

November 4, 2021

TO THE HONORABLE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF BERRIEN COUNTY MICHIGAN: Your County Administration Committee respectfully recommends the adoption of the following:

R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS, in fulfillment of plans to decommission the aging and antiquated countywide VHF public-safety radio system (A1911339), Berrien County is partnering with the Michigan Public Safety Communication System (aka MPSCS 700/800MHz) to invest in local signal enhancement projects to improve coverage where necessary; and

WHEREAS, the south central county Buchanan-Bertrand area has been designated as a location in need of enhanced interoperable MPSCS signal coverage; and

WHEREAS, Berrien County 911 has worked with Motorola Solutions, the company that built and currently maintains major components of the MPSCS, to identify the best locations in the area with "suitable" elevations in which to locate a new tower site that would improve two-way land mobile radio coverage; and

WHEREAS, the MPSCS requires transition of the Berrien County multicast subsystem to simulcast, resulting in Motorola developing a proposed 7-site simulcast subsystem, integrated with the existing MPSCS Statewide system, which will also enhance coverage countywide for an estimated total project cost of \$7,797,255; and

WHEREAS, the County of Berrien has been offered a \$5,000,000 Michigan Enhancement Grant from the State of Michigan pursuant to Public Act 87 of 2021, and will apply this amount of grant funding to defray a portion of the total project cost; and

WHEREAS, Berrien County is prepared to supplement the balance of the cost of the project out of available and allowable funding sources; and

WHEREAS, all executed documents are subject to review and approval by Corporate Counsel.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Berrien County Board of Commissioners authorizes the Chairperson or his/her designee to negotiate and be the signatory for the required instruments to enter into a Motorola purchase contract, an agreement with the Michigan Department of Technology, Management & Budget-MPSCS, to execute a network approved countywide simulcast system expansion, and to execute all necessary documents related to the Michigan Enhancement Grant.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the existing MPSCS radio tower infrastructure will be reused and reconfigured, in conjunction with the addition of the new tower site, and the dispatch equipment necessary to communicate on the system.

**Respectfully submitted,
BERRIEN COUNTY ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE**

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