

Public Safety Committee Minutes
November 13, 2012 – 3:00 p.m.

Present: Chairman Peck; Supervisors Jenkins, Lucia, Veitch, and Southworth; Spencer Hellwig, Administrator; Ryan Moore, Mgmt. Analyst; Paul Lent, Ed Tremblay, Emergency Services; League of Women Voters.

Chairman Peck called the meeting to order and welcomed all in attendance.

On a motion made by Mr. Veitch, seconded by Mr. Jenkins the minutes of the October 9, 2012 meeting were approved unanimously.

Mr. Lent said at the time the county purchased the new radio system part of the bid required vendors to give us a post guarantee cost of maintenance after we went off warranty. Motorola did do that and it would be for years 2013 through 2017 along with a service agreement. The service agreement contained substantially more than was asked for, he said. He said the pricing for that was for 2009 and they are still willing to keep that pricing in tact if the county will sign an agreement by the time Lakeview is finished, which should be in December, he said. Signing the agreement does not require the county to purchase any of their services, what it does is it solidifies the pricing and accepts the pricing that was contained in the bid. Mr. Lent said it is in the best interest of the county to sign the agreement and accept none of the services at this point, which means there is zero impact to the county and in the interim between now and when we go off warranty in June, go out to bid for some of those services because we are not necessarily wedded to Motorola for some of those services, he said. Mr. Lent said the county will always be attached to Motorola for proprietary software work just like you would any other operating license, but the county's system is so new and we have the latest revision that there is no need at this juncture to subscribe to software, upgrades and maintenance at this point, he said. This may be a discussion down the road, but not now.

Mr. Lent requested that the committee pass on to the Board of Supervisors and authorize the chairman to sign the service agreement with the caveat that the county is accepting none of the services or subscribing to none of the services at this time, but merely just holding the pricing.

Mrs. Southworth asked if there was some way to use some of the services and not the others. Mr. Lent said, yes.

Mr. Peck said he wanted to make sure that everything is reviewed by the County Attorney's office to make sure that it is just preserving price.

Mr. Veitch asked if there was a schedule for software upgrades. Mr. Lent said we are due one upgrade before going off warranty, which is a part of the proposal, and that will be done in May of 2013. Mr. Veitch expressed his concerns that we don't abandon upgrades to service that

would result in the spending of more money down the road. Mr. Lent said the cost for an annual subscription for software would be \$135,550 a year.

Mr. Hellwig said this was not budgeted because Mr. Lent still has to look at whether it is going to be Motorola and which pieces are going to be Motorola or whether we can get better pricing from another vendor that is authorized to work on Motorola equipment.

A motion was made by Mr. Jenkins, seconded by Mr. Lucia to forward to the full Board an authorization to allow the chairman to sign a service agreement with Motorola with the caveat that the county is accepting none of the service or subscribing to none of the services at this time, but merely holding the pricing. Unanimous.

Mr. Tremblay requested approval of a Homeland Security Grant in the amount of \$168,000. He said the State use to do the calibration and the yearly support on the SCBA's when the HazMat team was first started. He said with the original SCBA's that were received, the tanks are reaching their expiration date and will need to be replaced.

A motion was made by Mr. Jenkins, seconded by Mr. Lucia to approve the acceptance of a State Homeland Security Grant in the amount of \$168,000. Unanimous.

Mr. Tremblay said part of the 2009 Homeland Security Grant was amended as there was training money that was included that was originally supposed to be used for personnel training exercises. There was a requirement at that time that you had to put in 25% which had to be dedicated to training exercises. Emergency Services is participating in training exercises through the Capital Region group so expenses were low and there was money for personnel expenses in other grants, he said. Authorization was given to transfer money for equipment to be used to create a propane training system at the fire training center. He said there are two up there now that are fourteen years old and the containers are rusted out and not usable. At this point we will be upgrading one and providing a car fire prop that will allow use by the state training class. State training classes require firefighter training and it is becoming harder and harder to get cars to burn, he said. One bid was received from BullEx, for a total of \$89,674.

A motion was made by Mr. Veitch, seconded by Mr. Jenkins to authorize the chairman to enter into an agreement with BullEx, Inc. to furnish a car fire training prep and a retrofit of the existing pressure vessel tank at a cost of \$89,675. Unanimous.

On a motion made by Mr. Lucia, seconded by Mrs. Southworth the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Chris Sansom