

ORDINANCE NO. 2013-21

Abolish the office of the Coroner and create the office of Medical Examiner

WHEREAS, Section 59.20, Wisconsin Statutes, creates a four year term for an elected Coroner, which position was last elected in November 2010 to a term ending in January 2015, and

WHEREAS, Sections 59.34 and 59.38 allow a County Board to abolish the office of elected Coroner and create the office of Medical Examiner to perform the same duties as a Coroner, and

WHEREAS, the County can establish minimum qualifications for the person filling the position of Medical Examiner and insure that the position is filled by a competent person, and

WHEREAS, the Human Resources Committee has reviewed the option and recommends abolishing the office of elected Coroner and creating the office of Medical Examiner,

THE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF JEFFERSON COUNTY DOES HEREBY ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The office of elected Coroner is hereby abolished at the end of the current incumbent's term.

Section 2. At the end of the current term of the elected Coroner, the office of Medical Examiner is created.

Section 3. The Law Enforcement and Emergency Management Committee shall continue to address policy for the new position as it had the position of the Coroner.

Section 4. The Medical Examiner shall be a department head appointed by the County Administrator and confirmed by the County Board.

Section 5. That the compensation for the Medical Examiner and such Medical Examiner Assistants as may be created by the Board shall be established as part of the 2015 budget.

Section 6. That the Medical Examiner and assistants shall be covered under the County's employee blanket bond.

Section 7. This ordinance shall be effective after passage and publication as provided by law.

Adopted by the Jefferson County Board of Supervisors this 14th day of January 2014.

s/John Molinaro

John Molinaro

Chair

ATTEST:

s/Barbara A. Frank

Barbara A. Frank, County Clerk

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AYES __voice vote____
NOES _____
ABSTAIN _____
ABSENT _____
VACANT _____

Requested by
Human Resources Committee

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Philip C. Ristow: 01-07-14; 01-08-14