

**RESOLUTION
ROCK COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

Lori Stottler, County Clerk
INITIATED BY



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DRAFTED BY

Finance Committee
SUBMITTED BY

September 29, 2014
DATE DRAFTED

**AMENDING THE 2014 COUNTY CLERK'S BUDGET TO PURCHASE
ELECTION EQUIPMENT NETWORK CONFIGURATION**

1 **WHEREAS**, Rock County has utilized Optech III-P Eagles for ballot tabulation in elections since the
2 mid 1990's and have contracted annually for maintenance and support agreements with Election
3 Systems & Software (ES&S); and,
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5 **WHEREAS**, the Optech III-P Eagles have reached the end of their useful life, in addition to the vendor
6 no longer manufacturing and providing parts for the equipment, prompting Rock County to explore new
7 election hardware and software options; and,
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9 **WHEREAS**, new election equipment options were demonstrated, evaluated and tested with the input
10 of all 28 municipal clerks; and it was determined that Election Systems & Software's DS-200 was the
11 best choice for the next ballot tabulation system for Rock County elections; and,
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13 **WHEREAS**, election equipment (hardware & software) must be federally certified with the EAC and
14 state certified with the GAB and all purchases must meet the security requirements set forth in such
15 certification. ES&S is the sole source provider of the DS-200 at this time in WI; and,
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17 **WHEREAS**, under the current certification criteria, the DS-200 equipped with wireless modems
18 requires a new and stronger security configuration also referred to as a "hardened" setup. This requires
19 an additional network configuration not originally budgeted for when the equipment was selected in
20 2012, and budgeted for purchase in 2014 pending State GAB certification which occurred on
21 September 4, 2014; and,
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23 **WHEREAS**, after considerable discussion and research among the Rock County Information
24 Technology Department and technical support professionals at ES&S, it is recommended that Rock
25 County proceed with purchasing the single source network configuration as quoted by ES&S to assist
26 in a streamlined procurement and full warranty of the products as certified for use at the Federal and
27 State level.
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29 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Rock County Board of Supervisors duly assembled
30 this 9th day of October, 2014 recommend the Purchase Order for a EVS 5.3.0.0 Network
31 System Purchase Order of \$25,521.17 with Election Systems & Software.
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33 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Rock County Clerk's 2014 Election Budget be amended as
34 follows:

	Budget at	Increase	Amended
Account/Description	9/25/2014	(Decrease)	Budget
<u>Source of Funds:</u>			
14-1411-0000-46400	\$0	\$25,522	\$25,522
Fund Balance			
<u>Use of Funds:</u>			
14-1411-0000-67131	\$0	\$25,522	\$25,522
Other Computer Hardware			

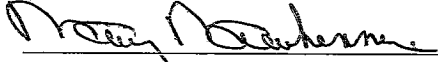
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NETWORK CONFIGURATION

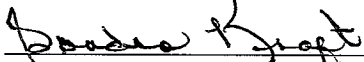
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Respectfully submitted,

FINANCE COMMITTEE



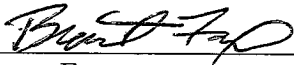
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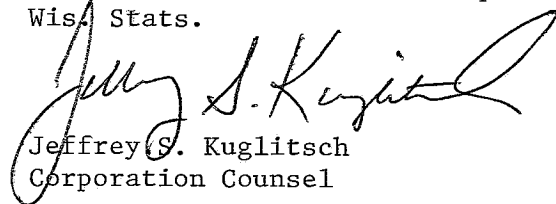
This resolution amends the 2014 Election budget and authorizes a transfer in from excess sales tax proceeds for election network configuration costs. The balance of excess sales tax revenue the County collected over and above prior year budgets is \$1,054,277 at 10/1/14.



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. ES&S is the sole source provider of the DS-200. As an amendment to the adopted 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.



Jeffrey S. Kuglitsch
Corporation Counsel

ADMINISTRATIVE NOTE:

Recommended.



Josh Smith
County Administrator

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

In June of 2012, it was agreed among all Rock County Municipal Clerks to proceed with the purchase of the DS-200 precinct Tabulator and Scanner while retaining the Automark Ballot Marking Assistance equipment, and we would launch the new equipment in February 2015. The DS-200, once certified at the State level, will come equipped with wireless modems and all municipalities where wireless signal can be obtained will be required to send results via modem on election night. It was quoted in 2013 for my 2014 budget to include funding to meet the needs of purchasing one County machine and the new software plus training:

2014 budgeted expenses

14-1411-0000-67161 Capital Assets \$5,000 or more:	\$6,835 (DS-200 Equipment)
14-1411-0000-64200 Training Expense	\$7,875
(Hardware/Software Training – \$3,150 in expenses will be reimbursed by municipalities)	
14-1411-0000-62491 Software License Agreement	\$26,000 for 2015 license
(\$24,367 in budget)	

2014 unanticipated expense (contract asks us to pay in 2014)

14-1411-0000-46400 Network System Purchase Order	\$25,521.17
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(This network requirement was introduced at the end of negotiations and the current equipment was able to utilize existing server space and OTS type configuration. Mickey Crittenden, myself, and several additional IT staff members were surprised to learn that this system requires a separate "hardened" configuration based on Federal and State certification. Upon consultation with ES&S technical support, Mickey and his staff recommends the County purchase the entire Network System Configuration from ES&S in order to meet installation timeline goals and have the product guaranteed by ES&S.)

2015-2019 (anticipated) Annual Budgeted expense

14-1411-0000-62491 Software License Agreement	\$26,000
(Annual Software License agreement cost)	
14-1411-0000-62400 Repair & Maintenance Services	\$560
(Annual cost: \$360 Automark maintenance; \$125 DS-200 maintenance and \$75 DS-200 Firmware)	

Project Timeline:

- The product was certified with the GAB on September 4, 2014
<http://gab.wi.gov/node/3371>
- Contracts and discussions began the week of September 8th and were available to distribute to the 28 municipalities on 9/18 and Rock County 9/19. The company has given a price discount to take possession in their fiscal year (9/30/2014).
- So long as the Sales order Agreement can be turned in before 9/30/2014 and funding approved, the completion timeline is as follows:
 - Network Installation to ship and begin ASAP with completion no later than November 17, 2014
 - Equipment Training at the Courthouse for Clerk and Chief Inspectors November 13-18, 2014
 - Software Training at Rock County Clerk November 19-21, 2014
 - February primary programming begins December 1, 2014 and training and implementation processes employed for successful election on February 17, 2015.

*****The financial year for ES&S is 9/30/2014. As long as we took delivery by 9/30/2014, ES&S extended us a \$500 per machine discount on their June 2014 quote. That results in a \$25,500 discount countywide. In order to see this savings, I had to agree to take delivery at the County.******