

**RESOLUTION  
ROCK COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

Robert D. Spoden, Sheriff  
INITIATED BY



Capt. Todd Christiansen  
DRAFTED BY

Public Safety and Justice Committee  
SUBMITTED BY

March 26, 2013  
DATE DRAFTED

**Amending the Sheriff's 2013 Budget to Use Equitably Shared Funds  
for Avatar II Tactical Robot**

1 **WHEREAS**, federal law authorizes the Attorney General to share federally forfeited property with  
2 participating state and local law enforcement agencies through the Department of Justice Asset Forfeiture  
3 Program; and,  
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5 **WHEREAS**, equitably shared funds are required to be used by law enforcement agencies for law  
6 enforcement purposes only; and,  
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8 **WHEREAS**, the intent of the transfer is to enhance law enforcement, and it must increase, not supplant  
9 the recipient's appropriated operating budget; and,  
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11 **WHEREAS**, for their participation in the program, and through the efforts of the Special Investigations  
12 Unit and the Detective Bureau, the Sheriff's Office received funds in the amount of \$20,520.00; and,  
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14 **WHEREAS**, the Sheriff's Office plans to use the funds to purchase an Avatar II tactical robot from Pro-  
15 Tech of Berea, OH; and,  
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17 **WHEREAS**, Pro-Tech of Berea, OH is the sole source supplier for this technology.  
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19 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Rock County Board of Supervisors duly assembled  
20 this 11<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2013, that the 2013 budget be amended as follows:  
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Account/Description	Budget 03/26/13	Increase (Decrease)	Amended Budget
<b>Source of Funds</b>			
21-2195-0000-46000 Contributions	\$3,335.00	\$20,520.00	\$23,855.00
<b>Use of Funds</b>			
21-2195-0000-67171 Capital Assets-\$1,000 More	\$76,955.00	\$20,520.00	\$97,475.00

22 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a purchase order be issued to Pro-Tech of Berea, OH in the  
23 amount of \$20,520.00.  
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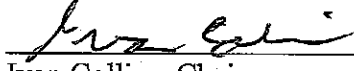
25 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that payment be made to Pro-Tech of Berea, OH upon receipt and  
26 acceptance of the Avatar II tactical robot by the Public Safety and Justice Committee.  
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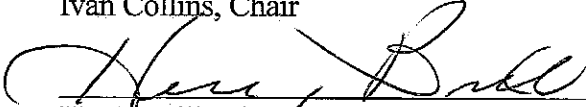
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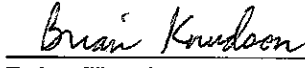
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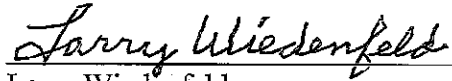
**Public Safety and Justice Committee**

  
Ivan Collins, Chair

  
Henry Brill, Vice Chair

  
Mary Beaver

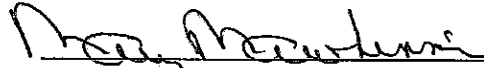
  
Brian Knudson

  
Larry Wiedenfeld

**Purchasing Procedural Endorsement**

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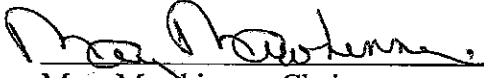
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Mary Mawhinney, Chair

**Finance Committee Endorsement**

Reviewed and approved on a vote of

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Mary Mawhinney, Chair

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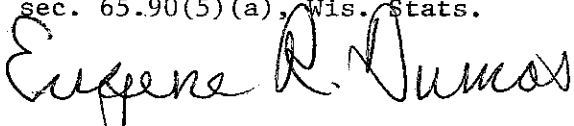
This resolution authorizes a transfer in from the Sheriff's Trust Account, FBI Forfeitures, A/C 00-0000-0070-29637, which has a current balance of \$68,032.



