

**RESOLUTION
ROCK COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

Kathren Sukus, Director
INITIATED BY



Kathren Sukus
DRAFTED BY

Public Safety and Justice
SUBMITTED BY

March 29, 2021
DATE DRAFTED

**Request to Purchase Harris XL-200M Control Station Radios
and Amending the 2021 Budget**

1 **WHEREAS**, the Communications Center is responsible for the continuous operation of the public safety
2 radio system in Rock County; and,
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4 **WHEREAS**, on November 2, 2020 a countywide network storm disabled the dispatch radio consoles at
5 the primary center; and,
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7 **WHEREAS**, the Communications Center requires more robust backup radios in the event of prolonged
8 network disruptions; and,
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10 **WHEREAS**, the Communications Center received a quote for \$39,244.55 for the purchase and installation
11 of (5) Harris XL-200M multi-band radios from our radio system vendor and maintenance provider, General
12 Communications, based off NASPO contract #06913 pricing; and,
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14 **WHEREAS**, the Communications Center's budget will require an amendment to cover this purchase, and;
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16 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Rock County Board of Supervisors duly assembled
17 this 8th day of April, 2021 authorizes the purchase in the amount of \$39,244.55 to be
18 awarded to General Communications, Inc., of Madison, Wisconsin and approves the budget amendments
19 as follows:
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<u>Account/ Description</u>	<u>Budget 04/01/2021</u>	<u>Increase (Decrease)</u>	<u>Amended Budget</u>
<u>Source of Funds</u>			
23-2400-0000-47010 General Fund Application	-0-	\$39,245	\$39,245
<u>Use of Funds</u>			
23-2400-0000-67120 Capital Assets	\$40,504	\$39,245	\$79,749

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Respectfully submitted,

PUBLIC SAFETY AND JUSTICE COMMITTEE

/s/Mary Beaver

Mary Beaver, Chair

/s/Brian Knudson

Brian Knudson, Vice Chair

/s/Ronald Bomkamp

Ronald Bomkamp

/s/Danette Rynes

Danette Rynes

/s/Jacob Taylor

Jacob Taylor

Finance Committee Endorsement

Reviewed and approved on a vote of 5-0

/s/Mary Mawhinney

Mary Mawhinney, Chair

4-8-2021

Date

LEGAL NOTE:

The County Board is authorized to take this action pursuant to secs. 59.01 and 59.51, Wis. Stats. In addition, sec. 59.52(29), Wis. Stats., requires the project to be let to the lowest responsible bidder. As an amendment to the adopted 2021 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.

/s/Bridget Laurent

Bridget Laurent

Deputy Corporation Counsel

FISCAL NOTE:

This resolution requests a transfer of \$39,244.55 from the general fund for the purchase of the radios.

/s/Sherry Oja

Sherry Oja

Finance Director

ADMINISTRATIVE NOTE:

Recommended.

/s/Josh Smith

Josh Smith

County Administrator

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

On November 2, 2020 Rock County experienced a network storm which negatively affected the public safety radio system. To address these issues Rock County Information Technology is currently working to physically separate the radio system from the main county network, which will significantly reduce the chances of a network event like this from ever occurring again. The separation should be complete within the next couple of months pending work that needs to be completed by Spectrum and IT staff.

Another issue that occurred during the November network event was that the dispatch radio consoles locked up and telecommunicators were unable to transmit from their normal radio system/headsets. Use of our backup portable radios did not provide a robust enough signal for the prolonged event. Fortunately, the Beloit Police Department was able to send their mobile communications vehicle to the Center to provide radios with much better signal strength until the network issues could be resolved. While the use of Beloit PD's communications vehicle was very helpful during this event, it provided operational obstacles that would not be sustainable if a similar network event occurred again. Therefore we are requesting to purchase (5) XL-200M control station radios to install within the dispatch center so that staff may remain within the center versus the use of a mobile communications vehicle.

This unprecedented event exposed several issues concerning our dependency on a network system and steps that we must take to enhance our backup radio and paging systems. These suggestions may require additional funding before the end of the year and/or future budgets to make certain we have a very solid backup radio system to support the responders if such a prolonged event ever occurs again.