

**RESOLUTION
ROCK COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

Finance Committee
INITIATED BY

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SUBMITTED BY



Sherry Oja, Finance Director
DRAFTED BY

December 16, 2014
DATE DRAFTED

**INITIAL RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING GENERAL OBLIGATION
BONDS AND/OR NOTES IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$2,705,000**

- 1 **WHEREAS**, the 2015 Adopted Budget includes \$2,700,400 for Highway Road Construction Capital
- 2 Projects: and,
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- 4 **WHEREAS**, these projects are included in the Budget with the anticipation that they would be funded
- 5 with the future issuance of debt; and,
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- 7 **WHEREAS**, these projects will have long-term benefits and are most appropriately funded by debt
- 8 issuance.
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- 10 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Rock County Board of Supervisors duly
- 11 assembled this 22 day of January, 2015, that there shall be issued, pursuant to Chapter 67,
- 12 Wisconsin Statutes, General Obligation Bonds and/or Notes in an amount not to exceed \$2,705,000
- 13 for highway construction and improvement projects.

Respectfully submitted,

FINANCE COMMITTEE

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FISCAL NOTE:

The purpose of this resolution is to authorize expenditures from the 2015 deferred finance budget appropriations prior to actual debt issuance. The 2015 budgeted capital projects are estimated to cost \$2,705,000 (plus issuance costs) for Highway Road Construction Capital Projects. If the County adopts this resolution, the project costs and issuance costs will be included in a subsequent resolution that authorizes the issuance of General Obligation Bonds and/or Notes.

1993 Wisconsin Act 16 (the State Budget Bill) established property tax levy rate limits for Wisconsin Counties, beginning with the 1993 payable 1994 levy. The Wisconsin Department of Revenue's Administrative Rules authorize an increase in the debt levy rate under certain conditions, including resolutions authorizing debt issuance that are adopted by affirmative vote of at least three-fourths of the members of the County Board. The County Board may also approve the issuance of debt by adopting a resolution which provides a reasonable expectancy that the new debt will not cause the County to increase its debt levy rate. It is my opinion that the debt amortization that would be incurred upon issuance of debt for the projects included in this resolution would not exceed Rock County's debt levy rate as limited by Wisconsin Act 16.

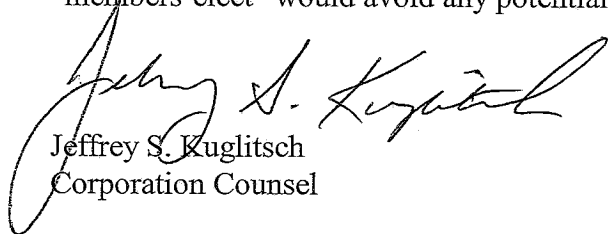


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LEGAL NOTE:

This is only an initial resolution. Pursuant to sec. 67.05(10), Stats., the County Board, before issuing any contemplated long-term debt, must adopt a resolution levying a direct, annual tax sufficient in an amount to pay for the express purpose of paying the interest on such bonds as it falls due, and also to pay and discharge the principal thereof at maturity. That will happen at a later date.

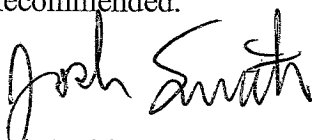
A majority vote is necessary to adopt this resolution. However, a three-fourths vote of the "members-elect" would avoid any potential issue relative to the debt levy rate limit.



Jeffrey S. Kuglitsch
Corporation Counsel

ADMINISTRATIVE NOTE:

Recommended.



Josh Smith
County Administrator