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Mickey Crittenden, Director Information Technology DRAFTED BY

PURCHASING PROCEDURAL ENDORSEMENT

Vote

Date

November 9, 2010

Authorizing Purchase of Replacement Email Archiving System

- WHEREAS, the County's current email archiving system is costly and does not perform to the level necessary for meeting the needs of the County; and,
- WHEREAS, email archiving technology has significantly advanced during the past few years in terms of storage capacity and functionality; and,
 - WHEREAS, the Information Technology Department staff performed extensive live testing of email archiving alternatives and a 4 year comparative cost analysis of those alternatives; and,
 - WHEREAS, the Information Technology 2010 budget does provide for email archiving system software maintenance and related storage expenses which would be directed to this purchase; and,
 - WHEREAS, the Information Technology Department staff did specify the configuration of a more cost effective email archiving system that will meet the current and future needs of the County; and,
- WHEREAS, the specified email archiving system will be purchased from the registered serviceproviding reseller for southern Wisconsin.
- NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Rock County Board of Supervisors duly assembled this <u>β</u> day of <u>Λογ.</u>, 2010 that a Purchase Order for a replacement email archiving system be issued to DigiCorp in the amount of \$26,650.00

Phillip Owens

Chair

Respectfully submitted,

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FISCAL NOTE:

Sufficient funds are available in IT's main budget, A/C 07-1430, for the purchase of this system.

Jessey 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.

Jeffrey S. Kuglitsch Corporation Counsel

ADMINISTRATIVE NOTE:

Recommended.

Craig Knutson

County Administrator

Executive Summary for the Purchase of Replacement Email Archiving System

The County's current email archiving system has proven to be problematic in meeting the archiving and discovery needs of the County, especially in terms of the archive storage and archive reporting processes. It has become difficult to meet the timely archive reporting requests that have been on the increase during the past couple of years.

The current email archiving system is provided by Messaging Architects which does offer an updated system which largely resolves the outstanding issues, but at an unacceptably higher cost than the present system. Therefore, the IT department sought other options that would work well with the County's Groupwise email system and include the functionality desired by the email archive users.

After extensively testing three capable and reference-checked email archiving options within the County's production environment, the IT department has determined that the Mirapoint RazorSafe solution is best at meeting the County's system requirements in a cost effective manner. The RazorSafe system is a combination of a hardware appliance and a yearly software subscription. This email archiving solution is used successfully by many Wisconsin counties and municipalities. The following summarizes a four year comparative projection of respective system costs:

Email Archive Options	<u>1st-Yr</u> <u>Cost</u>	2nd-Yr Cost	3rd-Yr Cost	4th-Yr Cost	<u>Total</u>
Messaging Architect (Current					
Provider)	\$47,500	\$17,500	\$17,500	\$17,500	\$100,000
Barracuda	\$16,499	\$16,499	\$16,499	\$16,499	\$65,996
RazorSafe	\$26,650	\$5,700	\$5,700	\$5,700	\$43,750

By using the Mirapoint RazorSafe solution, the County will save \$56,250 over a four year period. This replacement email archiving system will be funded by using Computer Hardware and Software Maintenance accounts that include adequate balances for this project. The registered and authorized service-providing reseller of the Mirapoint RazorSafe email archiving system for southern Wisconsin is DigiCorp, located in Milwaukee.