



Minutes - March 23, 2023

Call to Order: Chair Mawhinney called the Finance Committee meeting to order at 6:00 P.M. in the Jury Deliberation Room.

Committee Members Present: Supervisors Mawhinney, Fox, Farrell, Clasen, and Bostwick.

Committee Members Absent: None.

Staff Members Present: Josh Smith, County Administrator; Lisa Tollefson, County Clerk; Brent Sutherland, Facilities Management Director; Randy Terronez, Assistant to the Administrator; Bridget Laurent, Deputy Corporation Counsel; Sheriff Fell; Buck Buchanan, Heavy Truck Driver; Sandy Disrud, Register of Deeds; Sherry Oja, Finance Director; Ryan Wiesen, Assistant Finance Director; Jim Sandvig, IT Director; Mike Parille, Facilities Superintendent

Others Present: Supervisors Brien, Towns, Woodman.

Approve Agenda: Supervisor Bostwick moved approval of the agenda as presented, second by Supervisor Clasen. ADOPTED.

Citizen Participation, Communications and Announcements: One public comment submitted by Supervisor Zoril (attached).

Approval of Minutes:

March 9, 2023: Supervisor Clasen moved approval of the March 9, 2023 minutes, second by Supervisor Farrell. ADOPTED.

Approval of Transfers: None.

Review and Approval of Resolutions:

Authorizing the Acceptance of the CVSO Act Grant and Amending the 2023 Veterans Service Office Budget: "NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Rock County Board of Supervisors duly assembled this _____ day of _____, 2023, that the Rock County Veteran Service Office is authorized to accept funds under the CVSO Act.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the 2023 budget be amended as follows:

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Supervisor Clasen moved approval of the above resolution, second by Supervisor Fox. ADOPTED.

Accepting the 2023 High Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas (HIDTA) Grant and Amending the Sheriff's Office Budget: "NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Rock County Board of Supervisors duly assembled this _____ day of _____, 2023 to approve and authorize the acceptance of \$50,000 of HIDTA grant funds and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Sheriff's Office 2023 budget be amended as follows:

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Supervisor Fox moved approval of the above resolution, second by Supervisor Clasen. ADOPTED.

Requesting State of Wisconsin to Revise the Real Estate Transfer Fee Revenue Sharing Formula: "NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Rock County Board of Supervisors duly assembled this _____ day of _____, 2023 does hereby support a revision to the real estate transfer fee share formula to again allow Wisconsin Counties to retain 50% of all real estate transfer fees collected, with 50% to be remitted to the State."

Supervisor Fox moved approval of the above resolution, second by Supervisor Bostwick.

Sandy Disrud provided background on this resolution. This will be on the WCA's legislative agenda.

ADOPTED.

***Awarding the Contract for the Construction of a 4,000-ton Salt Storage Building and Amending the 2023 Facilities Management Budget:** Removed from agenda.

Awarding the Contract for the Renovation of the Probate Vault: "NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Rock County Board of Supervisors duly assembled this _____ day of _____, 2023 does hereby approve and authorize awarding a contract in the amount of \$285,500 to Glen Fern of Lake Geneva, WI for the renovation of the former probate vault space.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, a contingency fund of \$29,000 will be established to cover any unforeseeable issues that arise.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, approves contracting with AVI systems for video conferencing equipment under UW- State Contract #22-5174 in the amount of \$131,274.47.

..."

Supervisor Farrell moved approval of the above resolution, second by Supervisor Bostwick.

Supervisor Farrell moved to remove the amendment and utilize sales tax to fund this project, second by Supervisor Clasen.

YES - Supervisors Mawhinney, Farrell, Clasen, Bostwick.
NO - Supervisor Fox.

ADOPTED.

Authorization to Purchase Microsoft Enterprise Agreement Renewal: "NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Rock County Board of Supervisors duly assembled this _____ day of _____, 2023, does hereby authorize the purchase of the Microsoft Enterprise Agreement Renewal through CDW-G for an amount not to exceed \$638,818.56 per year starting in 2023, for a total spend during the life of the agreement at \$1,916,455.68."

Supervisor Fox moved approval of the above resolution, second by Supervisor Clasen. ADOPTED.

Carryover of 2022 Budget Appropriations to 2023: "NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Rock County Board of Supervisors duly assembled this _____ day of _____, 2023 that the 2023 budget be amended as follows:

..."

Supervisor Bostwick moved approval of the above resolution, second by Supervisor Farrell.

Sherry Oja explained that this is an annual resolution. The items on this resolution are budgeted projects that have not been completed.

ADOPTED.

Review, Discussion and Possible Action: None.

Next meeting date and time: April 13 at time TBD

Adjournment: Supervisor Clasen moved to adjourn at 5:43 P.M., second by Supervisor Bostwick. ADOPTED.

