

**RESOLUTION
ROCK COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

Public Safety and Justice
INITIATED BY



David Sleeter
DRAFTED BY

Public Safety and Justice
SUBMITTED BY

March 4, 2010
DATE DRAFTED

**Amending the Cellular Implementation Grant and Authorizing Agreement
with Grants Office, LLC**

1 **WHEREAS**, interoperable voice radio communications between all county/municipal entities
2 and the Communications Center is essential in providing the most efficient services to the
3 citizens of Rock County in the event of multi-jurisdictional response emergencies; and,
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5 **WHEREAS**, interoperable voice radio communications between all Rock County
6 governmental entities does not currently exist; and,
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8 **WHEREAS**, the cities of Janesville, Beloit and Rock County cooperatively completed a
9 county-wide communications interoperability study to determine the feasibility of developing an
10 interoperable county-wide voice communications system; and,
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12 **WHEREAS**, the jointly completed communications interoperability study identified the best
13 solution for radio communications interoperability within Rock County would be a countywide
14 VHF/UHF digital trunked voice radio system at a cost estimated to be \$8.6 million; and,
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16 **WHEREAS**, Rock County has proposed the establishment of a countywide VHF/UHF digital
17 trunked voice radio system if the governmental entities within the county could secure grant
18 funding and the operational costs of the system would be shared equitably by the users of
19 the radio system; and,
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21 **WHEREAS**, the cities of Janesville, Beloit and Rock County have agreed to cooperatively
22 contract for grant writing services not to exceed \$12,000 in an attempt to obtain the
23 necessary grant funding for a countywide VHF/UHF digital trunked voice radio system; and,
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25 **WHEREAS**, the funding necessary for the County portion of the grant writing services is
26 currently available.
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28 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Rock County Board of Supervisors duly
29 assembled this 25th day of March 2010 does hereby authorize the County Board
30 Chair to enter into an agreement with Grants Office, LLC for grant writing services not to
31 exceed \$12,000; and,
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33 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Cellular E-911 Implementation Grant Account be
34 amended as follows:
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<u>Account/Description</u>	<u>Budget at 01/01/2010</u>	<u>Increase (Decrease)</u>	<u>Amended Budget</u>
<u>Source of Funds</u>			
23-2402-0000-45200/ Intergovernmental Charges	0	\$ 8,000	\$ 8,000
<u>Use of Funds</u>			
23-2402-0000-62119/ Other Contracted Services	\$10,000	\$ 8,000	\$18,000

10-3B-514

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Respectfully submitted,

Public Safety and Justice Committee

Ivan Collins
Ivan Collins, Chair

Absent
Brian Knudson, Vice Chair

Mary Beaver
Mary Beaver

Hank Brill
Hank Brill

Larry Wiedenfeld
Larry Wiedenfeld

Finance Committee Endorsement

Reviewed and approved on a vote of

4-0

Mary Mawhinney
Mary Mawhinney, Chair

FISCAL NOTE:

This Resolution authorizes a \$12,000 grant writing contract with \$8,000 of the contact cost contributed by the Cities of Beloit and Janesville. The County's \$4,000 share is included in the 911 Cellular Grant A/C 23-2402-0000-62119.

Jeffrey A. Smith
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Finance Director

LEGAL NOTE:

The County Board is authorized to take this action pursuant to secs. 59.01 and 59.52(6), Wis. Stats. As an amendment to the adopted 2010 County Budget, this Resolution requires a 2/3 vote of the entire membership of the County Board pursuant to sec. 65.90(5)(a), Wis. Stats.

Jeffrey S. Kuglitsch
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Corporation Counsel

ADMINISTRATIVE NOTE:

Recommended.

Craig Knutson
Craig Knutson
County Administrator

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Amending the Cellular Implementation Grant and Authorizing Agreement with Grants Office, LLC

In 2009, the cities of Janesville, Beloit and the County of Rock equally contributed to complete a countywide voice communications interoperability study. The purpose of the study was to determine the feasibility of developing an interoperable countywide voice communications system that would go beyond the existing public safety agency interoperability to include other governmental services (Public Works, Transit, Water Utility, etc.). Such a system would provide a fully interoperable voice communications system for any/all county and municipal government services that would respond to critical incidents. A side benefit would be the reduction in radio equipment redundancies and costs.

The communications study identified the best solution for radio communications interoperability within Rock County, that being to implement a countywide VHF/UHF digital trunked voice radio system estimated to cost \$8.6 million. This solution would also meet the 2013 radio frequency narrowbanding requirements mandated by the Federal Communications Commission that will affect most governmental radio frequencies operating within Rock County.

Rock County has proposed the establishment of a countywide VHF/UHF digital trunked voice radio system if the governmental entities within the County could secure grant funding to implement the system, and the actual users of the radio system would equally share the operational costs of the system. To this end, the cities of Janesville, Beloit and Rock County have proposed to cooperatively contract for grant writing services in attempt to receive grant funding for a countywide digital trunked voice radio system. The total cost of the proposed grant writing services would not exceed \$12,000.

The funding necessary for the County portion of the proposed grant writing services is currently available in the 2010 budget. The grant-writing vendor would be Grants Office, LLC of Rochester, New York. This vendor successfully completed a county-wide grant application for Rock County funded by the Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program (FEMA).