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To: Lassen County Board of Supervisors

From: Matt McFarland

Date: February 27, 2017

Agenda Date: March 21, 2017

**Subject:**

Transfer of funds from Sheriff's Office Patrol budget to Dispatch budget. Professional Services Contract for purchasing / installing emergency Radio Controller in Sheriff's Public Safety Answering Point (Dispatch).

**Discussion:**

The Sheriff's Office recently completed a 9-1-1 upgrade in the dispatch center. This upgrade allows Lassen County and Plumas County Sheriff's Offices to have in place a multi-agency 911 and data sharing system. Each agency has the ability to assist in answering the others administrative phones and 911 calls as needed and in the event of an emergency. The system was tested during our recent storms, when Plumas County lost their ability to receive 911 calls from residents of their county. Fortunately, the Lassen County PSAP was able to receive calls from residents in Plumas County and make the appropriate notifications to Plumas County Sheriff's Office so they could dispatch personnel.

Another part of this project is the Radio Controller. In the 2016/2017 budget year the Sheriff requested an \$80,000 appropriation to the Dispatch Equipment line for the purchase of a new radio controller.

The Sheriff's current radio controller was purchased from Modular Communications Inc., (ModUcom). It was installed in 2003 under state contract DGS-026 and recertified at the end of 2008 in compliance with the terms and conditions of the State contract.

In 2014 the Maintenance Agreement expired and ModUcom was no longer listed under State Contract DGS 0026. Since that time the radio controller has had numerous failures.

During this winter's storms we suffered a catastrophic failure of our radio system, which forced our dispatchers to use car radios to dispatch all calls for service. The purchase of a new radio controller would provide the dispatch center with the ability to avoid a total unrecoverable failure of its systems, and allow it to operate more efficiently. In the future dispatchers from both Lassen and Plumas counties

would provide the dispatch center with the ability to avoid a total unrecoverable failure of its systems, and allow it to operate more efficiently. In the future dispatchers from both Lassen and Plumas counties will be able to further assist each other by having the ability to directly dispatch each other's officers by radio in the event of an emergency.

In February we contacted Avtec Inc. Avtec is currently on the State contract and is a company that specializes in independent mission-critical voice dispatch consoles.

An Avtec representative came to the Sheriff's Office provided us with a demonstration and reviewed our current dispatch model. Avtec prepared and provided us with the attached statement of work with a total cost of \$129,133.08

The Sheriff is requesting the boards authorization to transfer \$49,134 from salary savings in the Patrol Budget to the equipment line in the Dispatch budget, Authorization for the purchase of the Radio Controller from Avtec Inc. and authorization for the County Administrative Officer to sign the contract.

**Fiscal Impact:**

\$129,133.08 from the Sheriff's Dispatch Equipment line.

**Recommendation:**

That the board authorizes the transfer of funds from salary savings in the Sheriff's Patrol budget. Authorizes the purchase of the Radio control system from Avtec Inc. Authorize CAO to sign contract with Avtec Inc. which includes project management, equipment installation, testing, cutover and operator training.