

LOWNDES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
COMMISSION AGENDA ITEM

SUBJECT: Request to Purchase Public Safety Radios

DATE OF MEETING: January 24, 2017

BUDGET IMPACT: \$81,822.40

FUNDING SOURCE

- Annual
- Capital
- N/A

- Regular Meeting
- Work Session
- Recommendation
- Policy/Discussion
- Report
- Other

COUNTY ACTION REQUESTED ON: Request to Purchase Public Safety Radios

HISTORY, FACTS AND ISSUES: The majority of the public safety radios in the Fire Department inventory were purchased when the Public Safety Radio System was originally installed in 2002. Approximately two years ago Motorola served notice that as of December 2015, the XTS models currently used by the Fire Department, and most other agencies in Lowndes County, were no longer being manufactured or supported. This means that in the coming years it will become increasingly harder to find parts to repair the units whenever they experience issues. To begin the process of gradually replacing all of the subscriber units, staff has negotiated with the local Motorola vendor to acquire twenty-two (22) new units at reduced pricing.

OPTIONS: 1. Authorize staff to purchase the new radios from Mobile Communications.  
2. Board's Pleasure.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Option 1.

DEPARTMENT: Fire Rescue

Department Head: Ashley Tye

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATION:

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County Manager

Action Taken By Board: \_\_\_\_\_