

**RESOLUTION  
ROCK COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

Colin Byrnes  
INITIATED BY



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DRAFTED BY

Planning & Development Committee  
SUBMITTED BY

February 22, 2016  
DATE DRAFTED

**Authority to Increase the Housing Authority Commissioner Meeting Per Diem**

- 1 **WHEREAS**, the Rock County Housing Authority was created by the Rock County Board of Supervisors
- 2 as a separate body politic at its meeting on June 23, 2004; and,
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- 4 **WHEREAS**, due to the Housing Authority having no mechanism to obtain start-up administrative funds,
- 5 in August 2005, the Rock County Board approved the creation of a budgetary appropriation for the Rock
- 6 County Housing Authority; and,
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- 8 **WHEREAS**, at the time the budgetary appropriation was established in 2005, the authorized amount of
- 9 the meeting Per Diem expense was \$25 per member and the current maximum Per Diem for County
- 10 Board Supervisor meeting attendance is \$50; and,
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- 12 **WHEREAS**, an increase in meeting per diem would assist in encouraging participation, attendance and
- 13 member development and also to assist the commissioners with meeting-related expenses; and,
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- 15 **WHEREAS**, there is sufficient flexibility in the Agency's budget to support the funding for this increase
- 16 in meeting Per Diem without additional County levy.
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- 18 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Rock County Board of Supervisors duly assembled
- 19 this 10th day of March, 2016 that the Rock County Housing Authority meeting Per Diem
- 20 be increased to \$50 (Fifty Dollars).

16-3A-505

Respectfully submitted,

**PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

Alan Sweeney  
Alan Sweeney, Chair

Absent  
Mary Mawhinney, Vice Chair

Wesley K. Davis  
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Wayne Gustina  
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Jason Heidenreich  
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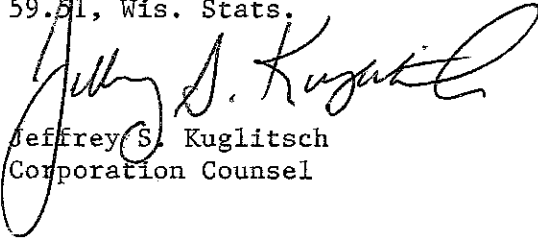
There appears to be sufficient funding in the 2016 Housing Authority budget for the increase in per diem amount. If there is an increase in the average number of meetings held per year, a line item transfer within the Housing Authority budget may be needed.



Sherry Oja  
Finance Director

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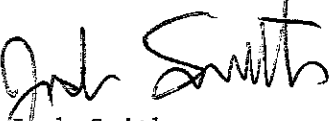
The County Board is authorized to take this action pursuant to §§ 59.01 and 59.51, Wis. Stats.



Jeffrey S. Kuglitsch  
Corporation Counsel

ADMINISTRATIVE NOTE:

Matter of policy.



Josh Smith  
County Administrator

## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

At its June 23, 2004 meeting, the Rock County Board of Supervisors established the Rock County Housing Authority as a separate body politic to help address unsafe and unsanitary housing conditions for low to moderately low income households in Rock County.

The mission of the Housing Authority is to administer the Rock County HOME Consortium Program in cooperation with the Cities of Beloit and Janesville.

Pursuant to Sec. 66.1201(5), Wisconsin Statutes, the Rock County Housing Authority is a 5-person Commission whose members serve 5-year appointments. Members are appointed by the Chair of the Rock County Board and confirmed by the Rock County Board. No commissioner may be connected in any official capacity to a political party, cannot have an ownership or interest in a housing project or property owned or developed by the Housing Authority, and no more than 2 of the commissioners may be officers (Supervisors) of the County in which the Housing Authority is created.

In August of 2005, the Rock County Board approved the creation of a budgetary appropriation for the Rock County Housing Authority in order to provide for the expenses of the commission. One of the expenses included in the line item appropriation is meeting Per Diems. At the time of the budgetary appropriation creation in August 2005, the estimated cost of meeting Per Diems for the Housing Authority was set at \$25.00 per member. Because the Housing Authority Commission is not a "Standing Committee" of County Board Supervisors, meeting per diems have not increased at the same corresponding rate as Supervisory permanent committees (currently \$50 per meeting).

In an effort to encourage participation, attendance and member development and also to assist members with meeting-related expenses, the Planning & Development Department is requesting authority to increase the Housing Authority Commissioner meeting Per Diem to \$50 (Fifty Dollars).