Sherry Oja  
Finance Director

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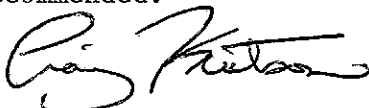
The County Board is authorized to accept grant funds pursuant to sec. 59.52(19), Wis. Stats. As an amendment to the adopted 2013 County Budget, this Resolution requires a 2/3 vote of the entire membership of the County Board pursuant to sec. 65.90(5)(a), Wis. Stats.



Eugene R. Dumas  
Deputy Corporation Counsel

ADMINISTRATIVE NOTE:

Recommended.



Craig Knutson  
County Administrator

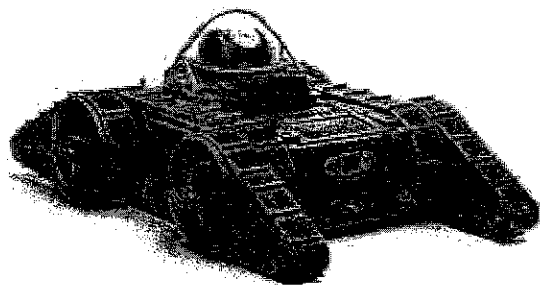
## Executive Summary

### Amending the Sheriff's 2013 Budget to Use Equitably Shared Funds for Avatar II Tactical Robot

The Department of Justice Asset Forfeiture Program is a nationwide law enforcement initiative that removes the tools of crime from criminal organizations and deprives wrongdoers of the proceeds of their crimes. Federal law authorizes the Attorney General to share federally forfeited property with participating state and local law enforcement agencies.

Equitably shared funds are required to be used by law enforcement agencies for law enforcement purposes only. The intent of the transfer is to enhance law enforcement. It must increase, not supplant the recipient's appropriated operating budget.

For their participation in the program, and through the efforts of the Special Investigations Unit (SIU) and the Detective Bureau, the Sheriff's Office received funds in the amount of \$20,520.00. The Sheriff's Office plans to spend \$20,520.00 of equitably shared funds to purchase an Avatar II tactical robot from Pro-Tech of Berea, OH. A letter from the manufacturer, RoboteX, Inc. is attached. The letter states that Pro-Tech is the sole source supplier of this technology.



The AVATAR II is a rugged, easy-to-use tactical robot that enhances the capabilities of law enforcement and first-responders by allowing them to safely and quickly inspect dangerous situations. It climbs stairs, and it has video and two-way audio.

The AVATAR II is available with several different options. We have selected the base package which includes two cameras and a spare battery. The first camera is placed in the body in front of the AVATAR II and shows the operator where the AVATAR II is going. The second camera is a Pan Tilt Zoom camera that has infrared capabilities. This camera can rotate 360 degrees to allow the operator to see in all directions. The AVATAR II has an internal microphone and speaker that allows the operator to listen and deliver commands if needed. High angle stabilizers are an option that we have added to the AVATAR II. These stabilizers allow the AVATAR II to climb up over steep inclines and tall objects. An external audio/video receiver is another option that was selected. This will allow command staff in the command center to be able to view in real time what the AVATAR II is viewing. The AVATAR II is also able to record what the cameras are viewing. An ultra-durable carrying case was also selected so we will be able to store and transport the AVATAR II in a secure manner.

The AVATAR II would be used in tactical situations where an armed person is hiding a building and refusing to come out. The AVATAR II would be sent in to the building to locate the armed subject before a K9 or Deputies were sent in. Once the AVATAR II locates the suspect, Command can devise better tactical plans to resolve the situation. Often times the suspect will surrender to the AVATAR II.

The AVATAT II provides real time intelligence to the SWAT Team and Command while limiting the SWAT Team's exposure to danger.



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RE: Rock County Sheriff's Office, Wisconsin

RoboteX, Inc. manufactures its equipment in its facility in Palo Alto, CA and offers this equipment to law enforcement agencies at the federal, state and local level across the country.

**Pro-Tech Sales** (Berea, Ohio) is the exclusive representative for RoboteX products and equipment for the Great Lakes region (Ohio, Michigan, Indiana, Illinois, Wisconsin) and is to be considered a "sole source" on all RoboteX products in these states.

For any questions, please contact David Fromstein, Account Manager, at 650-518-6622.

Sincerely,

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