



**COUNTY BOARD STAFF COMMITTEE
TUESDAY – JULY 12, 2011 – 4:00 P.M.
CONFERENCE ROOM N-1 – FIFTH FLOOR
ROCK COUNTY COURTHOUSE-EAST**

Agenda

1. Call to Order & Approval of Agenda
2. Approval of Minutes – June 14, 2011
3. Citizen Participation, Communications and Announcements
4. Approval of Bills/Transfers/Pre-Approved Encumbrances
5. Resolutions
 - A. Recommending Passage of 2011 Assembly Bill 54, Committee on Children and Families, to Amend Wis. Stats. 767 Relating to Equalizing Physical Placement to the Highest Degree
 - B. Recognizing Janice Quade for Service to Rock County
6. Possible Action on Acquisition of Bass Creek Carry-in Boat Launch Property on County Road D
7. Semi-Annual Out-of-State Training and Conferences
 - A. Corporation Counsel
 - B. County Administrator's Office
 - C. Human Resources
8. Adjournment

Account Number	Name	Yearly Prct Appropriation Spent	YTD Expenditure	Encumb Amount	Unencumb Balance	Inv/Enc Amount	Total
0113200000-63200	PUBL/SUBCR/DUES	3,188.00 90.8%	2,896.31	0.00	291.69		
	P1102562-PO# 07/07/11 -VN#011191		BELOIT DAILY NEWS			169.00	
			CLOSING BALANCE		122.69		169.00
0113200000-64200	TRAINING EXP	2,400.00 21.5%	518.00	0.00	1,882.00		
	P1102550-PO# 07/07/11 -VN#017487		WISCONSIN COUNTIES ASSOCIATION			175.00	
			CLOSING BALANCE		1,707.00		175.00
	COUNTY ADMINISTR		PROG-TOTAL-PO			344.00	

I HAVE EXAMINED THE PRECEDING BILLS AND ENCUMBRANCES IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$344.00 INCURRED BY COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR. CLAIMS COVERING THE ITEMS ARE PROPER AND HAVE BEEN PREVIOUSLY FUNDED. THESE ITEMS ARE TO BE TREATED AS FOLLOWS

- A. BILLS AND ENCUMBRANCES OVER \$10,000 REFERRED TO THE COUNTY BOARD.
- B. BILLS UNDER \$10,000 TO BE PAID.
- C. ENCUMBRANCES UNDER \$10,000 TO BE PAID UPON ACCEPTANCE BY THE DEPARTMENT HEAD.

COUNTY BOARD STAFF COMMITTEE APPROVES THE ABOVE. COM-APPROVAL _____ DEPT-HEAD

JUL 12 2011 DATE _____ CHAIR

Account Number	Name	Yearly Prcnt Appropriation Spent	YTD Expenditure	Encumb Amount	Unencumb Balance	Inv/Enc Amount	Total
0311100000-64201	CONVENTION EXP	4,000.00 59.9%	2,398.00	0,00	1,602.00		
	P1102550-PO# 07/07/11 -VN#017487		WISCONSIN COUNTIES ASSOCIATION			2,100.00	
*** OVERDRAFT ***			CLOSING BALANCE		-498.00		2,100.00
TRANSFER PENDING			COUNTY BOARD	PROG-TOTAL-PO		2,100.00	

I HAVE EXAMINED THE PRECEDING BILLS AND ENCUMBRANCES IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$2,100.00 INCURRED BY COUNTY BOARD. CLAIMS COVERING THE ITEMS ARE PROPER AND HAVE BEEN PREVIOUSLY FUNDED. THESE ITEMS ARE TO BE TREATED AS FOLLOWS

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0616200000-63202	LAW BOOKS	1,500.00 35.4%	647.50	-116.08	968.58		
	PI102537-PO# 07/07/11 -VN#029054		BNA BOOKS			184.02	
			CLOSING BALANCE		784.56		184.02
	CORP. COUNSEL		PROG-TOTAL-PO			184.02	

I HAVE EXAMINED THE PRECEDING BILLS AND ENCUMBRANCES IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$184.02 INCURRED BY CORPORATION COUNSEL. CLAIMS COVERING THE ITEMS ARE PROPER AND HAVE BEEN PREVIOUSLY FUNDED. THESE ITEMS ARE TO BE TREATED AS FOLLOWS

