

RESOLUTION NO. 2016-120

JOINT RESOLUTION BY THE GOVERNMENT SERVICES COMMITTEE AND THE FINANCE AND HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE AUTHORIZING A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN RACINE COUNTY AND TEN (10) RACINE COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENTS TO COORDINATE THE PURCHASE OF UPGRADED AND STANDARDIZED RADIO COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT AND AUTHORIZING LENDING AGREEMENTS WITH THE PARTICIPATING FIRE DEPARTMENTS FOR REIMBURSEMENT UNDER TEN (10) YEAR TERM OF TOTAL COSTS PLUS ADMINISTRATIVE FEE

To the Honorable Members of the Racine County Board of Supervisors:

BE IT RESOLVED by the Racine County Board of Supervisors that Racine County is authorized to enter into a memorandum of understanding with ten (10) Racine County fire departments – Union Grove-Yorkville Fire Department, Tichigan Fire Department, Wind Lake Volunteer Fire Department, Raymond Fire Department, Racine Fire Department, Caledonia Fire Department, Burlington Rescue, City of Burlington Fire Department, Rochester Volunteer Fire Department, and Kansasville Fire and Rescue – to coordinate the purchase of upgraded and standardized radio communications equipment as set forth in draft form at Exhibit “A” which is attached hereto.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Racine County Board of Supervisors that Racine County is authorized to enter into lending agreements that include the following terms and conditions with each of the participating Racine County fire departments:

- 1. Racine County agrees to lend to the participating fire departments an amount up to Seven Hundred Fifty-One Thousand Three Hundred Twenty-Four and 36/100 Dollars (\$751,324.36) apportioned as follows:
  - A. Racine County will remit a check in the full amount of Sixty-One Thousand One Hundred Sixty-Four and 54/100 Dollars (\$61,164.54) to the Union Grove-Yorkville Fire Department.
  - B. Racine County will remit a check in the full amount of Ninety-Four Thousand Three Hundred Nineteen and 69/100 Dollars (\$94,319.69) to the Tichigan Fire Department.
  - C. Racine County will remit a check in the full amount of Forty-Four Thousand One Hundred Forty-Six and 32/100 Dollars (\$44,146.32) to the Wind Lake Volunteer Fire Department.
  - D. Racine County will remit a check in the full amount of Ninety-Six Thousand Two Hundred Sixty-Four and 22/100 Dollars (\$96,264.22) to the Raymond Fire Department.
  - E. Racine County will remit a check in the full amount of Fifty-Six Thousand Six Hundred Eighty-One and 80/100 Dollars (\$56,681.80) to the Racine Fire Department.
  - F. Racine County will remit a check in the full amount of Thirty-Nine Thousand Six Hundred Seventy-Seven and 26/100 Dollars (\$39,677.26) to the Caledonia Fire Department.
  - G. Racine County will remit a check in the full amount of Fifty-Nine Thousand Six Hundred Sixty and 48/100 Dollars (\$59,660.48) to Burlington Rescue.

- 3 H. Racine County will remit a check in the full amount of One
- 4 Hundred Thirty-Six Thousand Six Hundred Eighty-One and 39/100
- 5 Dollars (\$136,681.39) to the City of Burlington Fire Department.
- 6 I. Racine County will remit a check in the full amount of One
- 7 Hundred Six Thousand Eight Hundred Eighty-Eight and 85/100
- 8 Dollars (\$106,888.85) to the Rochester Volunteer Fire
- 9 Department.
- 10 J. Racine County will remit a check in the full amount of Fifty-Five
- 11 Thousand Eight Hundred Thirty-Nine and 81/100 Dollars
- 12 (\$55,839.81) to Kansasville Fire and Rescue.