Respectfully submitted,

Haley Thompson
Office Coordinator

NOT OFFICIAL UNTIL APPROVED BY COMMITTEE.

From: [Mike Zoril](#)
To: [COUNTYADMIN](#)
Subject: Public Comment: Awarding the Contract for the Renovation of the Probate Vault
Date: Wednesday, March 22, 2023 11:04:05 PM
Attachments: [image.png](#)
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RE: Awarding the Contract for the Renovation of the Probate Vault

Dear Finance Committee:

DPW workers require job security, yet the last board meeting showed insufficient support for funding road maintenance via borrowing due to rising interest rates and the inappropriateness of using debt for annual maintenance costs.

Please support the amended resolution for the Probate Vault renovation, allocating \$131,274.47 to the highway budget from sales tax and funding video equipment with ARPA funds. I'll propose another resolution to reallocate funds, adding \$500,690.09 to the highway budget, totaling \$631,964.56. Furthermore, I recommend using \$814,000 from the job center sale. These three sources will cover \$1,445,964.56 of the \$3.6 million funding gap (nearly 40%) without reducing any services to residents.

The allocation of ARPA funds for the video equipment is consistent with the [Final Rule for State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds \(SLFRF\)](#), which takes effect April 1, 2022, replacing the Interim Final Rule published in May 2021 and states that an approved use of funds includes "Technology infrastructure resources to improve access to and the user-experience of government information technology systems, including upgrades to hardware and software as well as improvements to public-facing websites or to data management systems, to increase public access and improve public delivery of government programs and services (including in the judicial, legislative, or executive branches)."

Precedent for using ARPA funds for video conferencing equipment in courtrooms to promote social distancing exists, as demonstrated by North Carolina Senate Bill 105, passed on November 18, 2021, allocating \$4,755,600.

County Administrator Josh Smith argued that this precedent isn't applicable because our technology facilitates remote appearances for jail inmates. However, I've attached 39 additional examples that show it is appropriate to use ARPA funds to make capital improvements to our courtrooms. Most notably, I would like to point out that our next-door neighbor to the south, Winnebago County (IL) used ARPA funds to purchase technology to enable remote court appearances for jail inmates -- the exact same thing we are using the AV equipment for.

Since the total ARPA allocation for courtroom video equipment is under \$1 million, Rock County isn't required to submit written justification for capital expenditures, according to the Final Rule (page 30 of 44).

If a project has total capital expenditures of	and the use is enumerated by Treasury as eligible, then	and the use is beyond those enumerated by Treasury as eligible, then
Less than \$1 million	No Written Justification required	No Written Justification required
Greater than or equal to \$1 million, but less than \$10 million	Written Justification required but recipients are not required to submit as part of regular reporting to Treasury	Written Justification required and recipients must submit as part of regular reporting to Treasury
\$10 million or more	Written Justification required and recipients must submit as part of regular reporting to Treasury	

Per the Final Rule, "recipients have **broad flexibility** (emphasis added) to identify and respond to other pandemic impacts."

Please refer to the attached spreadsheet showing a long list of precedents for using ARPA funding for our Courtrooms and also see the attached Word Document to review responses to the arguments raised by the County Administrator regarding the appropriateness of ARPA funds.

Vote "yes", as amended.



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Objection: "This project does not "increase public access" as noted in the Final Rule since it is directed for use by stakeholder agencies only and not the general public. Based on the excerpt from the Final Rule quoted above, increasing public access is a required element of such ARPA-funded technology infrastructure projects."

1. **Increased accessibility for those charged with a crime:** Court videoconferencing technology increases public access for those who are charged with a crime, as it enables them to attend court proceedings remotely and efficiently, regardless of their location. By reducing the need for in-person appearances and transfers between the jail and courthouse, the technology can improve the speed and accessibility of the court system for *all members of the public*.
2. **Increased use of AV technology:** The increased use of AV technology for court proceedings, as evidenced by the recent increase in postage costs for Zoom conferencing, suggests that *many members of the public* are utilizing these technologies. By providing access to court proceedings through videoconferencing, the technology *can increase public access* to the court system and improve the delivery of justice.
3. **Compliance with ARPA Final Rule:** The expenditures are compliant with the ARPA Final Rule, which allows for technology infrastructure resources to improve access to and the user experience of government information technology systems, including those in the judicial branch. By improving the efficiency and accessibility of the court system, the expenditures can *increase public access* and meet the criteria for ARPA-funded projects.

Objection: "This project began before COVID, and therefore is not in response to COVID, nor does it respond to the negative economic impacts of COVID."

1. **Relevance to COVID-19 pandemic:** The COVID-19 pandemic has created a pressing need for remote court appearances, as in-person appearances can increase the risk of virus transmission and pose a threat to public health and safety. By providing access to court proceedings through videoconferencing, the technology *can respond to the negative economic impacts of COVID* and enhance public health and safety.

