



# **City of Grand Island**

**Tuesday, January 12, 2010**

**Council Session**

## **Item G20**

**#2010-18 - Approving Purchase of Mobile Data Video System  
Upgrade from Data 911**

**Staff Contact: Steve Lamken**

# **Council Agenda Memo**

**From:** Steve Lamken, Police Chief

**Meeting:** January 12, 2010

**Subject:** Purchase from Data 911 – (Sole source) Upgrade to Mobile Data Video System

**Item #'s:** G-20

**Presenter(s):** Steve Lamken, Police Chief

## **Background**

The Grand Island Police Department applied for a Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) funds under the Recovery Act of 2009. The grant application identified the local need to improve communication systems that included the purchase of mobile data equipment for police vehicles grant funds.

On April 14<sup>th</sup>, 2009 a public hearing was held in open council for this application of funds.

On April 14<sup>th</sup>, 2009, the Grand Island City Council approved the use of the identified grant funds by adopting Resolution 2009-148.

On February 27, 2007 the Grand Island City Council approved Data911 as a sole source provider for the future purchases of mobile digital video equipment for the Grand Island Police Department via Resolution 2007-45.

## **Discussion**

Data911 has a proven record of providing quality mobile digital video systems for police agencies. Other agencies have reported 10 year use from the equipment and our agency has not experienced problems with the quality of the system.

Data911 moved from a third party proprietary video software system to their exclusive ownership with our agency. We currently own six such units. This results in lower costs related to licenses, updates, and I.T. related support, estimated savings is over \$1,000 per unit, per year. The newer system uses less computer power and is web based versus using

an elaborate data based system. The web based option allows greater flexibility for agency and inter-agency use. In addition, Data911 now offers a single point of contact for support related to video, computers, and software.

This purchase includes:

The costs of trading in 17 of the proprietary systems for the new software systems, the purchase of two complete units, the purchase of additional mics and chargers.

We are replacing a fleet vehicle that had been off our roster after being totaled in an accident. While short this vehicle, no Data911 equipment was purchased. In addition, a vehicle used by a school resource officer has never received the Data911 system. We plan more extensive patrol use of the school resource officer's vehicles.

We have experienced some difficulty with uncharged mics due to the nature of our 24 hour-seven day operation. This purchase allows for chargers and a bank of mics being ready for the turn of each patrol shift.

### **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 purchase from Data911 for 17 new units with trade in, two complete units, 24 chargers, and 19 additional mics.

### **Sample Motion**

Move to approve the purchase from Data911 of 17 mobile digital video units with trade in, two complete units, 24 chargers, and 19 additional mics at a cost of \$69,004.30

RESOLUTION 2010-18

WHEREAS, The Grand Island Police Department applied for Recovery Act grant funds for communication improvements that included the purchase of mobile digital video equipment; and

WHEREAS, The Grand Island City Council approved the application and use of the funds via Resolution 2009-148; and

WHEREAS, The Grand Island Police Department was approved for the Justice Assistance Grant under the Recovery Act in the amount of \$84,914.00; and

WHEREAS, Data911 was approved as the sole source provider for future purchases of mobile digital video equipment for the Grand Island Police Department on February 27, 2007 in Resolution 2007-45

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GRAND ISLAND, NEBRASKA, that authorization is hereby approved for the purchase of mobile digital equipment from Data911 in the amount of \$69,004.30

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Adopted by the City Council of the City of Grand Island, Nebraska, January 12, 2010.

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Peg Gilbert, Council President

Attest:

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RaNae Edwards, City Clerk

Approved as to Form	☐ _____
January 7, 2010	☐ City Attorney