

LOWNDES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
COMMISSION AGENDA ITEM

SUBJECT: Request to Purchase 800 MHz Fire Pagers

DATE OF MEETING: July 25, 2017

BUDGET IMPACT: \$66,080.00

FUNDING SOURCE

- Annual
- Capital
- N/A

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

COUNTY ACTION REQUESTED ON: Request to Purchase 800 MHz Fire Pagers

HISTORY, FACTS AND ISSUES: Lowndes County is currently using a VHF fire paging system to notify volunteer firefighters in the event of a call for service. Over the last several years this system has grown increasingly unreliable. Radio shop personnel are being called on a more frequent basis to trouble shoot issues and repair the system in order to allow firefighters to receive their calls. While there are backups in place to ensure that those requesting help receive it in a timely manner, the paging system is still the primary means of notification.

In the past, there were no paging options available over the 800 MHz system. Advances in technology now make it possible for the county to utilize the same 800 MHz platform that is currently used for the public safety radio system to create a more reliable and efficient paging system for notifying volunteer personnel. Migrating to the 800 MHz platform will provide more reliable service, improve clarity in the transmission of the call information, and eliminate the need to continue maintaining the existing VHF system.

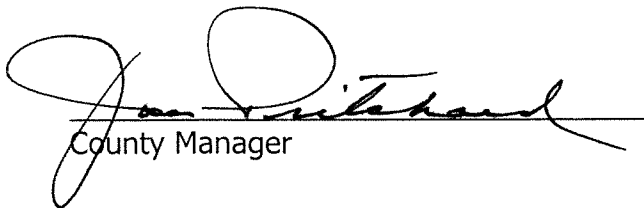
OPTIONS: 1. Authorize staff to purchase the new pagers from Mobile Communications.
2. Board's Pleasure.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Option 1.

DEPARTMENT: Fire Rescue

Department Head: Ashley Tye

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATION:


County Manager

Action Taken By Board: _____