

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATOR TO SIGN THE CONTRACT WITH ELECTRONIC SERVICE CENTER TO PURCHASE AND SERVICE MICROWAVE COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT BETWEEN THE COUNTY SERVICE CENTER ON HOGBACK ROAD AND THE ANN ARBOR CITY HALL FOR THE WASHTENAW 800 MHz RADIO SYSTEM

WASHTENAW COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

September 20, 2000

WHEREAS, in 1986, Washtenaw County, the City of Ann Arbor, the City of Milan, and the City of Saline entered into a cooperative agreement to operate a trunked 800 MHz radio system; and

WHEREAS, the Washtenaw 800 MHz Radio System was designed to provide radio communications to public safety and local government units in Washtenaw County; and

WHEREAS, since 1986 twenty-four other local, state and federal agencies have joined the consortium, including all Washtenaw county police agencies, four fire departments, and Huron Valley Ambulance; and

WHEREAS, the 800 MHz Radio System is a vital part of communications in emergency and non-emergency situations in Washtenaw County; and

WHEREAS, the Executive Board of the Washtenaw 800 MHz Radio System approved the purchase of a new CEB at it's March 21, 2000 meeting, with the cost of the equipment to be shared by the users of the system on a per radio console basis; and

WHEREAS, on June 7, 2000, the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners approved the upgrading of the 800 MHz Central Electronics Bank to current technology; and

WHEREAS, the new CEB requires a digital connection; and

WHEREAS, the current microwave link from Hogback Rd. to the Ann Arbor City Hall is analog technology, beyond it's useful life expectancy, and parts and service are no longer available; and

WHEREAS, Washtenaw County, the City of Ann Arbor, Huron Valley Ambulance, the Charter Township of Pittsfield, the City of Saline, and the City of Ypsilanti are all parties to the CEB project and the upgrade can not be implemented without a digital connection between Hogback Rd. and Ann Arbor City Hall; and

WHEREAS, the cost of this project is \$131,070, to be split between the County and Pittsfield Township; and

WHEREAS, the County's portion of the cost, \$67,816, will be paid from existing 9-1-1 surcharge funds included in the County technology plan; and

WHEREAS, the balance of \$63,254 will be paid directly to the vendor by the Township of Pittsfield; and

WHEREAS, the County and the Township of Pittsfield will each have an independent contract with the vendor, and Washtenaw County will not have to cover the costs or seek reimbursement for the Township of Pittsfield's portion of the project; and

WHEREAS, the contract for purchase of this equipment has been reviewed by the Sheriffs Department, the Information and Technology Systems Department, Corporation Counsel, the Finance Department, the County Administrator's office, and the Ways & Means Committee

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the Administrator to sign the contract with Electronic Service Center to purchase and service the digital microwave link between the County Service Center on Hogback Road and the Ann Arbor City Hall for the Washtenaw 800 Mhz Radio System, upon review of Corporation Counsel to be filed with the County Clerk.