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Date: 2/5/2024

Subject: County Emergency Communications Upgrade/Repair

To: San Jacinto County Commissioner's Court

Honorable Commissioner's Court:

As the Court is aware the Sheriff's Office suffered a catastrophic communications failure during the week of 1/7/2024-1/13/2024. The Court was publicly addressed by Chief Deputy Kean on 1/10/2024 and was instructed by the Court to do what was necessary to repair the situation. Chief Kean directed Command Communications to immediately begin whatever repairs or upgrades were required to reestablish the life saving County Emergency Communications system. The Sheriff's Office ability to dispatch Fire, EMS and Law Enforcement was nonexistent. During this same time period the 911 telephone system and the Information Technology System (IT) also shut down. Lives count on communications and reliability of those systems.

PROBLEM

Currently the system has a temporary patch which enables one channel communications only. We have one repeater with absolutely no back up systems. There is no back up power system for the transmission tower. We have no interoperability with adjoining agencies in an emergency. That was very plainly displayed in the past year during the mass shooting incident, chemical plant explosion and disastrous flood recently. There is no ability to remote dispatch if the Sheriff's Office Dispatch becomes disabled, must be evacuated or is damaged due to natural/manmade disaster. Communications equipment and IT equipment does not interface due to being obsolete.

SOLUTION

Command Communications was directed to remedy these conditions and has been working on fulfilling that emergency demand. To attain interoperability with other assisting agencies we must upgrade to the 800mghz system and gain access to the statewide Texas Wide Area Radio Network Trunking System (TxWARN). This will be done with total upgrade of Foxes Run Tower in Coldspring. TxWARN will give the county access to a statewide system and enable the use of a tower in Polk, Montgomery, Liberty and Walker Counties for our local dispatching. Polk County has led the way in this arena and set up their own tower in Livingston. Equipping the tower at county expense allows full access to TxWARN without service fees.

Install 3 new dispatch consoles and all equipment to allow integration of communication, 911 service and IT software into a cohesive operational system.

Upgrade current handheld radios and mobile radios with units compatible with the 800mhz system. This will ensure reliable secure communications for all emergency services regardless of location.

To enable a remote emergency dispatch communications operation, especially if main dispatch is disabled due to emergency a remote County Emergency Communications Center is required to provide redundancy and reliability in emergency conditions.

The County Emergency Communications System is completely inadequate due to aging infrastructure and is a current danger to the lives of First Responders and our Citizens alike. Command Communications is currently in the process of providing these repairs and upgrades due to the emergency circumstances. Reliable communications are a requirement to save lives and provide the emergency services the taxpayers deserve.

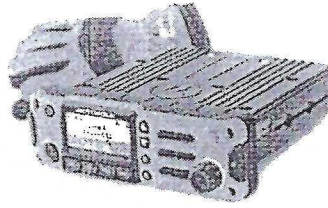
Attached is an itemized invoice for expenses from Command Communications repairing and upgrading the Emergency Communications System.

If I can be of further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Tim Kean', written in a cursive style.

Tim Kean, Chief Deputy
San Jacinto County, Texas

Command Communications
 416 Woodline Drive
 Spring, TX 77386
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 1-866-929-4585-Fax



Invoice

DATE	INVOICE #
1/24/2024	i24-6049

BILL TO:
San Jacinto County SO Attn: Greg Capers 75 West Cedar Avenue Coldsprings, TX 77331 936-653-4367

SHIP TO:

P.O. #	TERMS	DUE DATE	REP	SHIP	VIA	F.O.B.	PROJECT
Emergency	Due on r...	1/24/2024	KB	1/24/2024	INSTALLED	Spring, TX	

Qty	Item #	DESCRIPTION	PRICE	Ext.
1	RE02409	Motorola GTR8000 6 Repeater 7/800Mhz Expandable Site Subsystem (FDMA TxWARN Radio Site)	150,000.00	150000.00
1	Antenna	2 Transmit, 1 Receive Antenna System for Foxes Run Tower w/ Installation	35,000.00	35,000.00
1	9999	Update 2 Current Telex Dispatch Positions, Install 1 New Telex Dispatch Position	50,000.00	50,000.00
45	R02501	Motorola APX 7/800Mhz P25 Handheld Radio Package	1,500.00	67,500.00
40	R02503	Motorola APX 7/800Mhz P25 Mobile Radio Package w/ Antenna	1,500.00	60,000.00
1	9999	Misc Dispatch Console Furniture & Dispatch Room Upgrades	35,000.00	35,000.00
1	9999	Remote Mobile Emergency Dispatch Center	100,000.00	100000.00