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- 14 2. The participating fire departments agree to borrow such amounts from
- 15 Racine County exclusively for the purchase of upgraded and
- 16 standardized radio communications equipment.
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- 18 3. The participating fire departments shall provide a written report to the
- 19 Racine County Executive, no later than April 15, 2017, confirming that the
- 20 subject funds have been expended for the purchase of upgraded and
- 21 standardized radio communications equipment.
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- 23 4. The participating fire departments shall not assign any part of this
- 24 agreement without the express written consent of Racine County.
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- 26 5. The participating fire departments agree to repay their respective share of
- 27 the full loan amount, along with a two percent (2%) administrative fee, to
- 28 Racine County within a ten (10) year term under the following schedule:

<u>Installment</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Payment Amount</u>
31 1	July 1, 2017	1/10 of total loan + 2% administrative fee
32 2	July 1, 2018	1/10 of total loan
33 3	July 1, 2019	1/10 of total loan
34 4	July 1, 2020	1/10 of total loan
35 5	July 1, 2021	1/10 of total loan
36 6	July 1, 2022	1/10 of total loan
37 7	July 1, 2023	1/10 of total loan
38 8	July 1, 2024	1/10 of total loan
39 9	July 1, 2025	1/10 of total loan
40 10	July 1, 2026	1/10 of total loan

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- 42 6. Full or partial prepayment of the loan is permitted at any time without
- 43 penalty.
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- 45 7. The governing body, insofar as one exists, for each participating fire
- 46 department shall submit a resolution authorizing the memorandum of
- 47 understanding and lending agreement.
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**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Racine County Board of Supervisors that any two of the County Clerk, the County Executive or the County Board Chairman are authorized to execute any contracts, agreements or other documents necessary to carry out the intent of this resolution.

Respectfully submitted,

**Government Services Committee**

1st Reading \_\_\_\_\_

2nd Reading \_\_\_\_\_

**BOARD ACTION**

Adopted \_\_\_\_\_

For \_\_\_\_\_

Against \_\_\_\_\_

Absent \_\_\_\_\_

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Janet Bernberg, Chairman

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Katherine Buske, Vice-Chairman

VOTE REQUIRED: 2/3 M.E.

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Melissa Kaprelian-Becker, Secretary

Prepared by:  
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**FINANCE AND HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE**

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Q.A. Shakoor, II, Chairman

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Robert N. Miller, Vice-Chairman

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Thomas Pringle, Secretary

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Janet Bernberg

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12 Brett A. Nielsen

13 **The foregoing legislation adopted by the County Board of Supervisors of**  
14 **Racine County, Wisconsin, is hereby:**

15 **Approved:** \_\_\_\_\_

16 **Vetoed:** \_\_\_\_\_

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18 **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_,

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21 **Jonathan Delagrave, County Executive**

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25 **INFORMATION ONLY**

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27 **WHEREAS**, the fire departments which provide fire and emergency medical services in  
28 Racine County do not currently have standardized equipment that allows total radio  
29 interoperability with law enforcement agencies, public works agencies, public health, and  
30 surrounding fire departments during natural and manmade disasters.

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32 **WHEREAS**, the lack of standardized equipment and interoperable communications is an  
33 operational weakness for the first responder community in Racine County and is a major first  
34 responder safety concern.

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36 **WHEREAS**, upon information and belief, the ten (10) participating Racine County fire  
37 departments – Yorkville Fire Department, Tichigan Fire Department, Wind Lake Volunteer Fire  
38 Department, Raymond Fire Department, Racine Fire Department, Caledonia Fire Department,  
39 Burlington Rescue, City of Burlington Fire Department, Rochester Volunteer Fire Department,  
40 and Kansasville Fire and Rescue – are all in support of the arrangement that provides for  
41 Racine County to lend financial support for the bulk purchase of upgraded and standardized  
42 radio communications equipment.

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44 **WHEREAS**, the funding of a bulk purchase of upgraded and standardized radio  
45 communications equipment by Racine County results in significant cost savings to the  
46 participating Racine County fire departments.

