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To: Rebecca Grill, City Administrator

From: Jim Jandovitz, Director of Information
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Subject: Resolution to approve entering into an Intergovernmental Agreement for
Trunked Radio System Access

Date: April 30, 2015

Milwaukee County is replacing its old analog radio system with a new state of the art digital system throughout the county. After a yearlong review exploring other options and negotiations with Milwaukee County, it is the advice of Chris Botsch, Deputy Police Chief, Steve Bane, Fire Chief, and Jim Jandovitz, Director of Information Technology and Communications that it is in the city's best interest to continue using the Milwaukee County Radio System. This will require the city to enter into an agreement with Milwaukee County to participate as a subscriber to the County's Public Safety Radio System. Milwaukee County is implementing a new fee based subscription to pay for the construction and maintenance of this new system. The fee per radio will be gradually phased in from \$2 per radio per month in 2015 to \$19 per radio per month in 2022. Currently, the City of West Allis has around 275 radios, but we will be reducing this inventory over time. This is a new fee that the city will have to absorb as the old system was free for the city to use.

The City of West Allis has been using the Milwaukee County radio system for its Police, Fire, Public Works, and Health Departments radio communications. These radios include all hand held radios, squads, fire rigs, and public work vehicles.

The old analog county radio system will be decommissioned later this year leaving the city without any radio communications for Police, Fire, DPW and Health Departments between officers and employees in the field.

Sincerely,

Jim Jandovitz
Director of Information Technology and Communications