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**DATE:** May 20, 2021

**TO:** Yamhill County Board of Commissioners; Ken Huffer, County Administrator;  
Justin Hogue, Business Services Director

**FROM:** Shane Hoffman, IT Manager

**SUBJECT:** GEMS Upgrade Fiscal year 2020-21

**ATTACHMENTS (3):** 2 Quotes  
Unisys License and  
Warranty Registration and Services Agreement

**Request:**

IT is requesting Board of Commissioners' authorization to work with Harris to provide services to upgrade the County financial system (GEMS) and Unisys in the 2020-21 fiscal year. Unisys is the platform that GEMS runs on. This was not a planned expense. If we do not perform the upgrade, there is a chance the year end service pack with Federal or State tax changes may not apply successfully, and vendor support will be limited. We are on a version of GEMS and Unisys that is not fully supported; therefore, it is difficult to get technical assistance from Harris or Unisys at times. It is for these reasons that it is imperative to do this upgrade.

The quotes for the GEMS and Unisys upgrades are as follows:

Vendor	Cost
Harris	\$27,000
Unisys	\$25,181
<b>Grand Total:</b>	<b>\$52,181</b>

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Regards  
Shane J Hoffman

Accepted by Yamhill County  
Board of Commissioners on  
5/27/21 by Board Order  
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