

LOWNDES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
COMMISSION AGENDA ITEM

SUBJECT: Emergency Repairs for the Public Safety Radio System due to Lightning Damage

DATE OF MEETING: November 8, 2022

Work  
Session/Regular  
Session

BUDGET IMPACT: \$86,507.85 Approximate total repair cost

Valdosta Tower site repair: \$23,893.30

Naylor Tower site repair: \$62,614.55

Approximate total repair cost: \$86,507.85

FUNDING SOURCE:

- Annual
- Capital
- N/A
- SPLOST
- TSPLOST

COUNTY ACTION REQUESTED ON: Emergency Repairs for the Public Safety Radio System due to lightning damage

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HISTORY, FACTS AND ISSUES: Sometime during the July/August time frame we started getting reports of degraded radio functionality. Upon investigation by the radio shop, it was discovered that we had a damaged Tower Top Amp at the Valdosta Radio tower site. During the same time period, we started getting reports from public safety units of degraded radio coverage in the south end of the county (Lake Park and Echols County area). Upon further investigation, there was significant damage found at the Naylor Tower site. Aerial photos, that will be attached to the agenda item, show clear lightning damage.

OPTIONS: 1. Approve  
2. Board's Pleasure

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Board's Pleasure

DEPARTMENT: E911

DEPARTMENT HEAD: Danny Weeks

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: