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November 10, 2011 DATE DRAFTED

## COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT BETWEEN CITY OF JANESVILLE, CITY OF BELOIT, AND **COUNTY OF ROCK**

WHEREAS, the Rock County 911 Communications Center is responsible for the operation and maintenance of the public safety voice radio communications infrastructure within Rock 2 County; and, 3

WHEREAS, continuous interoperable radio communications between the public safety agencies of Rock County and the 911 Communications Center are essential to providing the most efficient public safety services to the citizens of Rock County; and.

WHEREAS, Rock County has operated and maintained all public safety voice radio communications infrastructure within the County since 1993, except for the Janesville and Beloit Police Departments; and,

WHEREAS, Rock County is currently converting the public safety voice radio communications infrastructure from analog to digital operations; and

WHEREAS, the highest possible delivery of public safety voice radio communications services would result with one entity being responsible for the entire county-wide public safety voice radio infrastructure; and,

WHEREAS, the cities of Janesville and Beloit have cooperatively agreed to have Rock County assume ownership for their existing police department voice radio infrastructure systems; and,

WHEREAS, the Rock County 911 Center would assume responsibility for all public safety voice radio communications operations within the County upon completion of the analog to digital radio infrastructure upgrade; and,

WHEREAS, funding to operate the county-wide public safety voice radio communications infrastructure for 2012 has been budgeted in the 911 Communications Center departmental budget; and,

WHEREAS, a Cooperative Agreement was developed by the City of Beloit, City of Janesville, and Rock County for Rock County to assume control of the Janesville and Beloit law enforcement voice radio infrastructure operations; and,

WHEREAS, the Cooperative Agreement specifies that the cities of Janesville and Beloit will upgrade their respective police voice radio communications tower and radio equipment facilities for digital operations, which has been completed; and

WHEREAS, the Rock County Corporation Counsel has reviewed the cooperative agreement.

authorized and directed to execute the Cooperative Agreement Between City of Janesville, City of Beloit and County of Rock.

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Respectfully submitted,

| Public Safety and Justice Committee  | Purchasing Procedural Endorsement                             |
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| Ivan Collins, Chair  Jarry, Wiedenfeld, Vice Chair  Mary Beaver  Henry Brill  Bran Knudson | Reviewed and approved on a vote of  40  Mary Mawhinney, Chair |
| Brian Knudson  | •   |
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#### FISCAL NOTE:

Sufficient funding is included in the Communication Center's 2012 budget for the expanded voice radio infrastructure for the Cities of Beloit and Janesville.

Jeffrey A. Smith Finance Director

#### LEGAL NOTE:

The County Board is authorized to take this action pursuant to §§ 59.01, 59.51 and 66.0301, Wis. Stats.

Jeffrey S. Kuglitsch Corporation Counsel

#### ADMINISTRATIVE NOTE:

Recommended

Craig Knutson County Administrator

#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

Continuous interoperable voice radio communications between public safety agencies of Rock County and the 911 Communications Center are essential to providing the most efficient public safety services to the citizens of Rock County.

The Rock County 911 Communications Center is directly responsible for the operation/maintenance of a major portion of the public safety voice radio communications equipment throughout Rock County.

The County has operated and supported most of the public safety voice radio equipment in the county since the 911 Communications Center operations were initiated in 1993. The only exception was the City of Janesville and City of Beloit Police Departments, who have operated/maintained their own voice radio equipment.

Rock County's public safety voice radio equipment is currently being upgraded from analog to digital operations, with the funding for this project approved by a previous County Board resolution.

Past experience has shown that designating a single entity for all of the Rock County public safety voice radio equipment will improve the delivery of services to the citizens of Rock County.

To this end, the Cities of Janesville and Beloit, and Rock County have developed a Cooperative Agreement that:

- 1. Transfers ownership of the Janesville and Beloit public safety voice radio equipment to Rock County,
- 2. Specifies that each municipality is responsible for their own mobile and portable radios, and
- 3. Specifies that the Cities of Janesville and Beloit will upgrade their respective public safety voice radio communications tower/s and radio equipment facilities before the Cooperative Agreement would take effect. (Note the required upgrades have been completed.)

Lastly, funding in the amount of \$56,400 to operate the expanded countywide public safety voice radio infrastructure is included in the 911 Communications Center's 2012 departmental budget.