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COUNTY BOARD STAFF COMMITTEE APPROVES THE ABOVE. COM-APPROVAL _____ DEPT-HEAD

DATE _____ CHAIR

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0814200000-63200	PUBL/SUBCR/DUES	10,050.00 14.7%	1,484.50	0.00	8,565.50		
	P1102492-PO# 07/07/11 -VN#040485			SOCIETY FOR HUMAN RESOURCE MAN		180.00	
	P1102493-PO# 07/07/11 -VN#042688			BLACKHAWK HUMAN RESOURCE ASSOC		100.00	
			CLOSING BALANCE		8,285.50		280.00
0814200000-64200	TRAINING EXP	44,374.00 40.0%	17,763.23	0.00	26,610.77		
	07/07/11 -VN#049974			O CONNELL, DAVID		37.63	
	P1102256-PO# 07/07/11 -VN#046373			WEISS BERZOWSKI BRADY LLP		75.49	
	P1102517-PO# 07/07/11 -VN#017487			WISCONSIN COUNTIES ASSOCIATION		55.25	
	P1102544-PO# 07/07/11 -VN#051076			NEW HORIZONS OF WISCONSIN		1,000.00	
			CLOSING BALANCE		25,442.40		1,168.37
0814200000-64417	HCC EXPENSES	14,255.00 21.8%	3,130.47	-9.75	11,134.28		
	P1102517-PO# 07/07/11 -VN#017487			WISCONSIN COUNTIES ASSOCIATION		9.75	
			CLOSING BALANCE		11,124.53		9.75
	HUMAN RESOURCES		PROG-TOTAL-PO			1,458.12	

I HAVE EXAMINED THE PRECEDING BILLS AND ENCUMBRANCES IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$1,458.12 INCURRED BY HUMAN RESOURCES. CLAIMS COVERING THE ITEMS ARE PROPER AND HAVE BEEN PREVIOUSLY FUNDED. THESE ITEMS ARE TO BE TREATED AS FOLLOWS

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B. BILLS UNDER \$10,000 TO BE PAID.

C. ENCUMBRANCES UNDER \$10,000 TO BE PAID UPON ACCEPTANCE BY THE DEPARTMENT HEAD.

COUNTY BOARD STAFF

COMMITTEE APPROVES THE ABOVE. COM-APPROVAL _____

DEPT-HEAD

DATE _____

CHAIR

RESOLUTION NO. _____

AGENDA NO. _____

RESOLUTION
ROCK COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Supervisor David Innis
INITIATED BY



Supervisor David Innis
DRAFTED BY

Public Safety & Justice Committee
SUBMITTED BY

May 17, 2011
DATE DRAFTED

Recommending Passage of 2011 Assembly Bill 54, Committee on Children and Families, to Amend
Wis. Stats. 767 Relating to Equalizing Physical Placement to the Highest Degree

- 1 WHEREAS, each and every individual is conceived through the contributions of a genetic mother and
- 2 father; and,
- 3
- 4 WHEREAS, in a democracy, the family remains the preferred and best environment in which to foster
- 5 the character and values of its citizens; and,
- 6
- 7 WHEREAS, while appreciating the diversity of families in today's society, the Rock County Board of
- 8 Supervisors recognizes the equally important contributions of both fathers and mothers to the raising of
- 9 their children; and,
- 10
- 11 WHEREAS, applications of current family law unintentionally removes many fathers from
- 12 meaningful participation in their children's lives; and,
- 13
- 14 WHEREAS, the Rock County Board of Supervisors wishes to support policies that encourage and
- 15 promote active involvement of both fathers and mothers in raising their children.
- 16
- 17 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Rock County Board of Supervisors duly
- 18 assembled this ____ day of _____ does hereby go on record in support of passage of Assembly
- 19 Bill 54, "To Equalize Physical Placement to the Highest Degree."
- 20

Respectfully submitted,

PUBLIC SAFETY & JUSTICE COMMITTEE

COUNTY BOARD STAFF COMMITTEE

Ivan Collins, Chair

J. Russell Podznilni, Chair

Larry Wiedenfeld, Vice Chair

Sandra Kraft, Vice Chair

Mary Beaver

Eva Arnold

Henry Brill

Henry Brill

Brian Knudson

Betty Jo Bussie

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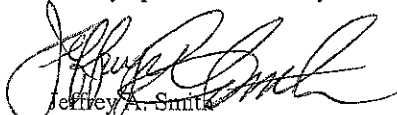
Marilynn Jensen

Louis Peer

Kurtis Yankee

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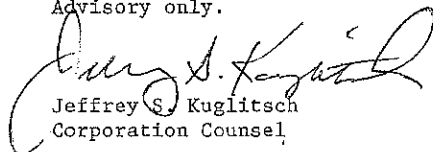
This resolution addresses a legislative policy issue and has no direct fiscal impact on Rock
County operations in and by itself.



Jeffrey A. Smith
Finance Director

LEGAL NOTE:


Advisory only.



Jeffrey S. Kuglitsch
Corporation Counsel

ADMINISTRATIVE NOTE:

Matter of Policy.



Craig Knutson
County Administrator

Executive Summary

Recommending Passage of 2011 Assembly Bill 54, Committee on Children and Families, to Amend Wis. Stats. 767 Relating to Equalizing Physical Placement to the Highest Degree

The Wisconsin Assembly previously passed this bill, but it was not passed in the Senate Committee. The Assembly Bill was reintroduced in this session and a public hearing was held at the State Capital on April 6, 2011. Supervisor Innis listened to lengthy testimony on both sides of this issue and was very impressed with the testimony of Mr. Richard Badger. This bill does not take away the power of family court judges to protect children from unhealthy situations such as child or domestic abuse. It is not intended as a tool to modify the payment of child support. Under current law, judges have wide discretion on how to allocate periods of physical placement (visitation) between households of divorced parents. If mediation fails, the parties enter an adversarial court process in which "experts" make recommendations to the court, often based on well-intentioned but false evidence. The standards for evidence in family court are less stringent than in criminal court. Unequal placement often results from false allegations that were difficult to disprove. (This is the opposite of "innocent until proven guilty.") Our current family court system is a win-lose situation in which one party gets most of the time with the child and the other party pays most of the bills. Assembly Bill 54 still leaves most of the power in the hands of judges to decide placement and visitation. However, it asks judges to "presume that a placement schedule that equalizes to the highest degree the amount of time the child may spend with each parent is to the child's best interest." The presumptions may be rebutted by "clear and convincing evidence." This will reduce the temptation of the parties to make false accusations of abuse. It will help to "level the playing field" in family court so that dads, moms and children can all be winners.



State of Wisconsin
2011 - 2012 LEGISLATURE



LRB-0611/1
PJK:jld:ph

2011 ASSEMBLY BILL 54

March 21, 2011 - Introduced by Representatives PRIDEMORE, MURSAU, VOS,
KLEEFISCH, HONADEL and ZIEGELBAUER, cosponsored by Senators LASEE and
LAZICH. Referred to Committee on Children and Families.

1 AN ACT *to repeal* 767.451 (1) (b) 3.; *to amend* 767.41 (4) (a) 2., 767.41 (6) (a) and
2 767.451 (1) (b) 2. (intro.); *to repeal and recreate* 767.451 (1) (b) 2. a. and
3 767.451 (1) (b) 2. b.; and *to create* 767.41 (5) (am) 5m. of the statutes; **relating**
4 **to:** equalizing physical placement to the highest degree, requiring the court to
5 state the reasons for ordering sole legal custody or not equalizing physical
6 placement, and standards for modifying legal custody or physical placement.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, in an action affecting the family, such as a divorce or a paternity action, a court must determine the legal custody of a minor child based on the best interest of the child. In current law, there is a presumption that joint legal custody is in the child's best interest. The court also must allocate periods of physical placement between the parties. The court is required to set a placement schedule that allows the child to have regularly occurring, meaningful periods of physical placement with each parent and that maximizes the amount of time the child may spend with each parent, taking into consideration geographic separation and accommodations for different households. The court may deny periods of physical placement with a parent only if the court finds that the physical placement would endanger the child's physical, mental, or emotional health. When determining custody and periods of physical placement, the court is required, under current law, to consider a number of factors (custody and placement factors), such as the wishes

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of the child and of the parties, the interaction and interrelationship of the child with his or her parents, the amount and quality of time that each party has spent with the child in the past, the child's adjustment to the home, school, and community, and the cooperation and communication between the parties.

