

RESOLUTION

ROCK COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Katherine Luster
INITIATED BY



7/21/2022
DATE DRAFTED

**Approval to Purchase Two Specialized Transit Vehicles for the Human Services Department
Aging Unit**

WHEREAS, the HSD Aging Unit operates the Specialized Transportation program under section 85.21 of Wisconsin Statutes to provide specialized transportation services for seniors and individuals with disabilities; and,

WHEREAS, residents greatly rely on this system as an affordable way to meet their needs to get to and from medical appointments, dialysis, shopping, employment, training, and social needs; and,

WHEREAS, the HSD Aging Unit maintains a fleet of twelve transit vehicles for the Specialized Transportation Program and multiple vehicles in the Rock County Transit fleet are in need of replacement due to age, mileage, and excessive repairs; and,

WHEREAS, the HSD received additional funding of \$272,000 per Resolution #2022-36 from excess sales tax to purchase 3 (three) medium buses as replacements in the Specialized Transit Fleet; and,

WHEREAS, there is also \$78,000 in funding in the Elderly and Handicapped Transportation Trust Fund for the purchase of vehicles; and,

WHEREAS, a Request for Quotes for Passenger Buses (#2022-31) was issued for up to 3 (three) buses; and,

WHEREAS, TESCO responded with 2 (two) medium buses available for immediate purchase, and;

WHEREAS, the quotes received are for one 8-passenger 2021 Elkhart Coach for \$113,950 as well as one 8-passenger 2018 Elkhart Coach for \$97,755; and,

WHEREAS, the HSD Aging Unit is in immediate need of these buses; and,

WHEREAS, vehicles have been very difficult to procure due to national supply chain shortages.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Rock County Board of Supervisors duly assembled this 28th day of July, 2022, does hereby approve this payment to be made to TESCO in the amount of \$211,705.

FISCAL NOTE:

The purchase of these vehicles are being funded by a combination of E&H Trust fund funds and sales tax revenue.

Sherry Oja
Finance Director

LEGAL NOTE:

The County Board is authorized to take this action pursuant to §§ 59.01 and 59.51, Wis. Stats. In addition, § 59.52(29), Wis. Stats., requires the project to be let to the lowest responsible bidder.

Richard Greenlee

Corporation Counsel

ADMINISTRATIVE NOTE:

Recommended.

Josh Smith
County Administrator

Committee Action

Human Services Board

Human Services Board recommended this resolution for approval by a unanimous voice vote. Supervisor Knudson and Citizen Representative Hoffman were absent.

Executive Summary

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The HSD Aging Unit currently has a fleet of 12 buses for the Specialized Transportation Program. However, multiple vehicles in the Rock County Transit fleet need to be replaced due to age, mileage, excessive repairs and not all are currently in service. Several buses already have or will soon exceed 200,000 miles which is the point at which buses need to be retired.

Funding was requested to the State to purchase two buses using State and trust funds, however, only one bus will be provided due to a vendor closing and likely will not be received until later this year.

The County Board recently approved Resolution #2022-36 authorizing \$272,000 in excess sales tax funding to purchase three additional buses along with the use of \$78,000 in Elderly and Handicapped Transportation Trust Funds.

A Request for Quotes for Passenger Buses (#2022-31) was issued for up to 3 buses. Three vendors responded but only one (TESCO) was able to provide buses immediately. TESCO has two 8-passenger buses available for purchase, one for \$113,950 (2021 Elkhart Coach) and another for \$97,755 (2018 Elkhart Coach). Given the national shortage of vehicles and the immediate need for replacement vehicles for the Specialized Transit Fleet, Human Services is requesting authorization to purchase these two buses for a combined total of \$211,705. These buses are available for delivery August 4th, 2022.

HSD is continuing to review options to procure the additional bus that was requested in Resolution #2022-36.