

Resolution to Establish and to Fund Part-Time Circuit Court Commissioner for 2012.

TO THE HONORABLE SUPERVISORS OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF POLK:

¶1 WHEREAS, Polk County and the State of Wisconsin share a common responsibility in providing cost effective and efficient judicial services the Polk County Circuit Court; and

¶2 WHEREAS, pursuant to Wisconsin Statute Section 757.68, the Polk County Board of Supervisors is authorized to establish the number and salary of circuit court commissioners that are necessary for the efficient administration of judicial business within the Polk County Circuit Court; and

¶3 WHEREAS, circuit court commissioners, as established by the county board of supervisors, are appointed and supervised by chief judge of the judicial administrative district; and

¶4 WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 757.69, circuit court commissioners may be authorized to preside over a wide array of court cases, including juvenile and children, family law, traffic and county ordinances, small claims, commitments, guardianships/protective placements and probate, child abuse, vulnerable adult and domestic abuse injunction proceedings, and criminal matters, which, when utilized, facilitates and expedites the efficient handling of all court matters that come before the Polk County Circuit Court; and

¶5 WHEREAS the Polk County Board of Supervisors has previously established the part-time Family Court Commissioner for the sole purpose of presiding over family law cases; and

¶6 WHEREAS, the judges of Polk County Circuit Court have recommended to expand the role of the Circuit Court Commissioner to address prevalent court case loads and the continued growing need for judicial services within the Polk County Circuit Court; and

¶7 WHEREAS, restructure and expansion of the circuit court commissioner responsibilities to include those areas authorized under Section 757.69 will alleviate existing court congestion and promote cost effectiveness and efficiency in the administration of the judicial business of the Polk County Circuit Court;

¶8 WHEREAS, it is in the interest of the County that the number and salary of Circuit Court Commissioners be set on an annual basis, consistent with the county's budget process, so that costs and efficiencies may be properly monitored and that county resources may be appropriately allocated consistent with prevailing need for judicial services.

¶9 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that, pursuant to Section 757.68(1), the Polk County Board does establish for the calendar year 2012, commencing January 1, 2012 and

terminating on December 31, 2012 one Circuit Court Commissioner for the Polk County Circuit Court, which shall be a part-time contractual appointment.

~~¶10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, pursuant to Section 757.68(6), the Polk County Board of Supervisors sets the 2012 salary of the part-time Circuit Court Commissioner, so established, at the sum of \$55,000.~~

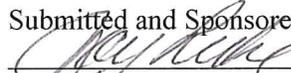
~~¶11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in accordance with section 757.68(6), the Polk County Board of Supervisors authorizes the expenditure of the sum of \$5,100 toward mandated office space, furnishings, supplies and services, which shall include, but not be limited to, the purchase and installation of electronic recording equipment in the Polk County Justice Center, Branch 3.~~

¶12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Circuit Court Commissioner shall provide periodic reports to the Polk County Protection and Judicial Committee.

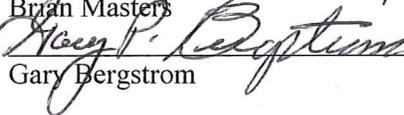
¶13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that authorization for the Circuit Court Commissioner as contained herein shall expire on December 31, 2012.

Funding Amount: ~~\$55,000 Salary~~
~~\$ 5,100 Electronic/Digital Recording System~~
~~Equipment and Installation~~
Funding Source: 2012 County Levy – Allocated to Circuit Court
Date Finance Committee Advised: _____
Finance Committee Recommendation: _____
Effective Date: Upon Passage Date
Submitted to County Board: October 18, 2011

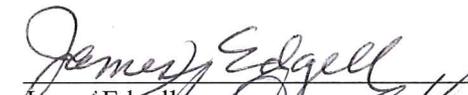
Submitted and Sponsored By the Polk County Protection and Judicial Committee:



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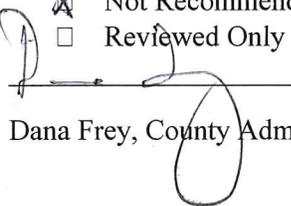


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Review By County Administrator:

- Recommended
- Not Recommended
- Reviewed Only



Dana Frey, County Administrator

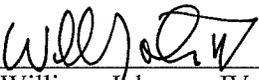
Review By Corporation Counsel:

- Approved as to Form
- Recommended
- Not Recommended
- Reviewed Only



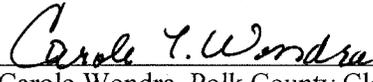
Jeffrey B. Euge, Corporation Counsel

At its regular business meeting on October 18, 2011, the Polk County Board of Supervisors adopted the above-entitled resolution, Resolution No. 53 -11: Resolution to Establish and to Fund Part-Time Circuit Court Commissioner for 2012, by a simple majority vote of ___ in favor and ___ against.



William Johnson, IV, County Board Chair

Carried by Voice Vote
Dated: 10.24.2011

Attest: 

Carole Wondra, Polk County Clerk

Dated: 10.21.11

STATE OF WISCONSIN)
) SS
COUNTY OF POLK)

I, Carole T. Wondra, Clerk for Polk County, do hereby certify that the
attached is a true and correct copy of Resolution No. 53 that was adopted
by the Polk County Board of Supervisors on October 18, 2011.

Carole T. Wondra 10-21-11
Carole T. Wondra Date
Polk County Clerk