

**RESOLUTION**

**ROCK COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

Kathren Sukus  
INITIATED BY



11/29/2021  
DATE DRAFTED

**Authorization to Upgrade Mindshare Radio Hardware and Purchase Two Additional Radio Consoles**

WHEREAS, the hardware for the Communications Center’s existing (13) radio consoles at the primary dispatch center are 10 years old and due for replacement; and,

WHEREAS, (2) additional radio consoles will be added for a supervisor and a training workstation with the building remodel in 2022; and,

WHEREAS, General Communications, Inc. of Madison, Wisconsin is the maintenance provider for the Rock County public safety radio system and the only authorized Mindshare service provider in our area; and,

WHEREAS, total cost for equipment, programming and installation on this project is \$153,349.50; and,

WHEREAS, this project was approved in the Communications Center’s 2022 budget; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Rock County Board of Supervisors duly assembled this 16th day of December, 2021 that a contract be awarded to General Communications, Inc. of Madison, Wisconsin, in the amount of \$153,349.50 to complete this project.

Respectfully submitted,

Public Safety and Justice Committee

/s/Mary Beaver  
Mary Beaver, Chair

absent  
Brian Knudson, Vice Chair

absent  
Ronald Bomkamp

s/Danette Rynes  
Danette Rynes

absent  
Jacob Taylor

/s/Richard Bostwick  
Richard Bostwick

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. General Communications is the current public safety radio system maintenance provider and the only

authorized Mindshare service provider in our area.

s/Richard Greenlee

Richard Greenlee  
Corporation Counsel

ADMINISTRATIVE NOTE:

Recommended.

/s/Josh Smith

Josh Smith  
County Administrator

FISCAL NOTE:

Funds for this project were included in the 2022 budget. The purchases are being funded using the ARPA lost revenue provision.

/s/Sherry Oja

Sherry Oja  
Finance Director

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

In 2011 the Communications Center purchased Mindshare radio consoles for the 2013 narrowband project. The software and hardware has been updated and refreshed over the past 10 years, but it is to the point that the hardware for each of the (13) positions is in need of an upgrade to the latest version due to limitations for repairs. The Communications Center has started to experience lockups at the consoles which cause the headsets not to work, thus the inability to communicate with first responders via radio at the affected position. This was one of the issues identified during the network storm in November 2020.

Along with the upgrades the Communications Center is also purchasing two additional Mindshare radio consoles for new workstations being installed during the building remodel in 2022.

This is a sole source purchase and NASPO pricing is applied for the interface equipment to the Harris (Tait) radio system.

Cost for the upgrades to the (13) positions is: \$119,952.90

Cost for the (2) new positions is: \$33,396.60

This project was budgeted and approved for 2022.