



**Item:** Equipment purchases and associated service contracts for the 911 Center

**From:** Dave Bowen, Chief of Police

**Initiated By:** Chief Bowen

**Presented By:** Dave Bowen, Chief of Police

**Action Requested:** Approve the purchases and associated service contracts

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**Suggested Motion:**

1. Commissioner moves:

“I move that the City Commission approve the equipment purchases for the 911 Center and authorize the City Manager to execute the associated service contracts.”

2. Mayor calls for a second, discussion, public comment, and calls for the vote.

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**Staff Recommendation:** Staff recommends that the City Commission approve the purchase of the equipment for the 911 center as well as the associated service contracts.

**Background:** On May 6, 2013, the Great Falls Police Department was awarded a federal grant under the direction of the Montana Disaster and Emergency Services for the amount of \$870,465.00 dollars. On July 2, 2013 the City Commission approved a large portion of the funds to purchase the radio upgrades necessary for the dispatch consoles and pursuit of the improved interoperability afforded by the statewide trunking system. The remaining funds are being used to purchase other upgrades to the dispatch center including the 911 operating software, telephones, and the electrical and networking needs. All of these upgrades and equipment will be purchased and installed in the new 911 center on Gore Hill.

Many of the items will be purchased under the sole source provision (MCA 18-4-306). Because much of this equipment is an upgrade to the existing equipment, it must remain with the original vendor. In cases where it is not a sole source, bids were received and decisions made on the past quality and timeliness of the vendor. This process is being expedited in order to take full advantage of the grant award and meet the projected completion date of October 31, 2013.

**Fiscal Impact:** Almost all of the funds required for the equipment and service contracts will be taken from what is remaining in the federal grant (\$220,922.06) and a small amount from the dispatch fund (\$23,699.00).

**Attachments/Exhibits:** List of equipment and associated service contracts for the 911 Center.

Exhibit - 911 Center equipment purchases and associated vendor contracts.

Item	Price	Funding Source	Explanation
Positron Viper - 911	\$129,599.20	DHS Grant	Sole source - upgrade to existing 911 operating software.
CenturyLink - Shoretel phone system	\$21,620.50	DHS Grant	Bids were obtained. This is the 2nd lowest bid - the low bidder has proven over the years to have poor performance with existing equipment.
Industrial Communication	\$44,661.96	DHS Grant	This company is already installing the radio upgrade as previously approved by the commission. Consistency is critical for installation of existing equipment up to the new center (console wiring, installation of equipment racks, antennas etc.). This company out of Billings will be working with our service provider (Highline Communications) to perform this install.
Watson Furniture Group	\$10,190.40	DHS Grant	Sole source - this is an addition of 1 console to the 5 Watson consoles that we already have, necessary to have all the same.
Enterprise Electric	\$14,850.00	DHS Grant	Bids were accepted for this work and this company installed the original wiring at the site, recommended by IT, and will provide the consistency necessary for the needed wiring.
Highline Communications - Concrete and Tower installation	\$23,699.00	Dispatch Center Fund #5720	Existing service provider who is working with Industrial Comm and is subcontracting some of the work out to install the 50' tower and cable to the building. His subcontractor installs all of the tower pads according to proper specs.