2. **Timing of project initiation:** While I acknowledge that the project may have been initiated before the COVID-19 pandemic, however, *the pandemic has heightened the importance and relevance* of the project, as the need for remote court appearances has increased significantly. By providing timely and efficient access to court proceedings, the technology *can respond to the negative economic impacts of COVID* and improve the delivery of justice.
3. **Compliance with ARPA Final Rule:** The expenditures are compliant with the ARPA Final Rule, which allows for technology infrastructure resources to improve access to and the user experience of government information technology systems, including those in the judicial branch. By improving the efficiency and accessibility of the court system, the expenditures *can respond to the negative economic impacts of COVID* and meet the criteria for ARPA-funded projects.

Objection: “The resolution notes a similar-sounding project from North Carolina, which appears to be justified based on "encouraging social distancing due to the COVID-19 pandemic," which is not applicable to the Rock County project.”

1. **Similarity in purpose:** The purpose of the North Carolina project and the Rock County project are similar, as both aim to improve the efficiency and accessibility of the court system and respond to the negative economic impacts of COVID. By providing remote access to court proceedings, the technology *can encourage social distancing* and improve public health and safety.
2. **Relevance to COVID-19 pandemic:** The COVID-19 pandemic has created a pressing need for remote court appearances, as in-person appearances can increase the risk of virus transmission and pose a threat to public health and safety. By providing access to court proceedings through videoconferencing, the technology can respond to the negative economic impacts of COVID and enhance public health and safety.
3. **Compliance with ARPA Final Rule:** The expenditures are compliant with the ARPA Final Rule, which allows for technology infrastructure resources to improve access to and the user-experience of government information technology systems, including those in the judicial branch. By improving the efficiency and accessibility of the court system, the expenditures can

respond to the negative economic impacts of COVID and meet the criteria for ARPA-funded projects.

Locality	State	Local Government	Treasury Spend Group	Amount	Description
Fulton County	Georgia	Fulton County, Georgia	Administrative	\$75,000,000	The objective of this project is to eliminate the backlog of criminal and civil cases accumulated as a result of court closures due to COVID-19. The effort will include establishing standalone courtrooms, staffing of those courtrooms, improving efficiency/productivity of existing court operations including the use of case management standards, and funding technology/professional services to support the design and management of the program through completion.
County Of Bergen	New Jersey	County Of Bergen, New Jersey	Infrastructure	\$28,979,875	The Coronavirus has transformed the lives of Americans in many ways and technology has played a vital role in that transformation. 2020 brought on a new normal with the shutdown of schools, businesses, workplaces and forced millions of Americans to relocate from the office and classroom to the home office and bedroom. Bergen County experienced this technology transition for both the good and the bad. The CARES funding played a large role in assisting to get the technology that was needed to transition the County workforce of nearly 2,900 to a remote environment with the purchase of laptops and other needs, however one struggle still existed the unreliability of the internet used to keep our virtual environment up and running. With the uncertainties of the pandemic it was vital for the County to come up with a plan to ensure that our workforce had the least interruptions as possible so we can continue to provide services to the constituents of Bergen County. The County then decided that a Private Fiber Wan was a beneficial solution, not only to the County of Bergen, but also to the 70 municipalities that share our borders. Project Summary: Internet connectivity became a necessity during the pandemic, not only for the County of Bergen but for the entire world. The stress on the public networks led to downtime during peak hours that the County of Bergen could not afford when trying to service the public, educate children, and ensure public safety, health and welfare to the nearly 1 million residents of Bergen County. The Private Fiber Run was the solution that the County of Bergen needed in order to operate at the highest level of service for not only County Departments but also for municipalities and indirectly the residents of Bergen County by creating a closed loop infrastructure that will be managed directly by the County. The Private Fiber WAN provides for greater security of governmental data, increased broadband speed and unlimited bandwidth, cost effective, no longer paying for an ISP, more reliability as fiber can withstand fluctuations in temperature and can be submerged in water, supports voice-over IP phone networks, good for the environment as it requires lower energy with copper cables and allows for the County to assist municipalities with lower utility bills. The County will indirectly assist households and residents by connecting to the libraries and County parks in the 70+ municipalities of Bergen County. The project will be rolled out in three phases, starting from the most critical and easiest to implement, to the more wide-spread and logistically harder areas to implement. Phase 1: Implementation of Private Fiber Network for 34.93 miles throughout Bergen County to allow for faster internet speed and unlimited bandwidth. This phase will focus on 18 vital locations throughout the County to stabilize the existing infrastructure and provide for a seamless transition from office to home when working offsite is needed. The County will also provide the fiber run to assist our Technical School so that students have the ability to transition from the classroom to home schooling without the loss of services. The 18 locations will include: 1) Bergen County
County Of Sedgwick	Kansas	County Of Sedgwick, Kansas	Negative Economic Impacts	\$10,334,276	Funds will be utilized to remodel a portion of the courthouse to create additional courtrooms and appellate, judge and DA space. This process will displace current County administrative functions that will need to be moved to temporary leased facilities.
Thurston County	Washington	Thurston County, Washington	Negative Economic Impacts	\$7,710,000	In response to a series of mandates to curtail exposure and stop the spread of COVID-19, Superior, District, and Juvenile Courts in Thurston County stopped hearing all but the most urgent of court cases. They reopened slowly over time. To the extent possible cases were converted to video court procedures. When in-person court appearances were again permitted, the courts were required to allow for appropriate physical distancing for staff, jurors, attorneys, defendants, and observers. Given the size and configuration of the county's courtrooms, this restricted the number of cases and trials that could be heard. Today the courts are still not at the same operational level as prior to the pandemic. The result is a significant backlog of court cases. Justice delayed is justice denied. The county must restore timely access to justice.
King County	Washington	King County, Washington	Public Health-Negative Economic Impact: Public Sector Capacity	\$4,398,000	King County District Court has a substantial backlog of court cases and court work due to COVID-19 pandemic. This is due to the courts inability to service the public in a safe environment and staff exhaustion. The court will be using the funds for wages salaries overtime and covered benefits of current and temporary limited term staff to support jury clerical and management staff in court due to staff exhaustion and working the backlog. The court will also be enhancing the remote video audio equipment used to conduct hearings with people off site. The use of masks and social distancing within the courtroom and the sound quality challenges that come from conducting hearings via video has made accurate and effective communication difficult. Funding through 12/31/2022.
City Of Chicago	Illinois	City Of Chicago, Illinois	Negative Economic Impacts	\$3,000,000	The Legal Protection Fund provides free advocacy and legal services to immigrants and refugees, including unaccompanied children, such as applying for immigration status, accessing protections and due process, and courtroom representation. The program also funds community navigators to conduct outreach to immigrant populations and connect them to legal services and other relevant programs.

