

RESOLUTION

ROCK COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

General Services Committee
INITIATED BY



11/17/2021
DATE DRAFTED

Approval to Enter into a Lease Agreement with Alliant Energy to Install a 1.4-Megawatt Solar Array on County-owned Property

WHEREAS, Rock County passed a resolution 18-2B-461 to reduce energy consumption and increase the use of renewable energy sources by 25 % by 2025 as long as it is economically feasible; and,

WHEREAS, later the resolution was amended to add become carbon neutral by 2050; and,

WHEREAS, Rock County has been working with Alliant Energy in developing a renewable project that is economically feasible; and,

WHEREAS, Alliant Energy has offered a Customer Hosted solar project where Alliant Energy will install and maintains the equipment for a 1.4-Megawatt solar array on County owned property; and,

WHEREAS, a 1.4-megawatt solar array will be located on 10-acre parcel that is currently zoned as B1- Business /office and 01 -Industrial within the city limits of Janesville just east of the Rock Haven Nursing home; and,

WHEREAS, a 1.4-megawatt solar array will provide enough power equivalent to 365 residential home ; and,

WHEREAS, the power generated will not go directly into the County owned buildings but rather will go into the Alliant Energy grid; and,

WHEREAS, the program will have Alliant Energy leasing the land for 20 years with two 5-year extension option which provides annual lease payment of \$62,643 annually; and,

WHEREAS, the solar array is being placed on property currently being farmed. The annual lease payments will be applied to the PACE program in support of Agland preservation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Rock County Board of Supervisors duly assembled this 16th day of December, 2021 does hereby approve and authorize entering into the lease agreement with Alliant Energy for the installation of a 1.4-megawatt solar array on county owned property.

Respectfully submitted,

GENERAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

/s/Robert Potter
Robert Potter, Chair

/s/Tom Brien
Tom Brien, Vice Chair

absent
Brent Fox

/s/Dave Homan
Dave Homan

/s/William Wilson

William Wilson

LEGAL NOTE:

The County Board is authorized to take this action pursuant to secs. 59.01, 59.51 and 59.52(6), Wis. Stats.

s/Richard Greenlee

Richard Greenlee
Corporation Counsel

FISCAL NOTE:

The revenue from this lease will be credited to the PACE fund balance for future appropriation.

/s/Sherry Oja

Sherry Oja
Finance Director

ADMINISTRATIVE NOTE:

Matter of policy. This action would further the County's progress toward meeting its energy goals, which has to be balanced with taking farmland out of production. The facilities master plan does not indicate any other planned use for this area.

/s/Josh Smith

Josh Smith
County Administrator

Executive Summary

Approval to Enter into a Lease Agreement with Alliant Energy to Install a 1.4-Megawatt Solar Array on County-owned Property

This resolution is giving approval to enter into a lease agreement with Alliant Energy for the installation of a 1.4-megawatt solar array to be installed on Rock County owned 10-acre parcel east of Rock Haven that is in the city limits of Janesville and zoned business and industrial. The lease agreement is for 20 years with two 5 years extension options. Alliant energy will cover the cost and install the equipment and fencing the perimeter which is required. Alliant will also do the maintenance and cover the costs. At the end of the lease Alliant will remove, recycle all the equipment, and return the property in the condition it was before the array was installed. Alliant will provide Rock County annual lease payments as laid out by the public services commission at approximately \$62,650 annually. Because we are putting it on farmland, the revenue will go to the PACE program to support Ag land preservation.

Committee Action