SHELBY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
AGENDA ROUTE SHEET

Referred to Commission Committee 4-Law Enforcement, Fire, Corrections & Court

For Commission Action on January ~~12~~ 26, 2009

CA097488

DESCRIPTION OF ITEM: A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS BY THE OFFICE OF PREPAREDNESS FY'08-09 OPERATING BUDGET IN THE AMOUNT OF $986,392.00 TO CENTRAL COMMUNICATIONS, FOR EMERGENCY USE OF SATELLITE RADIOS, AND THIS ITEM REQUIRES THE EXPENDITURE OF PASS THRU GRANT FUNDS UNDER THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY GRANT PROGRAMS IN THE AMOUNT $986,392.00 SPONSORED BY COMMISSIONER SIDNEY CHISM.

CHECK ALL THAT APPLY BELOW:

_____ This Action does NOT require expenditure of funds.

__X____ This Item requires/approves expenditure of funds as follows (complete all that apply):

County General Funds: $_____; County CIP Funds- $_____

State Grant Funds: $_____; State Gas Tax Funds: $_____

Federal Grant Funds: $986,392.00

Other funds (Specify source and amount): $_____

Other pass-thru funds (Specify source and amount): $ _____

Originating Department: **Office of Preparedness**

APPROVAL:

Dept. Head:	Robert N. (Bob) Nations Jr. — Robert Nations, Jr. 901-515-2601	BN (Initials)	12/22/08 (Date)
Elected Official:	(Print your name & phone #.)	(Initials)	(Date)
Division Director:	Grace Hutchinson — Grace Hutchinson 901-545-4429	GH (Initials)	1/12/2009 (Date)
CIP – A&F Director:	(Print your name & phone #.)	(Initials)	(Date)
Finance Dept.:	12-23-08 — Mike Swift 901-545-4269	MS (Initials)	1/9/09 (Date)
County Attorney:	Lisa Kelly 901-545-4363	LK (Initials)	1/12/09 (Date)
CAO/Mayor:	James F. Huntzicker 901-545-4514	JFH (Initials)	12/23/08 (Date)

SUMMARY SHEET

I. Description of Item:

Satellite networks perform during emergencies when land-based communications are not available. These MSAT satellite radios will be a vital asset in the event of an earthquake, hurricane or any other natural or manmade disaster. This equipment will serve each emergency management agency, the emergency operation center, and selected elected officials throughout the Memphis/Shelby Urban Area. The MSAT satellites act as one big radio tower for all of North America, turning the entire continent into a single cell. Users don't have to worry about service interruptions associated with roaming because it is all one network.

Talk groups can be configured to allow for inter-agency communications between local, regional, and national emergency response organizations. The coverage footprint also allows subscribers to expand or reduce dispatch radio coverage as their needs change.

Other features of this product include Push-to-Talk and Push-to Track services. Push-to-Talk provides point-to-multi-point and point-to-point communication at the push of a button. It allows landline and cell phone users to join MSAT group and private Push-to-Talk conversations. Push-to-Track delivers a powerful event driven tracking capability. Through a web-based mapping application fleet managers can locate their fleet assets with a mouse-click. GPS location information is transmitted when users initiate Push-to Talk or telephone calls.

Service fees including installation, set-up and activation is included in this resolution. Services will be sustained annually through ongoing UASI grant programs.

Administration recommends approval of this Resolution

II. Source and Amount of Funding:

Grant funds have already been accepted and received from the Military Department of Tennessee and the Tennessee Emergency Management Agency for equipment, planning, training, and exercises associated with the implementation of the 2006 Homeland Security Grant Program.

III. Contract Items:

A. Type of Contract - This equipment will be purchased from Central Communications, which has been approved as a sole source supplier for MSAT satellite radios.

IV. Additional Relevant Information:

All current and future costs will be provided by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, UASI grant program and the County has no commitment to incur any costs if grant funds are not available.

ITEM NO: _____ PREPARED BY: Patrina Chambers

APPROVED BY: Lisa Kelly

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WHEREAS, the Office of Preparedness seeks to purchase Satellite Radios, to allow inter-agency communications between local, regional, and national emergency response organizations from Central Communications, for the Memphis/Shelby County UASI; and

WHEREAS, grant funds were received and accepted for equipment, planning, training and exercises associated with the implementation of the 2006 UASI grant program, and

WHEREAS, Central Communications is the owner and operator of the mobile satellite (MSAT) network offering the satellite dispatch radio feature in North America.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF SHELBY COUNTY, TENNESSEE, that the expenditure of funds to CENTRAL COMMUNICATIONS, in the amount of $986,392,000.00 is hereby approved for the purchase of satellite radios.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the purchasing department is authorized to issue purchase orders pursuant to said award for the purchase of satellite radios from the Office of Preparedness FY'08-09 operating budget, account no. 308-200306-6026, and is subject to the availability of funds at the time the purchase orders are issued.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the County Mayor and the Director of Administration and Finance are authorized to issue their warrant or warrants to appropriations made in this resolution, and to take proper credit in their accounting therefore.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall take effect from and after the date it shall have been enacted according to due process of law, the public welfare requiring it.

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A C Wharton, Jr.
COUNTY MAYOR

Date: _____

ATTEST:

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CLERK OF COUNTY COMMISSION

ADOPTED: _____