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Pima County	Arizona	Pima County, Arizona	Public Health	\$3,000,000	Upgrade remaining courtrooms (18) at Superior and Juvenile Court with remote-enabled technology and implement distanced bench conferencing in the 27 courtrooms that support jury trials. Implement similar capability in the 14 courtrooms at Pima County Consolidated Justice Court. This upgrade is also supportive of the Supreme Court's Access to Justice strategic agenda, in addition to providing the option for victims who wish to participate to do so remotely. Modernizes the audio and sound-reinforcement ensuring ADA compliance for hearing impaired parties for onsite and remote participants. Upgrade ten (10) Jury Deliberation rooms at Superior Court to support digital evidence viewing by jurors. All jury trials will leverage technology to safely view evidence during deliberation. Purchase, configure and deploy 114 Dell laptops and docking stations for assignment to adult and juvenile probation officers. Increase the ability for probation officers to meet with probationers in their natural environment and reduce "foot traffic" at county probation sites. Upgrade the audio visual capabilities in Superior Court conference rooms 920, 945, and the CTC with remote capability to join jurors located in these rooms during the juror selection process with the courtroom. Upgrade the CTC technology to support remote and onsite participation for court staff attending training and for meetings and training sessions offered to the public as part of a court outreach program. Implement an upgraded Superior Court development environment that supports a Pretrial case management platform and a mental health system. Includes the purchase, configuration, and implementation of the new environment sized to support Pretrial and mental health.
Lake County	Florida	Lake County, Florida	Public Health-Negative Economic Impact: Public Sector Capacity	\$2,845,000	The project seeks to reduce current court hearing backlogs and any future backlogs caused by the pandemic by updating and upgrading the Lake County Judicial Center courtrooms with technology that will allow for remote hearings. The scope of services includes the removal of the old system, design and build the new system to include: purchase of new equipment, configuration, programming and installation of a network-based audio/video distribution and control system in fourteen (14) existing courtrooms to facilitate all court proceedings including, but not limited to functionality for evidence presentation, video conferencing, video remote interpreting, and telephonic hearings. This includes providing audio and/or video streams to and from various courtroom locations, court recording systems, media feed connections, and any additional endpoints as required by the court.
King County	Washington	King County, Washington	Public Health-Negative Economic Impact: Public Sector Capacity	\$2,479,201	King County District Court has a substantial backlog of court cases and court work due to COVID-19 pandemic. This is due to the courts inability to service the public in a safe environment and staff exhaustion. The court will be using the funds for wages, salaries, overtime and covered benefits of current and temporary limited term staff to support jury, clerical and management staff in court due to staff exhaustion and working the backlog. The court will also be enhancing the remote video audio equipment used to conduct hearings with people off site. The use of masks and social distancing within the courtroom and the sound quality challenges that come from conducting hearings via video has made accurate and effective communication difficult. Funding is provided through December 31, 2022.
Cumberland County	Maine	Cumberland County, Maine	Public Health	\$2,000,000	"The courtroom side of the County Courthouse is a three-story construction. It houses multiple courtroom, administrative, and criminal processing areas. Currently the existing air handler (#1) can not address COVID-19 concerns because the existing unit is not operating at the required air capacity to provide slow, steady air speed per recommendation. The existing unit could not provide air filtration recommended through fiber-based material or membrane. The County has the inability to increase air filters to as recommended by CDC. The existing unit could not provide outside air during cold season. The existing unit is not capable of changing airflow patterns - it produces the same speed, in a straight path. Demand control ventilation by occupancy will be included. The project scope is to replace the existing pneumatic control system.
El Paso County	Texas	El Paso County, Texas	Public Health	\$1,800,000	Technology has vastly changed the landscape of how government business can be accomplished. During the COVID-pandemic, the remote conferencing opportunity with inmates from both the Downtown Detention Facility and the Jail Annex became instrumental in processing inmates without endangering staff, inmates, or other persons by transporting detainees to the downtown area. Through this, many courts have found videoconferencing to be fast and efficient, and the consensus is that many proceedings can continue to be held remotely between courthouse and these facilities. By creating a new courtroom at the Jail Annex with remote access capability, the proper facility to support these functions can be constructed without hindering the current operations at the facility. This new courtroom will be located adjacent to the current facility while maintaining the appropriate required secure perimeter.
King County	Washington	King County, Washington	Public Health	\$1,725,791	Fund an extension of the Meydenbauer Convention Center lease through the end of 2021. The court has leased space at the Meydenbauer Convention Center in Bellevue WA for the purpose of holding civil jury trials. The spaces available there allow for setting up 6 large courtrooms which can accommodate social distancing.
Cobb County	GA	Cobb County, GA	Public Health	\$1,125,000	In order to more timely resolve the current backlog, an additional courtroom is needed to conduct more than two jury trials simultaneously while allowing for remaining courtrooms to conduct non-jury matters.
County Of Tulsa	OK	County Of Tulsa, OK	Public Health	\$1,000,000	for construction costs to remodel courtrooms, existing jury assembly room, and courtroom workspaces
Dallas County	Texas	Dallas County, Texas	Public Health-Negative Economic Impact: Public Sector Capacity	\$993,772	Purchase and installation of audio/visual (A/V) systems, with annotation capabilities, in 14 auxiliary courtrooms for Dallas County. The courtrooms are located in the Frank Crowley (6) and George Allen (8), which currently do not have A/V equipment
Cobb County	GA	Cobb County, GA	Public Health	\$875,000	There is existing unfinished space for an additional grand jury room which will allow for the necessary precautions and the room will be renovated to allow for grand jury proceedings.
Cobb County	GA	Cobb County, GA	Public Health	\$840,000	A multi-purpose courtroom will be built on the fourth floor with a holding cell. This room can also be utilized for bench trials, public viewing areas, jury deliberation room and a meeting room.

