



Legislation Text

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AUTHORIZING MRRW CONSTRUCTION SERVICES FOR THE JUDICIAL TECHNOLOGY MODERNIZATION ARPA PROJECT (BID# 23-032)

WHEREAS, the Kane County 16th Judicial Circuit Court has the need for Judicial Technology Modernization for the purpose of modernizing video and audio equipment in all courtrooms to increase the use of virtual hearings via Zoom; and

WHEREAS, the expansion and upgrade of our courtroom technology would allow for continued use of virtual hearings and expand our capabilities with evidence presentation and integrated assisted listening devices for the hearing impaired. The permanent installation of equipment would also provide consistency with the three courtrooms we have already upgraded (two Juvenile Courtrooms and one Order of Protection Courtroom) and would allow for increased use of remote hearings across all case types which would support the delivery of efficient services to the citizens of Kane County. While improving efficiencies, remote court appearances also offer significant time and cost savings for litigants and attorneys. Kane County benefits as well with the continued use of on-line video interpreter transportation and mileage. More importantly, improved technology for remote hearings will improve access to the courts for self-represented litigants. Citizens of Kane County may no longer need to take time off of work, find transportation, or obtain childcare to attend court in-person; and

WHEREAS, Kane County is currently in contract with MRRW Construction Services per Resolution No. 23-285 (BID#23-032) to cover construction projects which cannot be performed in-house by County staff; and

WHEREAS, this project is being funded by State Grants and ARPA funding (RES No. 23-79); and

WHEREAS, the Kane County 16th Judicial Circuit Court has the need to utilize MRRW Construction Services to complete additional work for the Judicial Technology Modernization project; and

WHEREAS, this project will involve work in 24 courtrooms, 4 secured hallways, public hallways, elevator lobbies, electrical closets, network closets, and jury deliberation rooms in both the Judicial Center and the Third Street Courthouse; and

WHEREAS, we estimate the cost of each courtroom to be approximately Forty Thousand Dollars (\$40,000) for a total of Nine Hundred Sixty Thousand dollars (\$960,000) with 20% contingency in the amount of One Hundred Ninety-Two Thousand Dollars (\$192,000) for a total of

One Million One Hundred Fifty-Two Thousand Dollars (\$1,152,000).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Kane County Board that the Kane County 16th Judicial Circuit Court and Building Management are hereby authorized to expend up to Nine Hundred Sixty Thousand dollars (\$960,000) with 20% contingency in the amount of One Hundred Ninety-Two Thousand Dollars (\$192,000) for a total of One Million One Hundred Fifty-Two Thousand Dollars (\$1,152,000) with MRRW Construction Services, LLC 111 S. Lake St., Suite 101, Montgomery, IL 60538 for the Judicial Technology Modernization project.

Line Item: 355.800.66834, 500.800.805.50150, Various

Line Item Description: ARPA: Public Health Effective Service Delivery, Capital Building Improvements, Various

Was Personnel/Item/Service approved in original budget or a subsequent budget revision? Yes

Are funds currently available for this Personnel/Item/Service in the specific line item? Yes

If funds are not currently available in the specified line item, where are the funds available? N/A

Passed by the Kane County Board on June 11, 2024.

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