

**RESOLUTION  
ROCK COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

Finance Committee  
INITIATED BY



Dara Mosley  
DRAFTED BY

Finance Committee  
SUBMITTED BY

May 6, 2020  
DATE DRAFTED

**AUTHORIZING PURCHASE OF CISCO NETWORK EQUIPMENT**

- 1 **WHEREAS**, much of the Rock County networking equipment is older than the recommended industry
- 2 standard; and,
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- 4 **WHEREAS**, the Rock County Information Technology Department identified a network refresh as part
- 5 of its 2020 Capital Improvement Plan; and,
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- 7 **WHEREAS**, CoreBTS, Inc. of Madison is an authorized reseller of Cisco equipment and software; and,
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- 9 **WHEREAS**, the equipment is available from CoreBTS, Inc. under State Contract #505ENT-M16-
- 10 DATACOMMUN-01; and,
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- 12 **WHEREAS**, funds for this software are included in the 2020 Information Technology budget.
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- 14 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Rock County Board of Supervisors duly assembled
- 15 this 14<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2020 authorizes the purchase agreement with CoreBTS, Inc. for an
- 16 amount not to exceed \$750,000 for the purchase of the Cisco network equipment and software.

Respectfully submitted,

FINANCE COMMITTEE

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FISCAL NOTE:

The one time portion of these costs, \$614,000, is being funded by sales tax. The remaining portion is being funded by levy.

*/s/ Sherry Oja*

Sherry Oja  
Finance Director

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.

*/s/ Richard Greenlee*

Richard Greenlee  
Corporation Counsel

ADMINISTRATIVE NOTE:

Recommended.

*/s/ Josh Smith*

Josh Smith  
County Administrator

## **Executive Summary**

The Information Technology Department included funds in the 2020 budget for a project to refresh the County's network equipment. This project will update all of the Cisco switches in the entire County including Public Safety, the Courthouse, Human Services Department, and outlying areas. The switches and software would allow for the IT Services staff to configure the software to identify anomalies as well as other monitoring tools that must be administered on a one to one manual basis. Additionally, this project would allow for the mass migration of departments to new buildings such as the 1717 Center Avenue project that will be occurring in 2021.

In addition, this purchase will include Cisco's Identify Services Engine (ISE) software which aids in network policy enforcement. This is a giant step in improving the security of the network.

This equipment and software will modernize the County infrastructure which will lead to a more reliable and secure network. It will also allow for more efficient means of maintaining and updating network components.

The equipment and software are available from CoreBTS, Inc. under state Contract: #505ENT-M16-DATACOMMUN-01.

The request for funds for this purchase were included in the 2020 Rock County budget.

This resolution authorizes Rock County Information Technology to purchase the Cisco equipment and software from CoreBTS, Inc. for an amount not to exceed \$750,000.