

CITY OF RICHLAND CENTER

AGENDA ITEM DATA SHEET

Agenda Item: Finance Committee

Meeting Date: 12-3-2024

Requested by: Chief Billy Jones

Reviewed/Recommended by:

Portable Radio Background: The Richland County Radio project upon us, the Police Department will need to switch over to a radio that is P25 digital capable, our current radios will only support VHF frequencies. The current radio's RCPD is using will not work on the new Richland County radio channel. I have quoted two different brands of radio's that I feel best fit our needs at the police department.

Repeater Background: In September of 2023 our RCPD Radio Repeater was struck by lightning and was damaged beyond repair. The damage was not discovered for some time as this repeater is a secondary or backup to the Richland County Repeater and is not used that often. Once the discovery was made I contacted the insurance company and started the process for claiming the damage. An estimate was received from the original supplier and sent to the insurance company in order to process the claim for the loss. The insurance company issued a check for \$6,558 minus the \$2500 deductible.

Financial Impact:

Portable Radio quotes

GenCom, Kenwood NX-5000, programming included, speaker mic included \$1,528.86 X 12= \$18,346.32

BayCom, Motorola APX-N30, programming included, speaker mic included \$2,755.87 X 12= \$33,070.44

Repeater quotes

GenCom, Tait Repeater Public Service specs P25 digital - \$8,208

Comelec, Motorola SLR-8000 Commercial specs UHV - \$8000

Funding Source: The funding for new portable radios will come from the priority equipment line, SRT line and possibly from donations. I will purchase 5 radios this year from priority equipment and one radio from the SRT line. This will get me half of the radios this year and then I will plan to purchase the other half in January 2025 as we do not have a hard start time from the county as to when the new system will be up. Other radios will be purchased if donations are received for the project.

The funding for the new repeater will come from the insurance check \$6,558 and budgeted money that is in my Radio line 52100-550. My current balance is \$4,427.75

Requested Action: Make the motion to approve the purchase of Kenwood NX-5000 from GenCom in the amount of \$7,644.30 from the priority equipment line and 1 Kenwood NX-5000 in the amount of \$1,528.86 from the response team line for a total of 6 radios. RCPD is waiting on word of donations to use to purchase more radios if possible. Chief Jones will bring that request to council if needed.

Second motion, is to approve the police department to use the insurance check in the amount of \$6,558 that has been received along with any new funds received in the future and the remaining \$4,427.75 in the radio line to purchase the repeater, antenna and cabling from Gencom.