

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

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Berrien County Fire/EMS agencies were unsuccessful in their last two attempts to procure a Federal regional Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) that would have enabled them to fully transition to interoperable field pagers, as well as portable and mobile two-way radios, operating on the Michigan Public Safety Communication System (aka 800MHz); and

WHEREAS, the County of Berrien was prepared to expend \$220,000 in local match funds for these grant applications; and

WHEREAS, the VHF field pagers currently used by local Berrien County Fire/EMS agencies to mobilize their resources are well beyond their manufacturer's recommended "life-span"; and

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.


NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, that the Berrien County Board of Commissioners authorizes the Berrien County 911 Director to engage in a procurement program with local units of government and EMS agencies for field paging equipment that will operate on the MPSCS in a shared 50/50 purchase agreement with participating governmental Fire and EMS Departments in Berrien County; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, up to \$230,000 in "911 Millage-MSP 800 MHZ" account funds (ORG 26103252), will be earmarked as the final expenditure in a 800 MHZ pager procurement plan under project (Z8056), which will require a participating agency to provide a twenty-five (25%) down payment prior to the programming of the equipment, and twenty-five (25%) final payment within 12 months of delivery; and

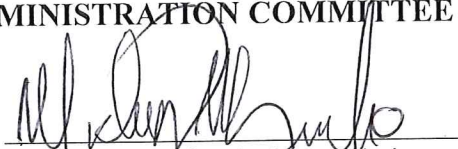
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the opportunity to initiate participation in this procurement program will end when these funds are exhausted, or on December 31, 2020, unless the program is re-authorized by this Berrien County Board of Commissioners.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that while procurement of this equipment will be done in accordance with the County Purchasing Policy, the Berrien County 911 Director is authorized to sign any local unit/EMS agency agreements required to implement this program.

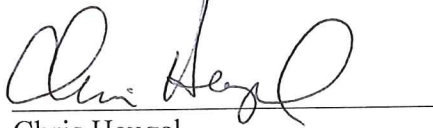
Respectfully submitted,
BERRIEN COUNTY ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE



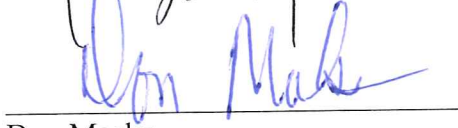
Jim Curran, Chairman



Michael J. Majerek, Vice-Chairman



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RESOLUTION APPROVED

Chairman	_____
Corporate Counsel	_____
Comments Attached	_____