

**RESOLUTION
ROCK COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

Land Conservation Comm.
INITIATED BY



Thomas Sweeney
DRAFTED BY

Land Conservation Comm.
SUBMITTED BY

February 25, 2020
DATE DRAFTED

**AMENDING THE 2020 LAND CONSERVATION DEPARTMENT BUDGET
TO PURCHASE A GPS SURVEY GRADE INSTRUMENT PACKAGE**

1 **WHEREAS**, the Land Conservation Department (LCD) is in need of a new GPS Survey Grade
 2 instrument package; and,
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 4 **WHEREAS**, the current GPS Survey Grade Instrument package, assigned to the LCD, is near the end of
 5 its life and must be updated prior to the upcoming construction season to assure conservation staff
 6 members are not at a disadvantage during spring best management practice installation season; and,
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 8 **WHEREAS**, a new Carlson GPS Survey Grade Instrument package, under state contract is \$13,995; and,
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 10 **WHEREAS**, Land Conservation Committee requests the costs associated with the purchase be
 11 transferred from the prior year sales tax revenue and requests the County Board to amend the 2020 Land
 12 Conservation Department Budget.
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 14 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Rock County Board of Supervisors duly assembled
 15 this ____ day of _____, 2020, approves transferring the \$13,995 from the prior year sales
 16 tax revenue, approves the purchase of the additional Carlson GPS Survey Grade Instrument package,
 17 and hereby amends the Land Conservation Department's budget as follows:

<u>A/C DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>BUDGET AT</u>	<u>INCREASE</u>	<u>AMENDED</u>
	<u>02/17/2020</u>	<u>(DECREASE)</u>	<u>BUDGET</u>
<u>Source of Funds:</u>			
62-6200-0000-46450			
Prior year Sales Tax Revenue	\$ 0	\$ 13,995	\$ 13,995
<u>Use of Funds:</u>			
62-6200-0000-67120			
Capital Assets \$2,000 to \$25,000	\$ 0	\$ 13,995	\$ 13,995

Respectfully submitted:

LAND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE

Richard Bostwick
Richard Bostwick, Chair

Alan Sweeney
Alan Sweeney, Vice Chair

Stephanie Aegerter
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Wes Davis
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Absent
Kaelyb Lokranz

Absent
Robert Potter

James Quade
James Quade, USDA-FSA Representative

Jeremy Zajac
Jeremy Zajac

FINANCE COMMITTEE ENDORSEMENT

Reviewed and approved on a vote of _____

Mary Mawhinney, Chair

20-3A-428

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FISCAL NOTE:

This resolution approves transferring \$13,995 of prior year sales tax revenue to the Land Conservation Department for the purchase of a new GPS survey grade instrument package.



Sherry Oja
Finance Director

LEGAL NOTE:

As an amendment to the adopted 2020 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.



Richard Greenlee
Corporation Counsel

ADMINISTRATIVE NOTE:

Recommended.



Josh Smith
County Administrator

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Land Conservation Department is in need of updating the GPS Survey Grade Instrument package, assigned to it. The current system is near the end of its life and must be updated in the very near future.

The Senior Conservation Specialist, who is the primary staff member to utilize the system, has expressed numerous frustrations this past Fall due to issues within the data collector. Carlson's user support/warranty has expired on this system and limited assistance remains available. The current system went on line in March 2014. Since county made this shift to GPS technology in 2014, reliance on it has improved the quality of work performed and increased efficiency with surveying and design. The current system is utilized by three conservation specialists within the Land Conservation Department and it must be pointed out it is imperative that a dependable functioning system is available to the conservation staff. The current system, will be maintained until it ends its useful life cycle by the Senior Conservation Specialist who is the primary user.

This type of survey instrument is utilized by the Conservation Specialists to conduct conservation practice surveys on a daily basis and in some cases, multiple surveys are conducted in a given day. Also, the GPS system is utilized by staff to assure the BMP's are installed as per the design. Once the survey is deemed complete by the Conservation Specialist, the data is downloaded into the County's GIS software for the designated practices design element. Utilization of the GPS Survey Grade instrument has allowed the Conservation Specialist to complete a greater number of BMP installations throughout the County.

The Land Conservation will utilize prior year sales tax revenue for said purchase of \$13,995, which is the state contract cost for this system.