

TO THE HONORABLE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF BERRIEN COUNTY, MICHIGAN: Your County Administration Committee respectfully recommends the adoption of the following:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the primary components of the county VHF broadcast network for Fire/EMS mobilization are no longer supported by the manufacturers; and

WHEREAS, it is the intention of Berrien County to fully dismantle and/or absolve itself of the responsibility for maintaining the current countywide VHF system by December 31, 2022; and

WHEREAS, in November of 2019 through December of 2020, the County of Berrien entered into shared 50/50 purchase agreements with participating Fire and EMS Departments in Berrien County (Resolution A1911339) for field paging equipment to operate on the Michigan Public Safety Communication System (aka MPSCS 800MHz), in which the County expended \$170,327.69; and

WHEREAS, in 2018 the County of Berrien had assisted New Buffalo City and New Buffalo Twp Fire Departments purchase pagers in the same manner, expending \$8,451.50; and

WHEREAS, through these efforts, Fire and EMS Departments in Berrien County purchased 522 pagers; and

WHEREAS, Berrien County Fire/EMS agencies were successful in securing a Federal regional Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) enabling them to purchase interoperable portable two-way radios for operations on the MPSCS with financial assistance; and

WHEREAS, the Fire and EMS Departments have an outstanding balance of \$26,732.76 to enable the Departments to purchase suitable radio models for their needs;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, that the Berrien County Board of Commissioners authorizes the expenditure of \$13,366.38, half of the remaining outstanding balance, in support of the Fire and EMS Departments in Berrien County as they transition from VHF to the interoperable MPSCS 800 MHz public safety communications system.

**Respectfully submitted,
BERRIEN COUNTY ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE**

Jim Curran, Chairman

David Vollrath, Vice-Chairman

Don Meeks

Julie Wuerfel

RESOLUTION APPROVED AS TO FORM	
Administrative _____	Date <u>1-31-22</u>
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Corporate Counsel <u>TN</u>	Date <u>1/31/22</u>
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