



City of Grand Island

Tuesday, February 28, 2023

Council Session

Item G-23

**#2023-58 - Approving Addendum to the East Central 911
Interlocal Agreement**

Staff Contact: Jon Rosenlund

Council Agenda Memo

From: Jon Rosenlund, Emergency Management Director

Meeting: February 28, 2023

Subject: East Central 911 Interlocal Agreement - Updated

Presenter(s): Jon Rosenlund, Emergency Management Director

Background

In January 2022, the Grand Island City Council Approved and updated East Central 911 Interlocal Cooperation 911 Emergency Communications Equipment Sharing Agreement which included the installation of new “host” equipment and upgrades to local PSAPs. In the course of planning this project, Motorola Solutions, the provider of Emergency CallWorks, advised the need for additional Operational Readiness Testing of the new data circuits (ESINet) that will deliver 911 calls to the new hosts. This additional cost is outside the previously agreed 8% contingency and requires an addendum to the original agreement.

Discussion

As the State of Nebraska works with regional 911 cooperative systems to migrate to Next Generation 911 technologies, various jurisdictions are joining together into Regional 911 systems that include several counties sharing the costs of 911 backroom equipment and maintenance agreements, all while operating their own 911 Centers. Calls are received by a pair of “hosts” that are placed in different parts of the region, and then distributed to the participating 911 Centers through a data network. Sharing “host” equipment allows counties to decrease initial outlays for expensive backroom equipment and provides redundancy since if a 911 Center is unable to take their calls, those calls can be distributed to a neighboring agency. Having two hosts also allows for “geo-diversification” of critical infrastructure so if one host is damaged or disconnected from 911 calls, those calls can all be routed to the other host until repairs or reconnection is made.

In January 2022, the East Central 911 Region (EC911), comprising of PSAPs serving Hall, Nance, Boone, Merrick, Polk, Saunders, Platte, Butler, and Hamilton counties agreed to purchase replacement equipment for two hosts, relocate one host from Wahoo to Grand Island, and include new partners into the agreement, including Custer County and Region 26 PSAP. With the purchase and installation of two new hosts, the EC911

Region will be cooperating with the Nebraska Public Service Commission and migrating to NextGen911.

In the course of planning for this upgrade, it was discovered that the 911 equipment provider, Motorola Solutions, must complete Operational Readiness Testing of the ESINet circuits that will deliver 911 calls to the new hosts. This unanticipated cost is outside the original agreement's 8% contingency and requires an addendum.

Costs for the shared equipment and maintenance agreements is divided among the partners by the number of dispatch consoles in each center. The additional cost to the Grand Island Emergency Center is \$10,175.44.

Alternatives

It appears that the Council has the following alternatives concerning the issue at hand. The Council may:

1. Move to approve
2. Refer the issue to a Committee
3. Postpone the issue to future date
4. Take no action on the issue

Recommendation

City Administration recommends that the Council approve the ADDENDUM TO: "INTER-LOCAL COOPERATION 911 EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT SHARING AGREEMENT".

Sample Motion

Move to approve the ADDENDUM TO: "INTER-LOCAL COOPERATION 911 EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT SHARING AGREEMENT".

**ADDENDUM TO: “INTER-LOCAL COOPERATION 911 EMERGENCY
COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT SHARING AGREEMENT”**

WHEREAS,; the parties/agencies previously entered into an “Inter-Local Cooperation 911 Emergency Communication Equipment Sharing Agreement” executed by the participating parties/agencies between December 21, 2021 and March 14, 2022 (herein referred to as the “Underlying Agreement”); and

WHEREAS, the Underlying Agreement states that “The maximum annual cost for each agency shall not exceed an additional 8% of the projected cost of each agency”; and

WHEREAS, an expense has come up regarding Operational Readiness Testing that is in excess of the 8% contingency set out in the Underlying Agreement; and.

WHEREAS, the parties/agencies are in agreement that an addendum to the Underlying Agreement is needed requiring all participating parties/agencies agree to pay an additional one-time fee for Operational Readiness Testing.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the foregoing, and the mutual benefits provided by the Underlying Agreement and this Addendum, the Underlying Agreement is hereby amended as follows:

1. This Addendum is hereby adds the following provision to the Underlying Agreement:

- **ADDITIONAL ONE-TIME FEE FOR OPERATIONAL READINESS**

TESTING: All parties/agencies agree that Operational Readiness Testing is necessary. Therefore, all parties/agencies agree to the payment of an additional one-time fee for Operation Readiness Testing in the following amounts:

- Grand Island/Hall County ECC: \$10,175.44
- Columbus-Platte County JCC: \$9,134.66
- Custer County: \$8,093.84
- Hamilton County: \$8,093.84

- Region 26: \$8,093.84
- Boone County: \$7,053.04
- Butler County: \$7,053.04
- Saunders County: \$7,053.04.

As the fiscal agent, Columbus-Platte County shall bill each participating party/agency at the completion of the Operational Readiness Testing project in the amount set forth above, and each participating party/agency shall then immediately submit payment to Columbus-Platte County for the same.

2. This Addendum shall be attached to and shall become a part of the Underlying Agreement.
3. The Addendum and shall be effective as of the signature date of each Party.
4. All terms and conditions of the Underlying Agreement not otherwise amended or altered by this Addendum shall remain in full force and effect.

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BOONE COUNTY BOARD OF
COMMISSIONERS
ALBION, NEBRASKA

BY: _____
CHAIRPERSON

Dated this ____ day of _____, 2023

HALL COUNTY BOARD OF
SUPERVISORS
GRAND ISLAND, NEBRASKA

BY: _____
CHAIRPERSON

Dated this ____ day of _____, 2023

BUTLER COUNTY BOARD OF
SUPERVISORS
DAVID CITY, NEBRASKA

BY: _____
CHAIRPERSON

Dated this ____ day of _____, 2023

PLATTE COUNTY BOARD OF
SUPERVISORS
COLUMBUS, NEBRASKA

BY: _____
CHAIRPERSON

Dated this ____ day of _____, 2023

COLUMBUS CITY
COUNCIL
COLUMBUS, NEBRASKA

BY: _____
MAYOR

Dated this ____ day of _____, 2023

SAUNDERS COUNTY BOARD OF
SUPERVISORS
WAHOO, NEBRASKA

BY: _____
CHAIRPERSON

Dated this ____ day of _____, 2023

HAMILTON COUNTY BOARD OF
SUPERVISORS
CENTRAL CITY, NEBRASKA

BY: _____
CHAIRPERSON

Dated this ____ day of _____, 2023

REGION 26 COUNCIL
TAYLOR, NEBRASKA

BY: _____
CHAIRPERSON

Dated this ____ Day of _____, 2023

CUSTER COUNTY BOARD OF
SUPERVISORS
BROKEN BOW, NEBRASKA

BY: _____
CHAIRPERSON

Dated this ____ day of _____, 2023

GRAND ISLAND CITY COUNCIL
GRAND ISLAND, NEBRASKA

BY: _____
MAYOR

Dated this ____ day of _____, 2023

RESOLUTION 2023-58

WHEREAS, the Grand Island Emergency Center, managed by the Grand Island Emergency Management Department is the Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP) for all of Hall County; and

WHEREAS, since 2019, the Grand Island Emergency Center has been a member of the East Central 911 Region (EC911) group which operates a shared 911 system (Call Works) in order to decrease costs, increase redundancy and share resources through statewide networks; and

WHEREAS, EC911 shared system host equipment is due for replacement, the cost of which is divided among all EC911 group members by the number of dispatch consoles in each Center, and

WHEREAS, in 2022 an updated East Central 911 Interlocal Cooperation 911 Emergency Communications Equipment Sharing Agreement provided the framework for the purchase and maintenance of the new host equipment as well as include new EC911 members in cost sharing,

WHEREAS, an unanticipated but necessary expense for Operational Readiness Testing was recently discovered and is required to proceed and is outside the 8% contingency of the original Agreement, and

WHEREAS, the parties/agencies are in agreement that an addendum to the Underlying Agreement is needed requiring all participating parties/agencies agree to pay an additional one-time fee for Operational Readiness Testing.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GRAND ISLAND, NEBRASKA, that:

1. The Mayor is hereby authorized and directed to approve ADDENDUM TO: "INTER-LOCAL COOPERATION 911 EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT SHARING AGREEMENT".

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Adopted by the City Council of the City of Grand Island, Nebraska, February 28, 2023

Roger G. Steele, Mayor

Attest:

RaNae Edwards, City Clerk

Approved as to Form	☐ _____
February 24, 2023	☐ City Attorney