This bill provides that, when the court allocates periods of physical placement, instead of maximizing the amount of time a child may spend with each parent, taking into consideration geographic separation and accommodations for different households, the court must presume that a placement schedule that equalizes to the highest degree the amount of time the child may spend with each parent is in the child's best interest. This presumption may be rebutted if the court finds by clear and convincing evidence, after considering the custody and placement factors, that equalizing physical placement would not be in the child's best interest. The bill also makes the geographic separation of the parties an additional custody and placement factor for the court to consider in every case when determining custody and periods of physical placement.

Under current law, if legal custody or physical placement is contested, the court must state in writing why its findings relating to legal custody or physical placement are in the best interest of the child. Under the bill, if legal custody or physical placement is contested and the court orders sole legal custody or a placement schedule that does not equalize placement between the parties to the highest degree, the court must state both orally and in writing the reasons for its order.

Under current law, after two years after making an initial order of legal custody or physical placement, a court may revise legal custody or physical placement in a manner that substantially alters the time a parent may spend with his or her child if the court finds that the modification is in the best interest of the child and that there has been a substantial change in circumstances since the last order was made. There is a rebuttable presumption that continuing the current allocation of decision making concerning the child and continuing the child's physical placement with the parent with whom the child resides for the greater period of time is in the best interest of the child, and a change in the economic circumstances or marital status of a party is not sufficient to meet the standard for modification. The bill changes the rebuttable presumption that applies to modifications after two years after an initial order of legal custody or physical placement. Under the bill, there is a rebuttable presumption that the standard for modification is met, that is, that modification is in the best interest of the child and that there has been a substantial change in circumstances since the last order was made, if either of the following has occurred: 1) a parent has modified his or her lifestyle or the location of his or her residence to an extent that affects the amount of time the parent is able to care for the child; or 2) a parent has successfully completed parenting classes, a drug or alcohol abuse treatment program, or an anger management program to address a problem that previously hindered his or her ability to care for the child. In addition, the bill deletes the provision that makes a change in the economic circumstances or marital status of a party insufficient to meet the standard for modification. The effect of this change is to make a change in economic circumstances or marital status

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possibly, depending on the circumstances, but not automatically, sufficient to meet the standard for modification.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

1 **SECTION 1.** 767.41 (4) (a) 2. of the statutes is amended to read:

2 767.41 (4) (a) 2. In determining the allocation of periods of physical placement,
3 the court shall consider each case on the basis of the factors in sub. (5) (am), subject
4 to sub. (5) (bm). The court shall set presume that a placement schedule that allows
5 the child to have regularly occurring, meaningful periods of physical placement with
6 each parent and that maximizes equalizes to the highest degree the amount of time
7 the child may spend with each parent, taking into account geographic separation and
8 accommodations for different households is in the best interest of the child. The
9 presumption under this subdivision is rebutted if the court finds by clear and
10 convincing evidence, after considering all of the factors in sub. (5) (am), subject to
11 sub. (5) (bm), that equalizing physical placement to the highest degree would not be
12 in the child's best interest.

13 **SECTION 2.** 767.41 (5) (am) 5m. of the statutes is created to read:

14 767.41 (5) (am) 5m. The geographic separation of the parties.

15 **SECTION 3.** 767.41 (6) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

16 767.41 (6) (a) If legal custody or physical placement is contested and the court
17 orders sole legal custody or a placement schedule that does not equalize physical
18 placement between the parties to the highest degree, the court shall state orally and
19 in writing why its findings relating to legal custody or physical placement are in the
20 best interest of the child the reasons for its order.

21 **SECTION 4.** 767.451 (1) (b) 2. (intro.) of the statutes is amended to read:

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SECTION 4

1 767.451 (1) (b) 2. (intro.) ~~With respect to subd. 1., there~~ There is a rebuttable
2 presumption that any of the following is sufficient to meet the standards for
3 modification under subd. 1.:

4 **SECTION 5.** 767.451 (1) (b) 2. a. of the statutes is repealed and recreated to read:

5 767.451 (1) (b) 2. a. A parent modifying his or her lifestyle or the location of his
6 or her residence to an extent that affects the amount of time the parent is able to care
7 for the child.

8 **SECTION 6.** 767.451 (1) (b) 2. b. of the statutes is repealed and recreated to read:

9 767.451 (1) (b) 2. b. A parent having successfully completed parenting classes,
10 a drug or alcohol abuse treatment program, or an anger management program to
11 address a problem that previously hindered the parent's ability to care for the child.

