

RESOLUTION  
ROCK COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Supervisor Jason Dowd  
INITIATED BY

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SUBMITTED BY



July 11, 2014  
DATE DRAFTED

**PLACING HEALTH CARE ADVISORY REFERENDUM ON THE  
NOVEMBER 4, 2104 ROCK COUNTY BALLOT**

1 **WHEREAS**, The United States Supreme Court decided the Affordable Care Act was Constitutional, one  
2 policy was changed; whether or not states must accept Federal Medicaid funds. Since this decision a number  
3 of states have opted against accepting the federal funding; and,  
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5 **WHEREAS**, Governor Scott Walker, backed by the Legislature, rejected Medicaid Federal funds in  
6 February 2013 resulting in the State of Wisconsin not accepting billions of new Federal Medicaid dollars  
7 which would have improved the state's BadgerCare program; and,  
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9 **WHEREAS**, these federal funds are available at any time, and upon acceptance would provide access to  
10 BadgerCare for 84,000 people as estimated by the State's Legislative Fiscal Bureau; and,  
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12 **WHEREAS**, Wisconsin would save \$248,000,000 over the next ten years because the Federal government  
13 would pay over 90% of the costs of coverage for many current BadgerCare recipients, and Wisconsin would  
14 save an additional \$247,000,000 in the cost of uncompensated medical care because more citizens would  
15 have health coverage; and,  
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17 **WHEREAS**, 19 counties, including Rock County, have passed resolutions urging Wisconsin to utilize these  
18 federal funds, a position that has been reiterated by the Wisconsin Counties Association; and,  
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20 **WHEREAS**, these federal funds are available at any time, and upon acceptance would provide access to  
21 BadgerCare for 84,000 people as estimated by the State's Legislative Fiscal Bureau; and,  
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23 **WHEREAS**, the decision to not accept federal Medicaid funds directly impacts some citizens directly;  
24 voters as citizens of Rock County should be able to provide an advisory opinion to support or oppose the  
25 acceptance of this Federal Medicaid funds.  
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27 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Rock County Board of Supervisors duly assembled  
28 this 14 day of August, 2014 does hereby direct the Rock County Clerk to place the following  
29 advisory referendum question on the countywide ballot at the election to be held on November 4, 2014:  
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31 "Shall the Governor and State Legislature accept Affordable Care Act Federal Medicaid funds earmarked to  
32 enhance BadgerCare?"

Respectfully submitted,

**COUNTY BOARD STAFF COMMITTEE**

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*Supervisor Dowd introduced May 22*

*Resolution tabled June 10 @ County Board Staff Committee*

*Supervisors Dowd, Brien, Niedenkeld, Schulz, Davis requested the referendum resolution come before the full Board by letter to Chair Podzielni July 10*

*Full County Board voted YES-20, NO-7, ABSENT-2 to place the question on the Nov. 4 ballot.*