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Fayette County  
911 Communications Board Meeting  
May 8, 2020

1. Roll Call – The following representatives attended the meeting: 911 Director Katye Vogt, 911 Assistant Director Amber Smith, Chief Harold Myers, Major Brian Eubanks, Chief Joe O’Conor, Chief Randy Mundy, Chief Alan Jones, Chief Janet Moon, County Administrator Steve Rapson, Deputy Chief Jeff Hill, Deputy Chief Linda Black, Chief Scott Gray, County Clerk Tameca White and 911 Communications Coordinator Wendy Coulter.
2. The emergency 911 Communications Board meeting was called to order by Chief Gray at 13:09. The meeting was held using Microsoft Teams due to the pandemic and CDC social distancing protocols. It was broadcast on Comcast channel 23 and Livestream.
3. Old Business  
No old business was discussed.
4. New Business
  - A. Carbyne Change Order / Chairs  
Initial contract was signed in March of 2018. Equipment included 8 standard consoles and 1 supervisor console. All administrative lines were moved from Vesta to Carbyne in January 2020. Due to the pandemic and travel restrictions, moving the 911 lines was pushed from May until late June 2020. A quote was requested from Carbyne initially for 7 additional consoles as an operational enhancement that were not included in the initial contract. Of the 7, four consoles would go to the Emergency Operations Center to replace the current Vesta phone system. The other three would be placed in administrative offices to assist with call overflow, training, and increased call volume. It was noted that one of the offices is directly off the radio room allowing them to monitor call volume and act quickly if they were needed to assist. Carbyne updated the change order to include original 7 requested consoles (4-EOC, 3-admin), and adding another 5 consoles for the mobile communications unit. Ultimately 911 would receive 12 Carbyne consoles for the same price as the original discounted quote for 7. The limited usage license will remain, but Carbyne will absorb any of the cost if we go above the threshold.

Historically the 911 center has purchased lower grade 24/7 chairs and have found that they do not hold up well. The current chairs were replaced through a trade in for chairs

we initially purchased, and they too are falling apart. A request for new chairs was submitted in the M&O budget.

The proposed change order request will cover the cost of both the 12 Carbyne consoles and the replacement chairs from the existing SPLOST contingency currently in the radio system contract. The Carbyne maintenance for the remaining 5 years of the 6-year proposal would be placed in the M&O budget. The initial cost would be \$164,987 which includes the Carbyne software, hardware, licensing, and labor. The county is responsible for \$35,400 for computer workstations, KVM switches and headsets and additional recorder licensing. After the initial setup and installation costs in year one, \$93,500 will be added annually to the M&O budget. This will eliminate the cost of the additional items needed for the mobile communications unit and the chairs from the M&O budget. There would be a deduction from the EF Johnson (Public Safety Radio) contingency to fund the 12 Carbyne consoles and chairs. The Carbyne contract funding would be increased by that same amount.

Chief Jones made a motion to move forward with the change order and Chief Moon seconded. Motion passed unanimously (confirmed in chat text via Microsoft Teams) with no opposition.

#### B. Method of Invoice Payment for Public Safety Radio System

Initial contract was signed in November 2018, with EF Johnson for \$14,964,675.53, as a "not to exceed" award which included a \$2,750,000 allocation for future 911 system contingency and enhancements as part of the contract. Change Order #1 (previously approved) allocated \$768,277.85 for Subscriber Radios & Accessories and this Change Order will allocate \$700,000 for microwave path studies, cell tower remediation, mobile radio gateways, cell tower site improvements.

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#### 8. Board Member Comments

*The change orders, how much will impact the 911 M&O budget?* The only impact to the M&O budget would be \$93,500 annually in years 2-6 for the maintenance for the new positions. The initial cost, the chairs and the radio system are all covered by the SPLOST funds. Vesta will remain in place for the first year of the switch to Carbyne as a back up system. The maintenance cost for Motorola will be eliminated after the first year which will offset the \$93,500 for Carbyne.

#### 9. Public Comments

None

10. The next meeting will be Thursday, July 9, 2020 at 10:00.

11. Adjourn - The meeting was adjourned at 13:43.