

**SHEBOYGAN COUNTY RESOLUTION NO. 29 (2013/14)**

**Re: Underwriting Part of the Cost of New Radios to Local Governments  
as Part of the Emergency Radio System Replacement Project**

*\*Printed as amended*

**WHEREAS**, Sheboygan County has been informed that the county-wide emergency radio system that it put into place in 2000/01 is obsolete and will need to be replaced, and

**WHEREAS**, the Five-year Capital Plan adopted as part of the 2014 County Budget contemplates, over the next several years, more than \$7,500,000.00 will be spent to upgrade and replace the core of the current radio system, primarily financed through bonding, the cost of which will ultimately be borne by the County taxpayers, and

**WHEREAS**, a large part of the system replacement expense comes from the necessity to purchase or "reflash" nearly 2,000 radios, many of which will be issued to and used by local units of government and local emergency agencies at an estimated replacement cost of as much as \$4,000.00 per radio, and

**WHEREAS**, in 2001 Sheboygan County paid all of the cost of radios for all units of government and local emergency agencies, even though Sheboygan County is not statutorily required to do so, and

**WHEREAS**, it is in the best interest of Sheboygan County that the local units of government and local emergency agencies should bear a portion of the costs for the radio replacement component of the system replacement;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that as Sheboygan County proceeds with the replacement of the radio system, the County Administrator and Sheriff are directed to furnish radios to the local governments and local emergency agencies under the terms of Intergovernmental Cooperative Agreements pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 66.0301 containing the following essential provisions:

- County funds 70% of the cost for new replacement subscriber radios for law enforcement, fire, and EMS personnel \*, *and 100% for the volunteer fire departments and volunteer EMS personnel.*
- County funds 100% of the cost to flash current P25 radios.
- County will provide a loan as needed for the 30% or less, for up to five years, at the same interest rate the County receives.
- Maintenance of radios will be the responsibility of those receiving the radios.
- County's 70% funding will be based on the replacement of equal specifications to radios currently being used by law enforcement, fire and EMS.

- All replaced subscriber radios will be turned into the County for trade-in value.
- All personnel receiving County-funded radios will be required to receive Communication Council approved training provided at county expense.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the County Administrator and Sheriff are authorized to make such other requirements for these agreements as they deem suitable, provided they are consistent with the foregoing specific provisions.

Respectfully submitted this 21st day of January, 2014.

**LAW COMMITTEE**

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Opposed to Introduction:

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