

HABERSHAM COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

SUBJECT: Mobile CAD for Law Enforcement and Fire Personnel

DATE: December 6, 2023

(X) RECOMMENDATION

() POLICY DISCUSSION

() STATUS REPORT

() OTHER

BUDGET INFORMATION:

ANNUAL- \$42,735

CAPITAL- \$247,249

COMMISSION ACTION REQUESTED ON: December 18, 2023

PURPOSE:

To seek Commission approval for the purchase of a Mobile CAD for Habersham County. Funding for this solution was approved in the Information Technology FY24 CIP budget. The total cost for the project including the annual support/maintenance is \$289,984.

BACKGROUND / HISTORY:

Over the years, law enforcement and fire personnel have heavily relied on radio communication for dispatched call information. However, this approach faces challenges such as weak signals, interference, and the need to tie up phone lines when seeking details from dispatch. Additionally adverse weather conditions can impact radio reception. To address these issues, our proposal is to acquire Mobile CAD. This integration aims to send crucial incident details directly to law enforcement and fire personnel via their mobile laptops and smartphones.

FACTS AND ISSUES:

Prompt Incident Information

- Mobile CAD will provide critical details promptly, enhancing situational awareness and aiding informed decision-making in the field.

Improved Navigation

- Facilitating navigation, Mobile CAD enables law and fire personnel to reach locations swiftly and accurately, particularly crucial in time-sensitive emergency situations.

Comprehensive Information Access

- Field personnel can access a broader range of information, including suspect details, warrants, building information, prior incidents, and additional resources, contributing to a more effective and coordinated response.

Additional Benefits of Mobile CAD

- Faster response to 911 calls
- Real-time, clear, and concise dispatch information
- Mapping with automatic vehicle location and routing for quick response
- Unlimited Mobile CAD licenses for cities in Habersham County
- Enhanced information sharing across multiple cities in Habersham County

The integration of Mobile CAD complements radio communication, ultimately improving the overall efficiency and responsiveness of law enforcement and fire personnel in the field

OPTIONS:

- 1) Approve the purchase of Mobile CAD
- 2) Deny the purchase of Mobile CAD
- 3) Commission defined alternative.

RECOMMENDED SAMPLE MOTION:

I move to approve the purchase of Mobile CAD

DEPARTMENT:

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Director: Information Technology Director

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COMMENTS: _____

DATE: _____

County Manager