Locality	State	Local Government	Treasury Spend Group	Amount	Description
Washoe County	Nevada	Washoe County, Nevada	Public Health-Negative Economic Impact: Public Sector Capacity	\$747,800	Incline Justice Court renovations allow a temporary use for the Incline Village Justice Court to occupy the space for short term duration of approximately 3-5 years. The Incline Justice Access Project will include renovations to the Incline Community Center, to house the court room, offices, and technological enhancements to improve access to court proceedings for the public. The pandemic has driven innovation for remote access that will be long term solutions. Audio/video technology with a 360 degree in courtroom camera, distributed speakers, and IP based source systems will enable opportunities for remote access for those not physically located in the courtroom. Distributed Wi-fi access throughout the courthouse will be provided for public and counsel access. Additionally, the project will provide dedicated public workstations with access to case files and online forms. The project includes physical renovations to meet ADA requirements at the Incline Community Center. The project performance period for this project runs from June 2022 through Spring of 2023.
Cobb County	GA	Cobb County, GA	Public Health	\$625,000	In order to meet tight statutory timelines and maintain adherence to public health guidelines, the renovation for Magistrate court consists of two courtrooms. The renovation also includes the reconfiguration of spaces with the Clerk's office and mediation areas to fully allow for social distancing and the protection of Cobb citizens and staff.
Washoe County	Nevada	Washoe County, Nevada	Public Health-Negative Economic Impact: Public Sector Capacity	\$500,000	The Reno Justice Court will be modifying an existing courtroom to accommodate for additional jury members and members of the public to allow for social distancing and to comply with Nevada Assembly Bill 42, which expanded the size of a justice court jury from six to twelve. The Court has at times restricted the number of individuals who can come to the Court in-person during the pandemic. Although many types of cases can still be adjudicated in such circumstances due to remote proceedings, criminal trials cannot be conducted remotely as criminal defendants have a Constitutional right to in-person cross-examination of witnesses against them. This has created a significant back log of criminal cases.
Cobb County	GA	Cobb County, GA	Public Health	\$492,800	In order to handle increased demands of the Estates Division and to meet the current health guidelines, it is necessary to reconfigure the second courtroom to use as a nonjury courtroom.
Washoe County	Nevada	Washoe County, Nevada	Public Health	\$380,900	Sparks Justice Court requested ARPA funds to create a new courtroom that will accommodate fourteen jurors and provide equitable distancing, thus providing a safer operating environment. During the COVID-19 pandemic, the Sparks Justice Court ceased all jury trials scheduled from March 2020 and did not resume jury trials until July 2021. The court was backlogged over 20 jury trials due to the COVID-19 public health emergency. Additionally, virtual hearings conducted because of the COVID-19 public health emergency take much longer and require additional staffing resources, creating further delay in adjudicating cases. The new courtroom will provide an opportunity to contract with Pro Tempore's and temporary staff to move cases forward to mitigate further backlog.
Erie County	Pennsylvania	Erie County, Pennsylvania	Public Health	\$274,760	Information Technology is purchasing software and hardware to respond to the needs of multiple departments created by the COVID-19 pandemic. To allow eligible employees to work remotely, Erie County, which has more than 1,200 employees in total, is purchasing annually a minimum of 500 individual software licenses for remote worker accounts at \$180 per license per year. Funds are also budgeted for the purchasing of laptops, headsets, microphones, webcams, Zoom subscriptions, and other technology/equipment necessary for remote work. In support of the Erie County District Attorney's Office, Information Technology is purchasing (1) 26 laptops with necessary software to enable staff and detectives to work remotely, (2) two portable A/V "Zoom capable" carts to allow for remote access and physical distancing during courtroom proceedings, and (3) a new Forensic Workstation and one additional Cellebrite (Mobile Forensic Platform) license for the Digital Forensic Unit to manage the backlog of cases involving digital data, which increased by approximately 38% from 2019 to 2020 during the COVID-19 pandemic.
County of Dupage	Illinois	County of Dupage, Illinois	Public Health	\$165,000	The DuPage Circuit Court Clerk was in need of new equipment to allow remote access for the Courtroom and allow staff to work remote in order to ensure social distancing and prevent the spread of COVID-19.
McLennan County	Texas	McLennan County, Texas	Public Health	\$146,815	McLennan County Courtroom Cleaning
Washoe County	Nevada	Washoe County, Nevada	Public Health	\$138,638	Sparks Justice Court will use funding to make necessary upgrades to courtroom audiovisual technology. The project meets the growing demand for remote access to justice for public safety, expedited processing of case backlog due to the COVID-19 pandemic and addresses the negative impact of low-quality audiovisual technology on Limited English Proficiency (LEP) individuals and those who are hard of hearing. Additionally, this project addresses the quality of evidence sharing with onsite and remote parties and the preservation of such records within the certified recording system. Currently, the court experiences many issues in evidence cart connections and shared quality due to the outdated use of video graphics arrays and multiple down/up scalars to transmit the proceedings into the recorder, witness stand, and public visual display. These are critical fixes needed to continue virtual hearings and ensure every court user receives a quality experience.
Clark County	Washington	Clark County, Washington	Public Health-Negative Economic Impact: Public Sector Capacity	\$131,836	Information Systems Infrastructure: Justice AV Solutions (JAVS) upgrade, \$324,825: The need for upgrades for all District Court courtrooms of the current Justice AV Solutions (JAVS) court recording and connections system.
McLennan County	Texas	McLennan County, Texas	Public Health	\$104,445	Information Systems Infrastructure: 2 Video Interpreter/Arraignment Booths, \$2,331: The District Court to purchase equipment for setting up two virtual stations-booths next to the District Courtroom for the use by individuals who do not have ability to access the District Court virtual courts.
Clark County	Washington	Clark County, Washington	Public Health-Negative Economic Impact: Public Sector Capacity	\$96,835	McLennan County Courtroom Cleaning
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					Information Systems Infrastructure: 2 Video Interpreter/Arraignment Booths, \$2,331: The District Court to purchase equipment for setting up two virtual stations-booths next to the District Courtroom for the use by individuals who do not have ability to access the District Court virtual courts.

