

LOWNDES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
COMMISSION AGENDA ITEM

SUBJECT: Utilities Radio Replacement

DATE OF MEETING: August 23, 2022

Work Session/Regular Session

BUDGET IMPACT: \$64,160.45

FUNDING SOURCE:

- Annual
- Capital
- N/A
- SPLOST
- TSPLOST

COUNTY ACTION REQUESTED ON: Utilities Radio Replacement

HISTORY, FACTS AND ISSUES: The radios currently in service in the Utilities Department have reached end of life and have not been supported by Motorola since 2018, making these units obsolete. This means that when there is an issue with a radio, the repair shop is unable to get parts and the radios have to be taken out of service. Lowndes County replaced most of the older model radios last year and this should be the last of these older radios remaining on the system. In order to ensure that Utilities Staff in the field are able to maintain communications, the Utilities Department is proposing to replace these radios now rather than wait until they fail completely, leaving us without communication capabilities. Staff received a quote in the amount of \$64,160.45 to replace all 22 radios currently in service, including the radio, charger, spare battery and programming by the radio shop for each unit. This quote provides a significant volume discount over replacing the radios one at a time. This item was included, and approved, in the current budget.

OPTIONS: 1. Approve Utilities radio replacement with Motorola Solutions for the purchase of qty-22 radios for \$64,160.45.
2. Board's Pleasure

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approve

DEPARTMENT: Utilities

DEPARTMENT HEAD: Steve Stalvey

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: