EXECUTIVE

Brown County

305 E. WALNUT STREET
P.O. BOX 23600
GREEN BAY, WI 54305-3600

Troy Streckenbach

PHONE (920) 448-4001 FAX (920) 448-4003

BROWN COUNTY EXECUTIVE

MEDIA RELEASE
Immediate Release
Monday, June 06, 2016

Contact: Scott Matejov
Phone: (920) 448-4083

BROWN COUNTY EXECUTIVE TROY STRECKENBACH STATEMENT ON CORPORATION COUNSEL SETTLEMENT

Brown County, WI – Brown County Executive Troy Streckenbach released the following statement in response to questions relating to the former Brown County corporation counsel settlement:

"Due to the seriousness of the allegations and possible legal liabilities, an independent special investigator was brought in to investigate employee complaints regarding Juliana Ruenzel. After reviewing the investigation findings I initiated termination. However, outside counsel strongly advised that a settlement be reached due to threatened litigation. In addition, the termination process would have severely crippled the functionality of the corporation counsel's office, and created potential lawsuits from the complainants. I believe it was in the taxpayer's best financial interest to mitigate costly lawsuits, keep a fully functioning corporation counsel office and protect women's rights in the workplace.

Since a few County Supervisors have apparently been speaking openly about the matter, the risk management basis for protecting the specifics of this matter no longer exist. So, I intend to release the investigative report consistent with statutory requirements."

###