Locality	State	Local Government	Treasury Spend Group	Amount	Description
Thurston County	Washington	Thurston County, Washington	Negative Economic Impacts	\$90,000	This project is to purchase a Jail Transport Vehicle (a van) fully dedicated for transport of inmates to and from Chandler Court. Chandler Court is an alternative courtroom needed for COVID-19 distancing measures and prevention, mitigating the spread of COVID-19. The Board of County Commissioners has approved \$90,000 for this project.
Polk County	Florida	Polk County, Florida	Public Health-Negative Economic Impact: Public Sector Capacity	\$79,758	Court needed a position to help manage their virtual courtrooms.
					"The Public Defender has the constitutional requirement of providing legal representation to all indigent people, both adults and juveniles, who are charged with a criminal offense. Since its inception it has also been tasked with representing parents in Abuse and Neglect cases – cases where the State is seeking to have minors placed under their supervision (either temporarily or permanently) and to potentially sever the relationship between parent and child, i.e. terminate their parental rights. Assistant Public Defenders guard the presumption of innocence, due process and the right to a fair trial. Above and beyond these constitutional and statutory obligations, our overarching goal is that through our services we can reduce recidivism and improve the lives of our clients, and all citizens of Winnebago County. To meet all of these obligations, when fully staffed we employ 34 attorneys, 4 investigators, an office manager and 6 support staff. Throughout 2021, COVID required our office to conduct remote court appearances, as well as remote meetings with clients. This requires our staff to perform duties remotely and move to where the Defendant is located (i.e. the jail, the courtroom, on quarantine, etc.). In light of social distancing requirements, laptop computers are required for all of these services." Obtaining current laptop technology will allow the Public Defender to comply with federal, state and local COVID-19 public health rules when representing the disproportionately impacted populations and communities.
Winnebago County	Illinois	Winnebago County, Illinois	Public Health-Negative Economic Impact: Public Sector Capacity	\$72,000	
Polk County	FL	Polk County, FL	Premium Pay	\$70,000	Court needed a position to help manage their virtual courtrooms.
Westmoreland County	Pennsylvania	Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania	Public Health	\$25,442	This was for District Justice Office Chair Replacement Bid 22-32. Quantity of 576 wipeable chairs for 16 magistrate office lobbies, waiting areas and courtrooms.
Jefferson County	TX	Jefferson County, TX	Public Health	\$24,032	Provide Cleaning to Jefferson County Buildings and Courtrooms specific to disinfecting for COVID-19
St. Clair County	Illinois	St. Clair County, Illinois	Public Health-Negative Economic Impact: Public Sector Capacity	\$10,000	Courtrooms are still using Zoom to conduct trials and meetings.
Westmoreland County	Pennsylvania	Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania	Public Health	\$5,695	** Needed for the purchase of FTR recording suite, which includes FTR software package, LXR audio splitter and STR USB time clock. This is for the Senior Judge's Courtroom to replace equipment that is no longer working properly. FTR maintenance has indicated that an upgrade is needed. FTRs are used when a court reporter is not available, potential due to COVID-19. Additionally, FTRs limit the number of people needed in a courtroom to allow for social distancing.
Pima County	Arizona	Pima County, Arizona	Public Health	\$4,500	Behavioral Health contracts with Banner Hospital to provide evaluations to determine whether an individual may be a danger to themselves or others, and whether Court Ordered Treatment is recommended. Mental Health Defenders assist those undergoing evaluation for Court Ordered Treatment to inform clients of their rights throughout the process. Historically these services were offered in person at the courtroom in Banner Hospital, but with many clients having to quarantine for their safety Mental Health Defenders identified a need to provide alternative, remote forms of communication. ARPA funds will be used to enhance telecommuting abilities for Mental Health Defenders to ensure clients still have access to legal representation while reducing their exposure to COVID-19.

