



MOTION NO: M2018-004

# MOTION

AGENDA DATE: 12/19/2018

**TITLE:** Motion No. M2018-004, a motion authorizing the Combined Communications Network (CCN) Executive Board Chair to sign the Memorandum of Understanding VHF Overlay System Reimbursement for 2018 and 2019, between the CCN and South Sound 911.

**ORIGINATOR:** Danielle Colo, Board Clerk

**ASSOCIATED ITEMS:**

VHF Overlay Cost Elements document

Memorandum of Understanding, VHF Overlay System Reimbursement for 2018 and 2019 (MOU).

**COORDINATING DEPARTMENT(S):** N/A

**ATTACHMENTS:**

Memorandum of Understanding, VHF Overlay System Reimbursement for 2018 and 2019 (MOU).

VHF Overlay Channel Four Usage document

**APPROVED FOR SUBMITTAL:** Scott Heinze, Pierce County Emergency Management Interim Director

**BUDGET INFORMATION**

Required Allocation for 2018 and 2019 VHF Overlay System Reimbursement \$ 260,000.00	2018 Revenue Amount \$ 60,000.00 2019 Revenue Amount \$200,000.00	Budgeted for 2018 and 2019? Y
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Length of Contract? Two Years

**BACKGROUND:**

The CCN is the owner of the Single County Wide Communications System (SCWCS). The VHF Overlay System project is an upgrade to the existing VHF layer of the SCWCS. The VHF Overlay System project was requested by South Sound 911 (SS911) and contracted with Pierce County Emergency Management (PCEM) to manage

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their project. Installation of a VHF Overlay System would enhance first responder communication during emergencies and would therefore be beneficial to the Pierce County region.

Per contract No. 79658 Reimbursement Agreement For The Detailed Design Review Phase of The VHF Overlay System, The VHF Overlay System, if and when completed, will constitute a radio system infrastructure that will be owned and operated by Pierce County . . .

At the April 12, 2017 CCN Executive Board meeting, the Chair directed the CCN Executive director to work the O&M cost recovery conversation with SS911 so that there is clarity regarding operational costs for the VHF Overlay. Discussions between CCN and SS911 continued throughout the year.

At the February 21, 2018 CCN Executive Board meeting, the Board again discussed why the VHF Overlay project was initiated, who benefits from the system, and Proposition 1 purpose. The Chair directed the CCN Executive Director to draft a letter on behalf of the CCN Board for the Chair to sign and send to the SS911 Executive Director.

At the June 21, 2018 CCN Executive Board meeting, Scott Heinze, Pierce County Emergency Management Deputy Director provide the Board an update:

- Discussions held between Pierce County and South Sound 911 (SS911) representatives regarding the financial impact of lost revenue issue regarding Graham Fire and East Pierce Fire & Rescue moving from the SCWCS 700MHz system to the City of Tacoma 800MHz system and the VHF Overlay operations and maintenance (O&M) costs.
  - SS911 asked that the CCN use reserve funds to cover the lost revenue in 2018. This would be a one-time expense.
  - Further, SS911 agrees to cover the ongoing O&M costs for the VHF Overlay component of the SCWCS.

PCEM completed the implementation of the project in early 2018. SS911 customer agencies will gain beneficial use of the VHF Overlay System at the time this MOU is fully executed. The VHF Overlay System provides station alerting and mutual aid communication channels for first responders (station alerting, mutual aid – Fire Services, LERN mutual aid – Law Enforcement, mutual aid – SAR/cities/towns/county/other outside agencies).

SS911 Policy Board approved their M2018-16 allocating \$260,000 by M2018-16 VHF Overlay System Reimbursement at their October 24, 2018 Policy Board meeting.

ALTERNATIVES:

Do not approve M2018-004 Memorandum of Understanding, VHF Overlay System Reimbursement for 2018 and 2019 (MOU). Provide revision language the Board recommends should be made.

ALTERNATIVES CONTINUED:

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Assess fees to South Sound 911 without the benefit of a mutually agreed upon MOU.

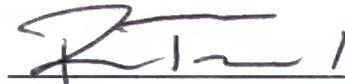
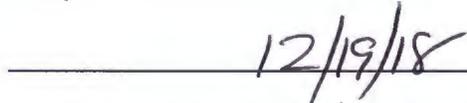
RECOMMENDATION:

Approve M2018-004 Memorandum of Understanding, VHF Overlay System Reimbursement for 2018 and 2019 (MOU).

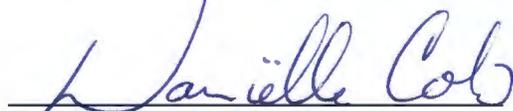
ACTION:

Board Member Sue Dreier made the motion to approve M2018-004 authorizing the Combined Communications Network (CCN) Executive Board Chair to sign the Memorandum of Understanding VHF Overlay System Reimbursement for 2018 and 2019, between the CCN and South Sound 911; 2<sup>nd</sup> (Gary Robinson), approved - unanimous

CCN Executive Board

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ATTEST/AUTHENTICATED

  
Clerk of the Board