12 **SECTION 7.** 767.451 (1) (b) 3. of the statutes is repealed.

13 **SECTION 8. Initial applicability.**

14 (1) This act first applies to actions or proceedings, including actions or
15 proceedings to modify a judgment or order previously granted, that are commenced
16 on the effective date of this subsection.

17 (END)

RESOLUTION

ROCK COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Michelle Schultz and Vicki Brown
INITIATED BY



Michelle Schultz and Vicki Brown
DRAFTED BY

Planning and Development Committee
SUBMITTED BY

May 16, 2011
DATE DRAFTED

RECOGNIZING JANICE QUADE FOR SERVICE TO ROCK COUNTY

- 1 WHEREAS, Janice Quade has given the citizens of Rock County over 18 years of public service; and,
- 2
- 3 WHEREAS, Janice Quade began her service in 1993 as the Town of Lima Treasurer and continues to
- 4 serve as Lima Treasurer today; and,
- 5
- 6 WHEREAS, in 1994 Jan began her employment with Rock County as a seasonal employee in the
- 7 Treasurer's Office, and subsequently in March of 1996 became a full time Account Clerk II in that
- 8 office; and,
- 9
- 10 WHEREAS, on July 9, 2007 Jan accepted the shared position of a .7 Real Property Specialist in the
- 11 Real Property Description Office and .3 Account Clerk II in the County Treasurer's Office and has
- 12 enthusiastically served in these positions until her retirement on August 5, 2011; and,
- 13
- 14 WHEREAS, Jan's outgoing, friendly style and her willingness to assist both her coworkers and the
- 15 public alike will be greatly missed.
- 16
- 17 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Rock County Board of Supervisors duly
- 18 assembled this _____ day of _____, 2011 does hereby recognize Janice Quade for her many
- 19 years of dependable service with Rock County and extends its sincere expression of appreciation to
- 20 Jan along with their best wishes to her in her future endeavors.
- 21
- 22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the County Clerk be authorized and directed to furnish a copy
- 23 of this Resolution to Janice Quade.

Respectfully submitted,

PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Alan Sweeney, Chair

Mary Mawhinney
Mary Mawhinney, Chair

Mary Mawhinney, Vice-Chair

Sandra Kraft
Sandra Kraft, Vice Chair

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Louis Peer

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MEMORANDUM

TO: County Board Staff Committee

FROM: Jeffrey S. Kuglitsch
Corporation Counsel 

DATE: June 13, 2011


RE: Out-of-State Training and Conferences

Resolution No. 06-9A-087 requires each department head to report semi-annually all instances of attendances at all training, conventions and conferences that exceed costs of \$1,000 per event, per employee to their respective governing committee for informational purposes.

Please be advised that no one from my department has attended or will attend any training, conventions and conferences that exceed costs of \$1,000 per event, per employee during the first six months of 2011.

cc: Craig Knutson

MEMORANDUM

DATE: July 5, 2011
TO: County Board Staff Committee
FROM: Craig Knutson, County Administrator 
SUBJECT: Out-of-State Training and Conferences

As required by Resolution #06-9A-087, which requires each department head to report semi-annually all instances of attendances at all training, conventions and conferences that exceed \$1,000 per event, per employee to their respective governing committee for informational purposes.

Please be advised that no one in the County Administrator's Office has attended any training, conferences or conventions that exceed \$1,000 per event, per employee during the first six months of 2011.

CK/mb

MEM.OUT-OF-STATE

ROCK COUNTY, WISCONSIN



Human Resources Dept.
Rock County Courthouse
51 South Main Street
Janesville, WI 53545
Phone: (608) 757-5520
FAX: (608) 757-5512

MEMORANDUM

TO: Chair J. Russell Podzilni and Members
of the County Board Staff Committee

FROM: Dave O'Connell
Human Resources Director

DATE: July 6, 2011

RE: Semi-Annual Report – Attendance at Trainings/Conventions/Conferences

Resolution No. 06-9A-087 requires each department head to report semi-annually all instances of attendances at all training, conventions and conferences that exceed costs of \$1,000 per event, per employee to their respective governing committee for informational purposes.

Please be advised that no one from my department has attended or will attend any training, convention or conference that exceeds the cost of \$1,000 per event, per employee during the first six months of 2011.

DO/dr

cc: Craig Knutson, County Administrator