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El Paso County	Texas	El Paso County, Texas	Public Health	\$1,800,000	Technology has vastly changed the landscape of how government business can be accomplished. During the COVID-pandemic, the remote conferencing opportunity with inmates from both the Downtown Detention Facility and the Jail Annex became instrumental in processing inmates without endangering staff, inmates, or other persons by transporting detainees to the downtown area. Through this, many courts have found videoconferencing to be fast and efficient, and the consensus is that many proceedings can continue to be held remotely between courthouse and these facilities. By creating a new courtroom at the Jail Annex with remote access capability, the proper facility to support these functions can be constructed without hindering the current operations at the facility. This new courtroom will be located adjacent to the current facility while maintaining the appropriate required secure perimeter.
Thurston County	Washington	Thurston County, Washington	Negative Economic Impacts	\$90,000	This project is to purchase a Jail Transport Vehicle (a van) fully dedicated for transport of inmates to and from Chandler Court. Chandler Court is an alternative courtroom needed for COVID-19 distancing measures and prevention, mitigating the spread of COVID-19. The Board of County Commissioners has approved \$90,000 for this project.
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Pima County	Arizona	Pima County, Arizona	Public Health	\$3,000,000	Upgrade remaining courtrooms (18) at Superior and Juvenile Court with remote-enabled technology and implement distanced bench conferencing in the 27 courtrooms that support jury trials. Implement similar capability in the 14 courtrooms at Pima County Consolidated Justice Court. This upgrade is also supportive of the Supreme Court's Access to Justice strategic agenda, in addition to providing the option for victims who wish to participate to do so remotely. Modernizes the audio and sound-reinforcement ensuring ADA compliance for hearing impaired parties for onsite and remote participants. Upgrade ten (10) Jury Deliberation rooms at Superior Court to support digital evidence viewing by jurors. All jury trials will leverage technology to safely view evidence during deliberation. Purchase, configure and deploy 114 Dell laptops and docking stations for assignment to adult and juvenile probation officers. Increase the ability for probation officers to meet with probationers in their natural environment and reduce "foot traffic" at county probation sites. Upgrade the audio visual capabilities in Superior Court conference rooms 920, 945, and the CTC with remote capability to join jurors located in these rooms during the juror selection process with the courtroom. Upgrade the CTC technology to support remote and onsite participation for court staff attending training and for meetings and training sessions offered to the public as part of a court outreach program. Implement an upgraded Superior Court development environment that supports a Pretrial case management platform and a mental health system. Includes the purchase, configuration, and implementation of the new environment sized to support Pretrial and mental health.
Lake County	Florida	Lake County, Florida	Public Health-Negative Economic Impact: Public Sector Capacity	\$2,845,000	The project seeks to reduce current court hearing backlogs and any future backlogs caused by the pandemic by updating and upgrading the Lake County Judicial Center courtrooms with technology that will allow for remote hearings. The scope of services includes the removal of the old system, design and build the new system to include: purchase of new equipment, configuration, programming and installation of a network-based audio /video distribution and control system in fourteen (14) existing courtrooms to facilitate all court proceedings including, but not limited to functionality for evidence presentation, video conferencing, video remote interpreting, and telephonic hearings. This includes providing audio and/or video streams to and from various courtroom locations, court recording systems, media feed connections, and any additional endpoints as required by the court.
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Dallas County	Texas	Dallas County, Texas	Public Health-Negative Economic Impact: Public Sector Capacity	\$993,772	Purchase and installation of audio/visual (A/V) systems, with annotation capabilities, in 14 auxiliary courtrooms for Dallas County. The courtrooms are located in the Frank Crowley (6) and George Allen (8), which currently do not have A/V equipment
Washoe County	Nevada	Washoe County, Nevada	Public Health-Negative Economic Impact: Public Sector Capacity	\$747,800	Incline Justice Court renovations allow a temporary use for the Incline Village Justice Court to occupy the space for short term duration of approximately 3-5 years. The Incline Justice Access Project will include renovations to the Incline Community Center, to house the court room, offices, and technological enhancements to improve access to court proceedings for the public. The pandemic has driven innovation for remote access that will be long term solutions. Audio/video technology with a 360 degree in courtroom camera, distributed speakers, and IP based source systems will enable opportunities for remote access for those not physically located in the courtroom. Distributed Wi-fi access throughout the courthouse will be provided for public and counsel access. Additionally, the project will provide dedicated public workstations with access to case files and online forms. The project includes physical renovations to meet ADA requirements at the Incline Community Center. The project performance period for this project runs from June 2022 through Spring of 2023.

