

/s/

RESOLUTION NO. 21-4A-220

AGENDA NO. 4.E.6. (1)

RESOLUTION

ROCK COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Sheriff Troy J. Knudson
INITIATED BY

Public Safety & Justice
Committee
SUBMITTED BY



Sergeant Shena Kohler
DRAFTED BY

3/22/2021
DATE DRAFTED

**AUTHORIZING A ONE - YEAR AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF JANESVILLE
FOR THE HAZARDOUS MATERIALS RESPONSE TEAM**

1 **WHEREAS**, the City of Janesville has firefighters equipped and trained in the proficiency standards
2 necessary to safely and effectively respond to a Level "B" or Type III hazardous materials release; and,
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4 **WHEREAS**, the City of Janesville is willing to deploy the team to respond to incidents involving actual
5 or potential hazardous material releases of a Type III level of response on a countywide basis under the
6 provision that the response is cost neutral to the City of Janesville; and,
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8 **WHEREAS**, the City of Janesville has previously provided contracted hazardous material response
9 services and confirmed a team of certified and equipped firefighters within the Janesville Fire Department
10 capable to serve as the Rock County Hazardous Materials Response Team, originally established in 2004;
11 and,
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13 **WHEREAS**, Wisconsin State Statute 323.71 and Chapter 2.5 of the Rock County Ordinances allow Rock
14 County to bill the responsible party for the cost to respond to hazardous material releases; and,
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16 **WHEREAS**, the billing is structured such that Rock County is able to recover some, if not all, of the costs
17 associated with a hazardous materials response; and,
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19 **WHEREAS**, given Rock County's population density, transportation corridors, industrial base and focus
20 on homeland security, the Rock County Board of Supervisors believes it is prudent to continue to maintain
21 a countywide response capability.
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23 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Rock County Board of Supervisors duly
24 assembled this 8th day of April, 2021 does hereby authorize and direct the Rock
25 County Board Chair and the Rock County Clerk to execute the one – year Rock County Hazmat
26 Response Services Agreement with the City of Janesville in the amount of \$55,350.

Respectfully submitted,

PUBLIC SAFETY AND JUSTICE COMMITTEE

/s/Mary Beaver
Mary Beaver, Chair

/s/Brian Knudson
Brian Knudson, Vice Chair

/s/Jacob Taylor
Jacob Taylor

/s/Ron Bomkamp
Ron Bomkamp

/s/Danette Rynes
Danette Rynes

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.

/s/Bridget Laurent

Bridget Laurent
Deputy Corporation Counsel

FISCAL NOTE:

These services are funded by tax levy.

/s/Sherry Oja

Sherry Oja
Finance Director

ADMINISTRATIVE NOTE:

Recommended.

/s/Josh Smith
County Administrator

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Rock County Hazardous Materials Response Team was permanently established in 2004, pursuant to the Rock County Hazmat Emergency Response Plan as mandated by Wisconsin Statute 323.14 and under the authority granted to local agencies to respond to hazardous substance releases per Wisconsin Statute 323.71.

The County of Rock and the City of Janesville Fire Department agreed to intergovernmental cooperation pursuant to the Rock County Hazmat Emergency Response Plan, to utilize the Janesville Hazmat Response Team as a countywide response asset, identifying the team as the Rock County Hazardous Materials Response Team. The Rock County Hazardous Materials Response Team is funded by Rock County (Budget 21-2540-0000-00000).

This resolution authorizes the Board Chair and County Clerk to authorize a continued, contractual agreement with the City of Janesville for the provision of Hazmat response services for one calendar year. Under this agreement, the HAZMAT Response Team, composed of members of the Janesville Fire Department, will respond to Level “B” or Type III hazardous material incidents that occur anywhere within Rock County with the goal of arriving on scene in less than one hour. The Team will include approximately 40 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.

The City is willing to provide services to Rock County with the caveat that it is cost neutral for the City of Janesville. Under this agreement, the County commits to pay for the fixed cost of keeping the team trained and response ready for the length of the agreement. The County also commits to pay the City for any incremental cost the team incurs should it make a HAZMAT response. Those costs include items such as employee salaries, benefits, and consumable materials associated with the HAZMAT response. The County reimburses the City’s costs and bills the party responsible for the incident to recover those direct expenses from the response.

Under Wisconsin State Statutes and Chapter 2.5 of the County Ordinances, Rock County can bill and collect from the identified, 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.

Fiscal Year 2021 – Level B Hazmat Team – Budget

Revenues

44100 Fees \$4,000 (Estimated Revenue)

Expenses

62119 Contracted Services \$55,350

History of Budget from Previous Years – Level B Hazmat Team

<u>Year</u>	<u>Revenue</u>	<u>Expense</u>
2020	\$ 0	\$ 34, 398 (Budget \$50,447)
2019	\$ 13,658	\$ 44,691
2018	\$ 0	\$ 50,447
2017	\$ 0	\$ 49,721
2016	\$ 0	\$ 41,371
2015	\$ 17,793	\$ 56,182* <i>*Plus Motor Vehicle Expense - \$10,128</i>
Total	\$ 31,451	\$ 276,810