

LOWNDES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
COMMISSION AGENDA ITEM

SUBJECT: Request to Purchase Public Safety Radios

DATE OF MEETING: August 8, 2017

BUDGET IMPACT: \$167,911.20

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 that 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 hard to find parts to repair the units whenever they experience issues. During Fiscal Year 2017, Lowndes County began the process of systematically replacing the current radio cache. For Fiscal Year 2018, Lowndes County Fire Rescue has budgeted to replace an additional 45 portable radios to continue the gradual replacement and avoid the need to replace all of the radios at the same time. Staff requested an updated pricing proposal from the local radio shop, Mobile Communications, and has received discounted pricing to allow for the replacement of 45 radios.

OPTIONS: 1. Authorize staff to purchase 45 new portable radios from Mobile Communications in the amount of \$167,911.20.

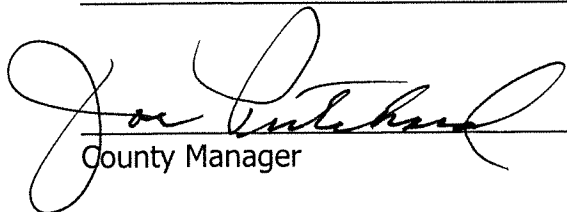
2. Board's Pleasure.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Board's Pleasure

DEPARTMENT: Fire Rescue

Department Head: Ashley Tye

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATION:


County Manager

Action Taken By Board: _____