

RESOLUTION

ROCK COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Sheriff Robert D. Spoden

INITIATED BY

Public Safety & Justice
Committee

SUBMITTED BY



Sergeant Shena Kohler

DRAFTED BY

June 30, 2015

DATE DRAFTED

AUTHORIZING THE RENEWAL OF 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**, Resolution No. 11-12A-530 previously authorized the renewal of the agreement with the
 9 city of Janesville for hazardous material response services and renewed the confirmation of a team of
 10 certified and equipped firefighters within the Janesville Fire Department capable to serve as the Rock
 11 County Hazardous Materials Response Team, originally established in 2004; and,
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 13 **WHEREAS**, Wisconsin State Statute 323.71 and Chapter 2.508 of the Rock County Ordinances allow
 14 Rock 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
 17 costs associated with a hazardous materials response; and,
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 19 **WHEREAS**, given Rock County's population density, transportation corridors, industrial base and
 20 focus on homeland security, the Rock County Board of Supervisors believes it is prudent to continue to
 21 maintain 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 13th day of August, 2015 does hereby authorize and direct the Rock
 25 County Board Chair and the Rock County Clerk to execute the renewal of the Hazmat Response
 26 Services Agreement with the City of Janesville.

15-8A-347

Respectfully submitted,

PUBLIC SAFETY & JUSTICE COMMITTEE

Absent
Mary Beaver, Chair

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Hank Brill

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Terry Fell

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Brian Knudson

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Larry Wiedenfeld

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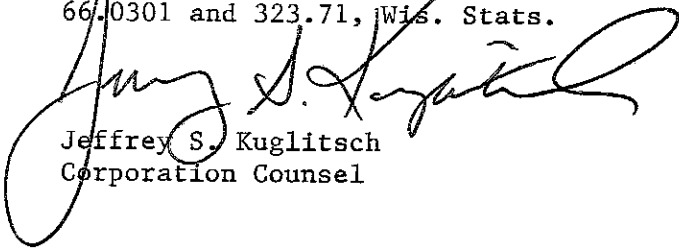
This contract covers FYs 2015-2017. \$48,121 has been included in the 2015 budget to cover estimated costs. Funding will need to be included in the 2016 and 2017 budgets for the estimated cost of these services.



Sherry Oja
Finance Director

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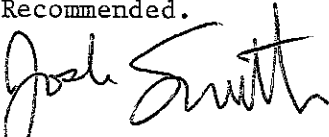
The County Board is authorized to take this action pursuant to secs. 59.01, 59.51, 66.0301 and 323.71, Wis. Stats.



Jeffrey S. Kuglitsch
Corporation Counsel

ADMINISTRATIVE NOTE:

Recommended.



Josh Smith
County Administrator

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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.

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" 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 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.

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. 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 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 Wisconsin State Statutes and Chapter 2.5 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.

The Rock County Hazardous Materials Response Team is also contracted with the State of Wisconsin to serve as a statewide response team for Type III hazardous material responses. The State of Wisconsin provides an additional funding to the team in the approximate amount of \$ 15,813 for equipment purchases.