Erie County	Pennsylvania	Erie County, Pennsylvania	Public Health	\$274,760	Information Technology is purchasing software and hardware to respond to the needs of multiple departments created by the COVID-19 pandemic. To allow eligible employees to work remotely, Erie County, which has more than 1,200 employees in total, is purchasing annually a minimum of 500 individual software licenses for remote worker accounts at \$180 per license per year. Funds are also budgeted for the purchasing of laptops, headsets, microphones, webcams, Zoom subscriptions, and other technology/equipment necessary for remote work. In support of the Erie County District Attorney's Office, Information Technology is purchasing (1) 26 laptops with necessary software to enable staff and detectives to work remotely, (2) two portable A/V "Zoom capable" carts to allow for remote access and physical distancing during courtroom proceedings, and (3) a new Forensic Workstation and one additional Cellebrite (Mobile Forensic Platform) license for the Digital Forensic Unit to manage the backlog of cases involving digital data, which increased by approximately 38% from 2019 to 2020 during the COVID-19 pandemic.
County of Dupage	Illinois	County of Dupage, Illinois	Public Health	\$165,000	The DuPage Circuit Court Clerk was in need of new equipment to allow remote access for the Courtroom and allow staff to work remote in order to ensure social distancing and prevent the spread of COVID-19.
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Clark County	Washington	Clark County, Washington	Public Health-Negative Economic Impact: Public Sector Capacity	\$131,836	Information Systems Infrastructure: Justice AV Solutions (JAVS) upgrade, \$324,825: The need for upgrades for all District Court courtrooms of the current Justice AV Solutions (JAVS) court recording and connections system. Information Systems Infrastructure: 2 Video Interpreter/Arraignment Booths, \$2,331: The District Court to purchase equipment for setting up two virtual stations-booths next to the District Courtroom for the use by individuals who do not have ability to access the District Court virtual courts.
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