

## Richland County Finance and Personnel Committee

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**Agenda Item Name:** Management Information Systems Firstnet Cellular Contract

<b>Department</b>	MIS	<b>Presented By:</b>	Barbara Scott
<b>Date of Meeting:</b>	July 7, 2020	<b>Action Needed:</b>	Approval ? Resolution
<b>Disclosure:</b>	Open	<b>Authority:</b>	Committee Structure (c)
<b>Date submitted:</b>	June 29, 2020	<b>Referred by:</b>	MIS

**Recommendation and/or action language:** Approve entering into a contract with Firstnet for Cellular service.

**Background:** In 2013 The County Board of Supervisors created Resolution 13-77 that stated that Verizon or U.S. Cellular is to provide cell phone services to departments of county government. In July of 2014 Resolution 14-106 was adopted that allowed the Sheriff department to use other companies short term for testing. Now we have a new provider that may be an option for service that we would like to add to the availability.

Reference: <https://dma.wi.gov/DMA/oec/programs/firstnet>

On February 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2012, President Obama signed into law the "Middle Class Tax Relief and Job Creation Act of 2012," which included provisions to create a nationwide interoperable high speed wireless broadband network to ensure police, fire, emergency medical, and other vital public safety officials had dedicated technology to perform their duties safety.

This law provided funding and governance to the Department of Commerce's National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) to establish FirstNet as an independent authority for the implementation of the Nationwide Public Safety Broadband Network (NPSBN) initiative. FirstNet will hold the spectrum license for the network and is tasked with the building, deployment, and operation of the network.

The Governor of Wisconsin by letter on August 16<sup>th</sup>, 2012 designated the Interoperability Council (IC) as Wisconsin's coordinator for the nationwide Public Safety Wireless Broadband Project (PSWB) and serve as the point of contact for consultation with FirstNet.

On June 19<sup>th</sup>, 2014 the IC formally identified the Statewide Interoperability Coordinator (SWIC) to act as the State Single Point of Contact (SPOC) on behalf of the IC. The creation, deployment, and operation of NPSBN will be complex, and require collaboration and participation among all stakeholders at the national, state, and local level.

Additional Information: <https://dma.wi.gov/DMA/oec-news/oec200612>

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#### Attachments and References:

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### Financial Review:

(please check one)

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	In adopted budget	Fund Number	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Apportionment needed	Requested Fund Number	
<input type="checkbox"/>	No financial impact		

*See Above*

### Approval:



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Department Head

### Review:



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Administrator, or Elected Office (if applicable)