

**RESOLUTION  
ROCK COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

Public Safety and Justice  
INITIATED BY



Kathren Sucus, Director  
DRAFTED BY

Public Safety and Justice  
SUBMITTED BY

January 23, 2013  
DATE DRAFTED

**COMMUNICATIONS CENTER EVENTIDE RECORDING SYSTEM -  
UPGRADE TO DIGITAL**

1 **WHEREAS**, the Rock County 911 Communications Center is the custodian for all open record requests  
2 for public safety audio recordings; and,  
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4 **WHEREAS**, the Rock County 911 Communications Center recently converted the public safety radio  
5 system from a conventional analog system to a conventional digital system; and,  
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7 **WHEREAS**, it has become necessary to upgrade the current analog Eventide recording system to digital;  
8 and,  
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10 **WHEREAS**, funding to upgrade the Communications Center's current Eventide recording system has  
11 been approved in the Center's 2013 budget; and,  
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13 **WHEREAS**, General Communications, Inc., of Madison, Wisconsin is the only authorized service center  
14 for both the Eventide recorder and the IDS dispatch radio consoles in the Rock County area; and,  
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16 **WHEREAS**, General Communications, Inc., of Madison, Wisconsin currently holds the service  
17 maintenance contract for the recording system with the Communications Center; and,  
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19 **WHEREAS**, pricing for the Eventide digital recording system is based on General Services  
20 Administration (GSA) Contract Number #GS-35F-0415V (period covered May 5, 2009 - May 4, 2014).  
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22 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Rock County Board of Supervisors duly assembled  
23 this 14 day of February, 2013 that a contract in the amount of \$40,068.75, be awarded to  
24 General Communications, Inc., of Madison, Wisconsin for the purchase of necessary equipment and labor  
25 to convert the existing Communications Center Eventide audio recorder to a P25 digital recording system.

Respectfully submitted,

**Public Safety and Justice Committee**

Ivan Collins  
Ivan Collins, Chair

Henry Brill  
Henry Brill, Vice Chair

Mary Beaver  
Mary Beaver

Brian Knudson  
Brian Knudson

Larry Wiedenfeld  
Larry Wiedenfeld

**PURCHASING PROCEDURAL ENDORSEMENT**

Reviewed and approved on a vote of  
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Mary Mawhinney  
Mary Mawhinney, Chair

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FISCAL NOTE:

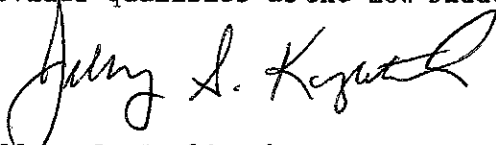
Funding is available in the Communications Center's capital asset account, A/C 23-2400-0000-67171, for the cost of this contract.



Sherry Oja  
Finance Director

LEGAL NOTE:

The County Board is authorized to take this action pursuant to secs. 59.01 and 59.51, Wis. Stats. Sec. 59.52(29), Wis. Stats. requires the project to be let to the lowest responsible bidder. General Communication, Inc., as a sole source provider qualifies as the low bidder.



Jeffrey S. Kuglitsch  
Corporation Counsel

ADMINISTRATIVE NOTE:

Recommended.



Craig Knutson  
County Administrator

## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Rock County 911 Communications Center is the records custodian for all Rock County public safety audio recordings. The recent conversion of the Public Safety Radio System to a conventional digital system in 2012, it is necessary to upgrade our current analog recording system to digital. This upgrade will enhance the audio recordings from the new radio system making the audio more crisp and clear, as well as offer new features that are not possible on an analog system (i.e; recording of unit ID numbers on radio transmissions). Currently the recording system is connected to control stations at the Sheriff's Department, so we are unable to verify the signals that the dispatch consoles transmit/receive because the system is unable to do so until we complete the upgrade.

Upgrading to a digital recorder will also allow for more functionality (ie; recording caller ID, 911 data feeds, etc.) for telephone recordings when we update our 911 telephone system in late 2013.

General Communications was the original vendor for the analog Eventide recorder and currently holds the maintenance contract for the recording system equipment as well as the interface between the recorder and the dispatch radio consoles.

This item was approved in the Communications Center's 2013 budget and pricing for the quote (\$40,068.75) is based on GSA Contract #GS-35F-0415V.