

RESOLUTION

ROCK COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Shirley Connors
INITIATED BY

Public Safety & Justice Committee
SUBMITTED BY



Shirley Ann Klipstein
Administrative Assistant
DRAFTED BY

November 28, 2011
DATE DRAFTED

AUTHORIZING RENEWAL OF AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF JANESVILLE FOR HAZMAT RESPONSE SERVICES

1 WHEREAS, the City of Janesville has firefighters equipped and trained in the proficiency standards
2 necessary to safely and effectively respond to Level "B" hazardous materials releases; and,
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4 WHEREAS, the City of Janesville is willing to deploy the team to respond to Level "B" incidents on
5 a countywide basis should other local jurisdictions request such assistance under the provision that
6 the response is cost neutral to the City of Janesville; and,
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8 WHEREAS, the City of Janesville and Rock County have had an agreement in place for HAZMAT
9 response services capable up to Level "B" incidents since the fall of 2004; and,
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11 WHEREAS, the terms of the HAZMAT Response Services Agreement are structured such that it
12 is cost neutral to the City of Janesville; and,
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14 WHEREAS, Sec. 323.71 of the State Statutes and Chapter 5 of the Rock County Ordinances allow
15 Rock County to bill the responsible party for the cost to respond to hazardous materials releases; and,
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17 WHEREAS, the billing is structured such that Rock County is able to recoup some, if not all, of
18 its costs depending on the number and duration of HAZMAT responses; and,
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20 WHEREAS, given Rock County's population density, transportation corridors, industrial base and
21 focus on homeland security, the Rock County Board of Supervisors believes it is prudent to continue
22 to maintain a countywide response capability.
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24 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Rock County Board of Supervisors duly
25 assembled this 15th day of December, 2011, does hereby authorize and direct the Rock
26 County Board Chair and the County Clerk to execute the renewal of the HAZMAT Response
27 Services Agreement with the City of Janesville.

PUBLIC SAFETY & JUSTICE COMMITTEE

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Ivan Collins, Chair

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Larry Wiedenfeld, Vice Chair

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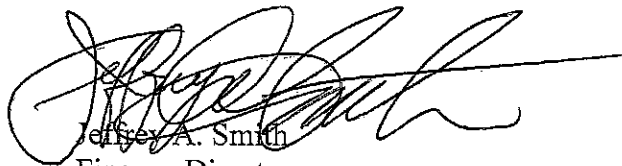
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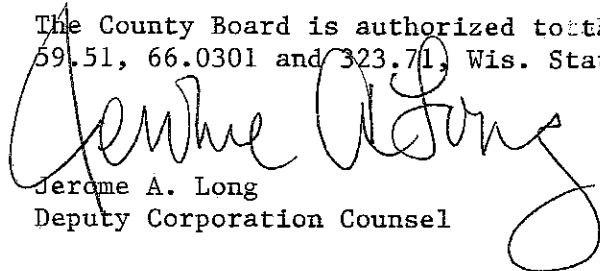
\$46,347 is included in the 2012 adopted budget for the Level B HAZMAT Program, A/C 26-2540-0000-62119.



Jeffrey A. Smith
Finance Director

LEGAL NOTE:

The County Board is authorized to take this action pursuant to secs. 59.01, 59.51, 66.0301 and 323.71, Wis. Stats.



Jerome A. Long
Deputy Corporation Counsel

ADMINISTRATIVE NOTE:

Recommended.



Craig Knutson
County Administrator

Executive Summary

This resolution authorizes the Board Chair and County Clerk to renew a three-year Agreement with the City of Janesville for the provision of Hazmat response services. Under this agreement, the HAZMAT Response Team, composed of members of the Janesville Fire Department, will respond to Level "B" hazardous materials incidents that occur anywhere within Rock County with the goal of arriving on scene in less than one hour. The Team will include approximately 38 personnel trained to the Hazardous Materials Technician level. This compliment of technicians would mean that a minimum of six to eight technicians are on duty at any given time. Should more technicians be needed to respond to a major event, additional team members would be called in.

The City is willing to provide services to Rock County with the caveat that it is cost neutral. Under this agreement, the County commits to pay for the fixed cost of keeping the team trained and response ready. Each August, the City sends the County the anticipated costs for budget purposes. In January, the City sends the County an invoice for the actual costs for the previous fiscal year. Those costs cover items such as training expense, medical monitoring and maintenance cost. The City anticipates the 2012 fixed expense to be \$46,347.00. The County budgeted this amount and anticipates an invoice for actual expenses in January 2012.

The County also commits to pay the City for any variable cost the Team incurs should it make a HAZMAT response. Those costs include items such as employee time and consumable materials associated with the HAZMAT response. The County would pay the City's costs and bill the party responsible for the incident.

This Agreement may or may not be cost neutral to Rock County. Under State Statutes and Chapter 5 of the County Ordinances, Rock County can bill and collect from the responsible party for the cost of responding to hazardous materials incidents. The amount collected each year would depend on how many times the Team is called out and how long it takes to control the incident.