



Public Services Committee Meeting

Meeting Date: July 30, 2024

Augusta Regional Airport

Department: Augusta Regional Airport – Airport Fire Department 911 Dispatch Notification System PURVIS

Presenter: Herbert Judon

Caption: Motion to approve installation of the Richmond County 911 Dispatch Notification System PURVIS at the Airport Fire Station as a sole source procurement. Approved by the Augusta Aviation Commission on June 27, 2024.

Background: The purpose is to maintain equal dispatch capabilities across the county to improve notification and response to all reported incidents.

SPLOST funds were approved to purchase and upgrade the county 911 dispatch center’s capabilities to notify and dispatch the Augusta Richmond County fire department. This system included communication equipment within each fire station throughout the county. The Airport Fire Department and Hephzibah Fire Department were not included.

Analysis: Installing the PURVIS alerting system in the airport fire station creates uniformity within 911 Dispatch and across the county for communication and notification to our responders. Currently our personnel monitor the radio communications between 911 and all county fire stations throughout the entire 24 hours shift. The mass number of communications has an unintended consequence of become white noise and information/ dispatch can be missed. The Purvis system would limit the radio traffic to only communications and notification meant for the airport fire station and our responders.

Financial Impact: Funding was planned for FY 2024 and available. The current quote for equipment and installation is \$37,754.45 with and annual post warranty maintenance and service cost of \$2,667.50.

Alternatives: To deny.

Recommendation: Recommend Approval. Approved by the Augusta Aviation Commission on June 27, 2024.

Funds are available in the following accounts: 551081207-5421110

REVIEWED AND APPROVED BY: N/A

