

LOWNDES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
COMMISSION AGENDA ITEM

SUBJECT: Request to Purchase Public Safety Radios

DATE OF MEETING: August 14, 2018

BUDGET IMPACT: \$206,758.30

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

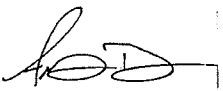
HISTORY, FACTS AND ISSUES: The majority of the public safety radios in the fire department inventory were purchased when the Public Safety Radio System was originally installed in 2002. Approximately two years ago Motorola served notice that as of December 2015 that the XTS portable models and XTL mobile 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. During each of the last two fiscal years, Lowndes County has been systematically replacing the current radio cache. For fiscal year 2019, Lowndes County Fire Rescue has budgeted to replace all of the remaining portable and mobile radios that are no longer being supported by Motorola. Staff requested an updated pricing proposal from the local radio shop, Mobile Communications, and has received discounted pricing to allow for the replacement of 52 portables and 18 mobile radios.

OPTIONS: 1. Authorize staff to purchase new radios from Mobile Communications in the amount of \$206,758.30.
2. Board's Pleasure.

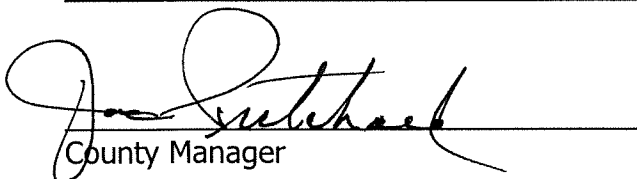
RECOMMENDED ACTION: Board's Pleasure

DEPARTMENT: Fire Rescue

Department Head: Ashley Tye



ADMINISTRATIVE COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATION:



County Manager

Action Taken By Board: _____