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RESOLUTION NO. 2014-_____

Establishing Task Force on County Government Organization and Operations

Executive Summary

Operational costs for Jefferson County government are rising at a faster rate than revenues. One method to address these rising operational costs is to determine how county government can be operated more efficiently without reducing or eliminating services to the citizens of Jefferson County. This can be accomplished by creating a Task Force on County Government Organization and Operations which will work with the County Administrator and staff of county departments. This task force will be charged with conducting research and making policy recommendations to the Board that would reduce operational costs and enhance the ability of county government to provide and sustain delivery of quality services to its citizens as mandated and/or desired by the citizens of Jefferson County.

WHEREAS, Jefferson County government is operating in a fiscal environment where operational costs rise at a faster rate than revenues, and

WHEREAS, Jefferson County government provides services that are mandated by the State of Wisconsin and/or desired by its citizens, and

WHEREAS, the best way to address the rising operational costs is to determine how county government can be operated more efficiently without reducing or eliminating services to the citizens of Jefferson County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Jefferson County Board of Supervisors hereby establishes the Task Force on County Government Organization and Operations, with support from the County Administrator and respective staff, which is charged with conducting research and making policy recommendations to the Board that would reduce operational costs and enhance the ability of county government to provide and sustain delivery of quality services to its citizens as mandated and/or desired by the citizens of Jefferson County.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Task Force shall be comprised of between 7 and 9 members appointed by the County Board Chair consisting of county board supervisors, county employees, elected officials and/or other interested participants. The Task Force may assemble advisory groups and/or working groups to address specific issues and/or functional areas of County Government.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Task Force shall report its findings and recommendations to the County Board no later than May 12, 2015, at which time the Task Force shall be dissolved, or if additional research is needed, continued until its mission is complete.

Fiscal Note: Estimated annual expenses for per diems and mileage will be approximately \$_____.

Ayes _____ Noes _____ Abstain _____ Absent _____ Vacant _____

Requested by Administration & Rules Committee 11-12-14
J. Blair Ward: 09-24-14; 09-29-14 APPROVED: Administrator _____; Corp. Counsel _____; Finance Director _____

The following documents were provided for the Task Force for review:

- 2015 Adopted Budget
http://www.jeffersoncountywi.gov/government/2015_recommended_budget.php
- Administrative Services Audit
http://www.jeffersoncountywi.gov/Reports/Administrative_Services_Audit.pdf
- Highway Department Study
http://cms4.revize.com/revize/jeffersoncounty/Highway/Highway_Department_Study.pdf
- Human Services Audit
http://cms4.revize.com/revize/jeffersoncounty/Human_Services/HS_FINAL_REPORT_wAddendum.pdf
- Local Government Institute of WI Case Studies
http://www.localgovinstitute.org/sites/default/files/CaseStudies1212-Final_0.pdf
- MIS Operational Audit
http://www.jeffersoncountywi.gov/Reports/MIS_Operational_Audit_Final_Report.pdf
- Sheriff's Office Audit
http://www.jeffersoncountywi.gov/Reports/Sheriff_Audit_Final_Report_w_Appendices.pdf