

ROCK COUNTY, WISCONSIN



**GENERAL SERVICES COMMITTEE
MINUTES – NOVEMBER 2, 2021 – 7:30 A.M.**

Call to Order. Chair Potter called the meeting of the General Services Committee to at 7:38 A.M., on Tuesday, November 2, 2021, at the Southern Wisconsin Regional Airport.

Committee Members Present: Supervisors Potter, Wilson, Homan, Fox, and Brien.

Committee Members Absent: None.

Staff Members Present: Josh Smith, County Administrator; Randy Terronez, Assistant to the County Administrator; Greg Cullen, Airport Director; Brent Sutherland, Facilities Director; and Dave Froeber and Mike Parille, Facilities Superintendents.

Others Present: Brian Zobel, UW Whitewater at Rock County.

Approval of Agenda. Supervisor Wilson moved approval of the agenda, second by Supervisor Homan. ADOPTED.

Public Comment. None

Approval of Minutes – October 19, 2021

Supervisor Brien moved approval of the minutes of October 19, 2021 as presented, second by Supervisor Wilson. ADOPTED.

Review of payments

None

Transfers

None

Resolutions and Committee Action

Retaining Edge Consulting Engineers Inc. for Consulting Services for the New 911 Communications Tower

“NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Rock County Board of Supervisors duly assembled this _____ day of _____, 2021, that a contract for engineering services be awarded to Edge Consulting Engineers Inc, of Prairie Du Sac, WI, in the amount of \$ 50,200.00.”

Supervisor Brien moved approval of the above resolution, second by Supervisor Homan. Brent Sutherland informed the committee that Edge Consulting recommended not to move this tower, but to build a new tower. Because of this, Brent is requesting to contract with Edge Consulting to assist with building new tower. ADOPTED.

Retaining SGTS Inc. for Professional Services for the Installation, Integration, and Commissioning of the Security Controls Equipment at the Health Department Building

“NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Rock County Board of Supervisors duly assembled this _____ day of _____, 2020, that a contract for professional services be awarded to SGTS Inc., of Madison, Wisconsin, in the amount of \$24,780.”

Supervisor Wilson moved approval of the above resolution, second by Supervisor Homan. Brent explained that this is for the installation of security improvements at the Rock County Health Department building. ADOPTED.

Reports, Updates, Discussion and Possible Action

Approval to partner with Alliant Energy for the installation of a 1.4 mega-watt solar array

Brent explained that he has been looking at ways to increase renewables and become carbon-neutral by 2050. Brent has been working with Alliant. They are looking to install a 1.4 mega-watt solar array on a 10-acre parcel just east of Rock Haven. Rock County will provide the land and Alliant energy will install and maintain the equipment. Alliant Energy will provide lease payments and potentially Renewable Energy Credits. Construction would start 2023. Brent is going to present this to Health Services Committee and Agriculture & Extension Committee as well. Supervisor Fox stated that solar panels are costly and hard to recycle at the end of their life. Supervisor Brien asked why the Dr. Daniel Hale Williams Resource Center was not considered. Brent explained that there is not 10 acres available. He is still looking for other opportunities to utilize renewables in other places as well. Supervisor Wilson expressed that he thought this was a great opportunity.

Supervisor Homan moved approval to partner with Alliant Energy for the installation of a 1.4 mega-watt solar array, second by Supervisor Wilson. YES – Supervisors Wilson, Homan, Potter, and Brien. NO – Supervisor Fox. ADOPTED.

Approval to purchase security equipment for the Health Department

Supervisor Fox moved approval to purchase security equipment for the Health Department, second by Supervisor Wilson. Brent explained that these funds would be used to purchase security equipment for the Health Department. ADOPTED.

Dr. Daniel Hale Williams Rock County Resource Center updates

Approval of Change Orders

None.

Sound issues

Brent informed to the committee that when they built the building, they paid a lot of attention to the way that sounds travels in the building. They are finding that sound is traveling despite their efforts. They are finding that some of the doors are not soundproof in the way that they need. Some doors do not have the gasket on them that seals them and do not allow for sound to carry.

There will be a change order for this coming soon. Brent said that they are also looking at white noise machines like they used in the Health Care Center building.

911/IT renovation updates

Schedule

Brent informed the committee that the group is still meeting biweekly. They are doing several site surveys to show what utilities are there and what could be under the ground. There are more surveys coming to get a full comprehensive picture.

District Attorney renovation updates

Schedule

Brent informed the committee that Phase I is still on track to be completed by December 2021 and Phase II to start at the end of Phase I.

Communications, Announcements, and Information

None.

Tour of Airport

Airport Director Greg Cullen gave an overview of the Southern Wisconsin Regional Airport.

Adjournment

Supervisor Homan moved adjournment at 8:30 A.M., second by Supervisor Brien. ADOPTED.

Respectfully submitted,

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