

Richland County Committee

Agenda Item Cover

Agenda Item Name: Radio Tower Analysis Contract

Department	Administration	Presented By:	Barbara Scott
Date of Meeting:	07/06/2021	Action Needed:	Resolution
Disclosure:	Open Session	Authority:	Rule 14
Date submitted:	06/28/2021	Referred by:	LEJC June 23rd, 2021

Recommendation and/or action language:

Motion to ... recommend resolution by the Richland County Board to accept the proposal for consulting services from True North Consulting Group, regarding the County Radio and Tower analysis and improvement phase 2, for an amount not to exceed \$21,000, from Short-term Capital Fund #92 line 8.

Background: *(preferred one page or less with focus on options and decision points)*

Richland County emergency radio and tower infrastructure is aging, with multiple components past recommended lifespan. The Radio Tower system also has significant dead spots due to topography and limitation of current equipment. The limitations impact our communication with patrol, emergency response and fire-fighting partners and overall jeopardizes public safety when communications fail.

\$45,000 is currently appropriated through our Short-term Capital Fund #92 line 8 for "Tower/Radio (Assessment and Specification Design)." The proposed \$21,000 bid would allow us to undergo a phase two "Design Development." (Ref True North Bid, page29). The second phase of "Design Development" estimates at \$14,000-\$26,000 and may fit into our current apportionment. The completion of phases two will give us an estimate on solution costs and a specification design to put out for construction and implementation bid.

Three vendors solicited bids and interviewed before the LEJC Committee on January 8th: Evans, TUSA, True North; with True North selected by unanimous decision of the LEJC Committee.

Attachments and References:

True North Proposal – Prepared by Mike Day	Additional information available in LEJC committee folder 2021/01 Jan/Com. System
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Financial Review:

(please check one)

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	In adopted budget	Fund Number	Fund # 92; Line 8
<input type="checkbox"/>	Apportionment needed	Requested Fund Number	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Other funding Source		
<input type="checkbox"/>	No financial impact		

(summary of current and future impacts)

\$21,000 of allotted \$45,000 line.

Approval:

Review: Clinton Langreck

Department Head

Administrator, or Elected Office (if applicable)