

RESOLUTION

Approval of a Two-Year Contract with Thomson Reuters (Westlaw) with Two Additional Option Years to Provide On-Line Legal Research Software for the 22nd Judicial Circuit and Authorization for an Expenditure Over \$30,000.00 (42)

WHEREAS, online legal services and patron access to the 22nd Judicial Circuit of McHenry County, McHenry County State's Attorney's Office, McHenry County Public Defender's Office and the McHenry County Law Library is necessary to assist individuals with legal research and information; and

WHEREAS, Thomson Reuters (Westlaw) responded to RFP 20-32 and was found to be the lowest responsible bidder to provide online legal services to the Circuit Court of the 22nd Judicial Circuit for McHenry County; and

WHEREAS, expenditures for Thomson Reuters (Westlaw) will exceed \$30,000.00 in Fiscal Year 2024 and Fiscal Year 2025; and

WHEREAS, the expenditures for online legal research were budgeted for in the Fiscal Year 2024 and Fiscal Year 2025 Court Administration budget (400825-42-4200-100) (Digital Subscriptions); and

WHEREAS, on-line legal research is a necessary expenditure for the administration of justice by the 22nd Judicial Circuit for McHenry County, Illinois, and

WHEREAS, the Circuit Judges of the 22nd Judicial Circuit of McHenry County have recommended that said contract be awarded to Thomson Reuters.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by this County Board of McHenry County, Illinois, that it hereby authorizes, by this County Board of McHenry County, Illinois a two-year contract, effective September 22, 2024, is awarded to Thomson Reuters (Westlaw) to provide on-line legal research services as ordered by the 22nd Judicial Circuit of McHenry County; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that authorization is granted to expend in excess of \$30,000.00 to Thompson Reuters (Westlaw) for on-line legal research services; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, by this County Board of McHenry County, Illinois that said costs shall be paid from the Court Administration FY24 Budget (400825-42-4200-100 Digital Subscriptions); and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the County Clerk is hereby authorized to distribute a certified copy of this Resolution to the Chief Circuit Judge, Trial Court Administrator, Director of Procurement and Special Service, the Chief Financial Officer, and the County Administrator.

DATED at Woodstock, Illinois, this 17th day of September, A.D., 2024.

Michael Buehler, Chairman
McHenry County Board

ATTEST:

Joseph J. Tirio, County Clerk

CourtAdmin-2024-005



McHenry County Board

County Board Room
Woodstock, IL 60098

Meeting: September 17, 2024
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Board / Committee Action Requested:

Approval of a Resolution authorizing a two (2) year contract with an optional two (2) years with Thomson Reuters for the 22nd Judicial Circuit Court, McHenry County State's Attorney, McHenry County Public Defender's Office and Law Library for a period through September 21, 2024, through September 21, 2026.

Background and Discussion: RFP 24-7514 was released pursuant to the McHenry County Purchasing Agreement and two vendors responded; Lexis Nexis and Thomson Reuters. Based on the response, Thomson Reuters has been deemed the lowest responsible bidder,

The Circuit Court of the 22nd Judicial Circuit administers the contract for online legal research for the Court, the McHenry County State's Attorney, McHenry County Public Defender, Law Library, and Court Administration.

The expense for online legal research services has been budgeted for in the remainder of the 2024 and 2025 FY budget.

Impact on Human Resources: None

Impact on Budget (Revenue; Expenses, Fringe Benefits): These expenses were accounted for in the FY 2024 and FY 2025 Budget for Court Administration and the Law Library.

Impact on Capital Expenditures: None

Impact on Physical Space: None

Impact on Other County Departments or Outside Agencies: This contract effects the McHenry County State's Attorney's Office, the McHenry County Public Defender's Office, the Law Library, Court Administration, the McHenry County Clerk's Office, the McHenry County Department of Probation and Court Services, and Regional Office of Education.