding will occur in early 2014, with implementation occurring during the summer of 2014.

The cost of the project is estimated at approximately \$690,000.

**ORDINANCE
ROCK COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

PUBLIC SAFETY & JUSTICE
COMMITTEE
INITIATED BY



JEROME A. LONG
DRAFTED BY

MAY 8, 2013
DATE DRAFTED

PUBLIC SAFETY & JUSTICE
COMMITTEE
SUBMITTED BY

**REPEALING AND RECREATING ROCK COUNTY ORDINANCE 3.204
STATE ALCOHOL BEVERAGE LAW ADOPTED**

1 WHEREAS, Rock County has reviewed its current ordinance and has made the following
2 changes.

3
4 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Rock County Board of Supervisors in session
5 this day of , 2013, that Section 3.204 of the Rock County Code of Ordinances is
6 hereby repealed and recreated to read as follows:

7
8 **3.204 State Alcohol Beverage Law Adopted**

9
10 All of the provisions of the following Wisconsin Statutes relating to crimes are hereby adopted and
11 incorporated herein by reference including all changes and amendments now or hereafter made thereto,
12 except that the penalty for violating any of these provisions shall be a forfeiture or, in the case of a minor,
13 pursuant to 48.343, Wis. Stats., 2011-2012. It is the intent of this section to adopt the following state
14 statutes and to strictly conform to said statutes as the same may be amended from time to time.

- 15
- 16 (1) 125.07 Underage and intoxicated persons; presence on licensed premises; possession;
- 17 A. 125.07(1)(a)1, 2, 3, 4 Alcohol Beverages; Restrictions Relating to Underage Persons;
- 18 B. 125.07(2)(a)1, 2 Sales of Alcohol Beverages to Intoxicated Persons;
- 19 C. 125.07(3)(a) Presence in Places of Sale;
- 20 D. 125.07(4)(a), (b), (bm) Underage Persons; Prohibitions;
- 21
- 22 (2) 125.075 Injury or death by providing alcohol beverages to a minor.
- 23
- 24 (3) 125.085 Proof of age.
- 25
- 26 (4) 125.09 General restrictions.
- 27 A. 125.09(1) Public Place.
- 28 B. 125.09(2) Possession of Alcohol.
- 29 C. 125.09(3) Place-To-Place Deliveries.
- 30
- 31 (5) 125.105(1) Impersonating an officer.
- 32
- 33 (6) 125.315 Evading provisions of law by giving away fermented malt beverages.
- 34
- 35 (7) Penalties and enforcement.
- 36

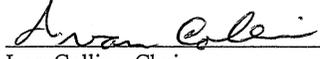
37 Any person who violates any provision of this Ordinance shall, upon conviction thereof, forfeit
38 not less than \$100.00, nor more than \$250.00 for each violation together with the costs of
39 prosecution and forfeiture.

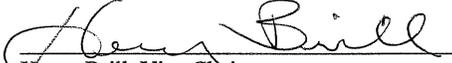
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41 Section 3.204 shall be effective upon publication.

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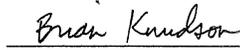
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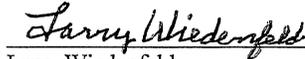
PUBLIC SAFETY & JUSTICE COMMITTEE


Ivan Collins, Chair


Henry Brill, Vice Chair

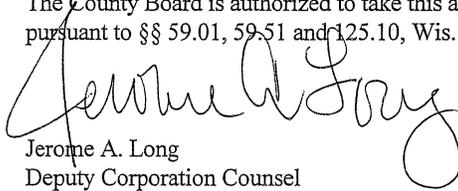

Mary Beaver


Brian Knudson


Larry Wiedenfeld

LEGAL NOTE:

The County Board is authorized to take this action pursuant to §§ 59.01, 59.51 and 125.10, Wis. Stats.


Jerome A. Long
Deputy Corporation Counsel

FISCAL NOTE:

Minimal fiscal impact.


Sherry Oja
Finance Director

ADMINISTRATIVE NOTE:

Recommended.


Craig Knutson
County Administrator

**RESOLUTION
ROCK COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT
COMMITTEE
INITIATED BY



JAMES OTTERSTEIN
DRAFTED BY

PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT
COMMITTEE
SUBMITTED BY

July 2, 2013
DATE DRAFTED

**Supporting the Designation of the Madison Region Economic Partnership as an
Economic Development District**

1 **WHEREAS**, Federal monies are available through the U.S. Department of Commerce's Economic
2 Development Administration (EDA) for the purpose of economic development; and,
3
4 **WHEREAS**, Rock County is one of the eight participating counties in the Madison Region Economic
5 Partnership (MadREP); and
6
7 **WHEREAS**, stakeholders from Rock County participated with their MadREP counterparts, at different
8 stages and related capacities during 2011-2013, to develop and complete an approved EDA regional
9 Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS), and;
10
11 **WHEREAS**, there are synergies linking this regional CEDS with Rock County's economic development
12 planning, programming and related implementation activities; and,
13
14 **WHEREAS**, it is necessary for a majority of the MadREP counties to support the activities of the
15 Economic Development District (EDD), and that the Rock County Board of Supervisors believes this
16 EDD has the potential to facilitate the collective advancement of the region therefrom.
17
18 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Rock County Board of Supervisors** on this ___
19 day of _____, 2013 hereby supports the designation of the MadREP eight county area as an EDD
20 through the U.S. Department of Commerce's EDA.

13-7A-380

Respectfully Submitted,

Planning & Development Committee

Alan Sweeney, Chair

Mary Mawhinney, Vice Chair

Marilynn Jensen

Phillip Owens

Wayne Gustina

Supporting the Designation of the Madison Region Economic Partnership as an Economic Development District 12.F.(2)

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LEGAL NOTE:

Advisory only.



Jeffrey Kuglitsch
Corporation Counsel

FISCAL NOTE:

This Resolution only authorizes supporting the request to have the Madison Region Economic Partnership officially recognized as an Economic Development District (EDD). This Resolution does not obligate the County of Rock to support the EDD financially.

Sherry Oja
Finance Director

ADMINISTRATIVE NOTE:

Recommended.



Craig Knutson
County Administrator

SUPPORTING THE DESIGNATION OF THE MADISON REGION ECONOMIC PARTNERSHIP AS AN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Prepared by James R. Otterstein, Economic Development Manager

Since mid-2006 stakeholders, from throughout the eight county region anchored by the Madison MSA, have been working through a collaborative economic development framework. While the names of this framework have shifted over the years, its focus on creating a regional economic development blueprint has remained constant. Today, this framework is known as the Madison Region Economic Partnership (MadREP).

In early 2011, the predecessor of MadREP successfully applied for funding from the U.S. Department of Commerce's Economic Development Administration (EDA) to develop a regional Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS). A CEDS, which is intended to bring together the public and private sectors in the creation of an economic development roadmap to diversify and strengthen the regional economy, provides a pathway for a regional organization to access federal funding that support the activities of its designated service territory – known as an Economic Development District (EDD).

During 2011-2013, stakeholders from Rock County participated with their MadREP counterparts, at different stages and related capacities, to develop and complete an approved EDA regional CEDS. Referred to as *Advance Now: Madison Region's Strategy for Economic Growth*, this CEDS is designed to serve as a consensus blueprint for economic development efforts throughout MadREP's EDD.

To become a recognized EDD, MadREP is required to submit their CEDS and other supporting documentation. One important piece of this documentation includes receiving support (which is intentionally broadly defined) from the counties that participated in the CEDS process. This Resolution of Support provides that official documentation.