It's been a pleasure working with you! Please remit to the above address	Sales Tax (8.25%)	\$0.00
	Total	\$497,500.00
	Payments/Credits	\$0.00
	Balance Due	\$497,500.00

All new products carry their factory warranty and will be serviced by the manufacturer. All used equipment carries a 90 day warranty and may be assembled from parts or remanufactured to produce the end product. All items left over 60 days will become the property of Command Communications. All overdue invoices will result in a 5% delinquency charge on the total amount past due, and a 10% annual finance charge, assessed monthly.

NOTICE: ACCORDING TO THE TEXAS BUSINESS & COMMERCE CODE, COMMAND COMMUNICATIONS RESERVES THE RIGHT TO TAKE POSSESSION, REPOSSESS, THE VEHICLE IF THIS INVOICE IS NOT PAID ACCORDING TO THE TERMS PROVIDED ON THIS INVOICE FOR WORK PERFORMED, OR EQUIPMENT INSTALLED ON OR IN THIS VEHICLE.

SIGNATURE: _____ PRINTED NAME: _____

Gentlemen,

Attached is a spreadsheet proposing the distribution of the SB22 funds among the Sheriff's Office and Jail personnel who are eligible. We are requesting approval pending receipt of the funds from the State and request this increase to be paid retroactively to the beginning of this budget year. The actual "loaded" (Medicare, Social Sec etc.) rate has been figured into the increase and there is absolutely no cost to the county taxpayer. The Auditor has reviewed this spreadsheet also. Thank you for your consideration.

T. Kean

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	Total Budget	Total Activity	Total Budget	Total Activity	Total Budget	Total Activity	Total Budget	Total Activity	2023-2024
0001-Salary Sheriff	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$14,501.44
0009-Medicare	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$4,313.77
0012-Social Security	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$18,445.09
0013-Retirement	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$6,994.14
0330-Operating Supplies	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$-
0524-Capital Outlay Other	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$22,745.56
9123-Overtime Pay	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$-
9125-Pay Raise	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$283,000.00
9127-Bilingual	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$-
9128-Field Training	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$-
9129-Shift Differential Pay	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$-
9130-Certificate Pay	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$-
Department 4097 S.B.22	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$350,000.00
Sheriff's Office									
0001-Sheriff	\$7,000.00	\$7,000.00							
0420-Chief	\$7,000.00	\$7,000.00							
9027-Lt. 1	\$7,000.00	\$7,000.00							
9028-Lt. 2	\$7,000.00	\$7,000.00							
9029-Sgt. 1	\$7,000.00	\$7,000.00							
9030-Sgt. 2	\$7,000.00	\$7,000.00							
9031-Sgt. 3	\$7,000.00	\$7,000.00							
9032-Sgt. 4	\$7,000.00	\$7,000.00							
9033-Det. 1	\$7,000.00	\$7,000.00							
9034-Det. 2	\$7,000.00	\$7,000.00							
9035-Det. 3	\$7,000.00	\$7,000.00							
9036-Det. 4	\$7,000.00	\$7,000.00							
9037-Det. 5	\$7,000.00	\$7,000.00							
9038-Deputy 1	\$7,000.00	\$7,000.00							
9039-Deputy 2	\$7,000.00	\$7,000.00							
9040-Deputy 3	\$7,000.00	\$7,000.00							
9041-Deputy 4	\$7,000.00	\$7,000.00							
9042-Deputy 5	\$7,000.00	\$7,000.00							
9043-Deputy 6	\$7,000.00	\$7,000.00							
9044-Deputy 7	\$7,000.00	\$7,000.00							
9045-Deputy 8	\$7,000.00	\$7,000.00							
9046-Deputy 9	\$7,000.00	\$7,000.00							
9047-Deputy 10	\$7,000.00	\$7,000.00							
9048-Deputy 11	\$7,000.00	\$7,000.00							
9049-Deputy 12	\$7,000.00	\$7,000.00							
9050-Deputy 13	\$7,000.00	\$7,000.00							
9051-Deputy 14	\$7,000.00	\$7,000.00							

