

RESOLUTION

ROCK COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Katherine Luster
INITIATED BY



2/13/2023
DATE DRAFTED

Authorizing Purchase of Specialized Transit Vehicle

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 Aging Unit received funding per Resolution #2022-36 from excess sales tax towards the purchase of three medium buses for the Specialized Transit Fleet; and,

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

WHEREAS, two buses were purchased per Resolution #2022-55 from TESCO; and,

WHEREAS, Coach and Equipment Bus Sales Inc. responded that they could provide one 11-passenger Elkhart Coach for \$118,000; and,

WHEREAS, the HSD Aging Unit is in immediate need of this bus; 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 23rd day of February, 2023, does hereby approve this payment to be made to Coach and Equipment Bus Sales Inc. in the amount of \$118,000.

FISCAL NOTE:

Funds are available in the budget for the purchase of this bus. The purchase is being funded with sales tax revenue.

Sherry Oja
Finance Director

LEGAL NOTE:

The County Board is authorized to take this action pursuant to Wis. Stat. §§ 59.01 & 59.51. Pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 59.52(29) and RCCO § 2.224, the purchase of public works, or supplies over \$25,000 must be awarded to the lowest, responsible bidder. Pursuant to RCCO § 2.221, purchases over \$100,000 must be approved by the Board of Supervisors by resolution.

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. Citizen Representative Hoffman was absent

Executive Summary

AUTHORIZING PURCHASE OF SPECIALIZED TRANSIT VEHICLE

The Human Services Department's 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. Residents greatly rely on this system as an affordable way to meet their needs to get to/from medical appointments, dialysis, shopping, employment, training, and social needs. This program currently provides an average of 108 rides per day in Rock County.

The Aging Unit maintains a fleet of 12 buses to meet the contractual requirements of the Specialist Transportation Program. However, the fleet is short one vehicle and three more are expected to be inoperable in 2024 due to age, mileage, and excessive repair costs.

Resolution # 2022-36 was approved authorizing excess sales tax to purchase three additional buses. A Request for Quotes (RFQ) for Passenger Buses (#2022-31) was issued for up to three buses. Two vendors responded to the RFQ. Two buses were purchased from TESCO (R-2022-55). Coach and Equipment Bus Sales, Inc responded to provide the third bus.

Coach and Equipment Bus Sales, Inc, has available one 11-passenger Elkhart Coach for purchase for \$118,000. Given the national shortage of vehicles the current state of the Specialized Transit Fleet, Human Services is requesting authorization to purchase this bus for a total of \$118,00. This bus can be delivered in March 2023.