

LOWNDES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
COMMISSION AGENDA ITEM

SUBJECT: Code Red Service Agreement

DATE OF MEETING: June 14, 2016

BUDGET IMPACT: \$5,000

FUNDING SOURCE

Annual

Capital

N/A

Regular Meeting

Work Session

Recommendation

Policy/Discussion

Report

Other

COUNTY ACTION REQUESTED ON: Code Red Service Agreement

HISTORY, FACTS AND ISSUES: Lowndes County has contracted with Emergency Communications Network (ECN) since December 2007 to provide Code Red Emergency Notification System to the citizens of Lowndes County. Since February 2009 they have also provided the Code Red Weather Warning Service as well. The current service agreement provides Lowndes County with unlimited Weather Warning notifications but limits the usage of the Code Red Emergency Notification System to 100,000 minutes per contract year. The current cost for this service is \$25,000 annually.

Recently, staff approached the sales representatives with ECN to inquire about the cost associated with providing unlimited usage of both systems. By having an unlimited number of minutes to use with the Code Red System, it would allow other departments and agencies to utilize the system for internal notifications as well as allowing staff the freedom to provide notification more readily for certain events without having to factor in the availability of system minutes. One example of internal notifications is that the unlimited usage would allow us the flexibility to create groups and use the Code Red as a backup system to dispatch fire department personnel in the event the pager and/or radio systems were to go down.

The cost for the unlimited usage would increase the cost of service by \$5,000 annually which would result in an annual budget impact of \$30,000 versus the current \$25,000. Because we have already paid the \$25,000 for the current year's agreement we would only owe the additional \$5,000 at this time and at the next renewal, and each subsequent renewal, the cost would then be \$30,000.


OPTIONS: 1. Approve updated service agreement.
2. Board's pleasure.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Option 1

DEPARTMENT: Emergency Management

Department Head: Ashley Tye

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATION:



County Manager

Action Taken By Board: _____