

**RESOLUTION
ROCK COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

Judge James P. Daley
INITIATED BY



Mickey Crittenden, IT Director
DRAFTED BY

Public Safety and Justice Committee
SUBMITTED BY

November 8, 2011
DATE DRAFTED

**AUTHORIZING UPGRADE OF THE COURTS VIDEO CONFERENCING SYSTEM AND
AMENDING THE 2011 BUDGET**

1 **WHEREAS**, the State of Wisconsin Supreme Court has issued updated guidelines for the use of video
2 conferencing technology within courtroom operations; and,
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4 **WHEREAS**, the video conferencing system in use by the Rock County Courts needs to be upgraded in
5 order to be in compliance with the State of Wisconsin Supreme Court guidelines; and,
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7 **WHEREAS**, the Information Technology Department staff did specify upgraded video conferencing
8 components for use by the Rock County Courts; and,
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10 **WHEREAS**, the specified video conferencing components will be purchased using the pricing and
11 terms of the University of Wisconsin Madison contracts #10-5174 and #10-5658.

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13 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Rock County Board of Supervisors duly assembled
14 this 17th day of November, 2011 that a Purchase Order for video conferencing equipment
15 be issued to AVI Systems in the amount of \$59,410 and does hereby amend the 2011 budget as
16 follows:

<u>Account/Description</u>	<u>Budget at 11/1/2011</u>	<u>Increase (Decrease)</u>	<u>Amended Budget</u>
<u>Source of Funds</u>			
19-1921-0000-47010 Transfer In	\$ 76,235	\$ 13,910	\$ 90,145
<u>Use of Funds</u>			
22-1202-0000-67171 Capital Assets Video Conf.	45,500	13,910	59,410

Respectfully submitted,

Public Safety and Justice Committee

Ivan Collins
Ivan Collins, Chair

Larry Wiedenfeld
Larry Wiedenfeld, Vice Chair

Mary Beaver
Mary Beaver

Hank Brill
Hank Brill

Absent
Brian Knudson

Finance Committee Endorsement

Mary Wiedenfeld 50 11-17-11
Finance Committee Chair Vote Date

Purchasing Procedural Endorsement

Mary Wiedenfeld 50 11-17-11
Finance Committee Chair Vote Date

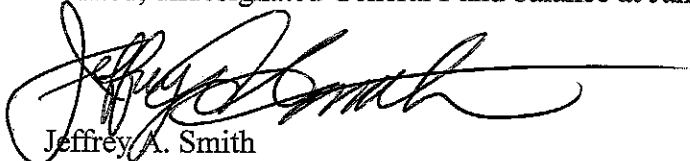
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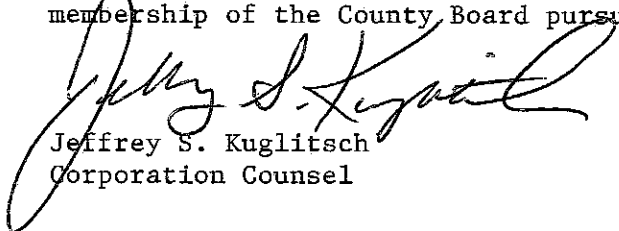
This resolution authorizes a \$13,910 transfer from the General Fund to the Video Conferencing Technology Capital Project. This project was originally funded by County sales tax proceeds. The audited, undesignated General Fund balance at January 1, 2011 was \$16,965,422.



Jeffrey A. Smith
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. As an amendment to the adopted 2011 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.



Craig Knutson
County Administrator

Executive Summary for the Purchase of Upgrading the Courts Video Conferencing System

During the past few years the State of Wisconsin Supreme Court's Planning and Policy Advisory Committee has substantially refined its "standards of good practice" related to the use of video conferencing technology within the state court system. The committee has also set forth guidelines and specific functionality requirements associated with this technology in the justice system in order to encourage greater courtroom use of the technology while ensuring the rights of litigants.

In Rock County the use of video conferencing in the Courts has made better use of taxpayer resources by:

- Reducing travel requirements for all courtroom participants,
- Saving prisoner and patient transportation costs,
- Improving courthouse security, and
- Increasing efficiency of legal proceedings.

In order to remain in compliance with the refined "standards of good practice", the current video conferencing system in use by the Rock County Courts needs to be upgraded to include 'split-screen' technology, better cameras, and improved overall viewership capability. The County's Information Technology Department, in tandem with the Courts and the County's primary video conferencing vendor, has identified the components in need of upgrading.

The upgraded components will be located in Courtroom A, Courtroom C, the Jail, and the Juvenile Detention Center. The cost of the system upgrade is \$59,410 and it will be purchased from AVI Systems using the pricing and terms of the University of Wisconsin Madison contracts #10-5174 and #10-5658.