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COUNTY OF ROCK  )

This is to certify that this Resolution (Resolution No. 19-5B-254) is a true and correct copy of the original as passed by the Rock County Board of Supervisors at a meeting of said Board held in the Rock County Courthouse, Janesville, Wisconsin, on Thursday, May 23, 2019.

Given under my hand and Official Seal of the County of Rock, State of Wisconsin, this 24th day of May, 2019.

Lisa Tollefson
Rock County Clerk
RESOLUTION
ROCK COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Supervisor Wesley Davis
INITIATED BY

Public Works Committee &
County Board Staff Committee
SUBMITTED BY

Supervisor Wesley Davis
DRAFTED BY

March 28, 2019
DATE DRAFTED

WHEREAS, many private property owners in Rock County feel that their private property rights, under current Wisconsin law, are not adequately protected from encroachment by outside entities, be they local, out of state, or international; and

WHEREAS, eminent domain has historically been used sparingly for ensuring the public good with provable need and just compensation; and

WHEREAS, public good cannot be construed to mean promotion of projects for private gain by outside corporate entities; and

WHEREAS, a clearly defined and demonstrated “public good” might be things demonstrating a true community need like roadways, schools, public parks, public housing, and community centers; and

WHEREAS, any other claimed cause for the taking of private property shall be proven to be for a public good in a court of law by jury trial only; and

WHEREAS, eminent domain shall not be used for any taking which is not for public good; and

WHEREAS, a special legislative commission on the use of eminent domain shall be established to allow the public and local communities to voice their concerns over its use and for the State Legislature to explore revisions and amendments to the current eminent domain requirements in Chapter 32 Wisconsin Statutes.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Rock County Board of Supervisors duly assembled this 9th day of May, 2019, does hereby request that the State of Wisconsin establish a special legislative commission on the use of eminent domain in order to allow the state legislature to pursue a change of law for the protection of its citizens’ private property rights.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution will be forwarded to the Governor, Wisconsin State Legislature, the Public Service Commissioners and to the Wisconsin Counties Association.

Respectfully submitted:

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

Betty Jo Bissie, Chair

Absent
Brent Fox, Vice Chair

Absent
Brenton Driscoll

Rick Richard

Jeremy Zieg}

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J. Russell Podzilni, Chair
Mary MaWhinney, Vice Chair

Absent
Richard Bostwick
Henry Brill
Betty deBossie

Louis Peer
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absent
Alan Sweeney
Terry Thomas

Bob Yeomans

FISCAL NOTE:
This resolution is advisory only and has no direct fiscal impact on Rock County operations in and by itself.

Sherry Oja
Finance Director

ADMINISTRATIVE NOTE:
Matter of Policy.

Josh Smith
County Administrator

LEGAL NOTE:
Advisory only.

Richard Greenle
Corporation Counsel