

**RESOLUTION  
ROCK COUNTY BOARD OF  
SUPERVISORS**

Katherine Luster  
INITIATED BY



Jennifer Thompson  
DRAFTED BY

Human Service Board  
SUBMITTED BY

December 6, 2017  
DATE DRAFTED

**TO RECOGNIZE JENNY DOPKINS**

1 **WHEREAS**, Jenny Dopkins has served the citizens of Rock County for over eighteen (18) years as a  
2 dedicated and valued employee of Rock County; and,  
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4 **WHEREAS**, Ms. Dopkins began her career on June 1, 1999 in the Child Protective Services (CPS)  
5 Division of the Human Services Department. In this position, Ms. Dopkins served in the Intake and  
6 Assessment unit conducting investigations of child abuse and/or neglect. In 2004, Ms. Dopkins  
7 continued to use her social work skills in the CPS unit and began working on a grant focusing on  
8 children who were taken into custody due to substantiated abuse or neglect. Ms. Dopkins conducted  
9 home studies with families with the hope the child could be placed with the biological family as  
10 opposed to foster homes. In addition, she worked with the biological fathers of these children, again,  
11 with the goal of keeping a family together; and,  
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13 **WHEREAS**, when the CPS grant ended in 2005, Ms. Dopkins transitioned into the Long Term  
14 Support (LTS) Division on January 16, 2006, where she assisted elderly and disabled adults by  
15 coordinating services to keep them independently living in the community. Her case management  
16 skills kept people safely living in their own homes and prevented hundreds of people from moving into  
17 nursing homes. In the summer of 2010, Ms. Dopkins took on an additional role in LTS as the sole  
18 Adult Protective Services worker investigating allegations of abuse and neglect of vulnerable adults;  
19 and,  
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21 **WHEREAS**, in 2012 Ms. Dopkins transitioned into the Chapter 54/55 Court Services role within the  
22 LTS Division. While in this position, Ms. Dopkins worked closely with the Rock County Corporation  
23 Council office assisting individuals who no longer had the ability to make decisions for themselves,  
24 through guardianship proceedings. In this role, Ms. Dopkins had to make difficult decisions regarding  
25 individual's rights; always cognizant of what was the least restrictive while maintaining the  
26 individual's safety. Ms. Dopkins also conducted WATT's reviews for individuals placed in facilities,  
27 again assuring the courts these placements were the least restrictive. Lastly, Ms. Dopkins was  
28 responsible for assisting individuals who were detained on a Chapter 51 and converted to a Chapter 55  
29 by working with local facilities and programs for community placement - often under strict time  
30 frames; and,  
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32 **WHEREAS**, Ms. Dopkins has decided to move on to her next career endeavor and leave Rock County  
33 employment on January 5<sup>th</sup>, 2018; and,  
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35 **WHEREAS**, Ms. Dopkins has shown a variety of skill, knowledge and compassion for the clients she  
36 has served in Rock County. She has given of herself in many ways; protecting children from  
37 abuse/neglect, maintaining independence for our elderly and disabled adults, and assisted in legal  
38 protection of many of Rock County's most vulnerable adults. Her advocacy for Rock County residents  
39 is admired and will be missed; and,  
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41 **WHEREAS**, the Rock County Board of Supervisors, representing the citizens of Rock County, wishes  
42 to recognize Jenny Dopkins for her achievements and significant contributions to the citizens of Rock  
43 County and her many dedicated years of service.  
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45 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Rock County Board of Supervisors, duly  
46 assembled this 14<sup>th</sup> day of December does hereby recognize Jenny Dopkins for her 18 years  
47 of service and extend best wishes to her in her future endeavors.

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