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Board Action Report

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ADDED/ Commissioner Chad Brown - Police Department - To Approve Appropriation of Drug Asset Forfeiture Funds for the Purpose of Purchasing Motorola 800mhz Mobile, Hand Held Radios, and the TDMA Operation Software for Viper Radio System **(\$460,626)**

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BUDGET IMPACT

Appropriate Federal Asset Forfeitures. No Additional County Funds.

BUDGET ORDINANCE IMPACT

N/A

BACKGROUND

The Comprehensive Control Act of 1984 and the Anti-Drug Act of 1986 provide for the distribution among participating law enforcement agencies of assets forfeited in connection with drug related arrests. The above laws prohibit the use of such funds to reduce local funds budgeted for law enforcement programs.

The Allocation of Drug Asset Forfeiture Funds (\$460,626) will be appropriated from the Drug Asset Forfeiture - Treasury account received during Fiscal Year 2016 to purchase Motorola 800mhz Mobile, Hand Held Radios, and the TDMA Operation Software for Viper Radio System.

Currently, Gaston County operates on a 400mhz system that does not have the ability to communicate with any agency who operates on the 800mhz system. The county has entered into an agreement with Motorola and the North Carolina State Highway Patrol in developing a state of the art inter-operable public safety radio communications system. The Patrol will act as facilitator for VIPER (Voice Interoperability Plan for Emergency Responders). The county is responsible for the initial digital trunked radio infrastructure purchase and installation. The NC State Patrol will be responsible for subsequent infrastructure purchases required to maintain the designed operability of the systems.

The department is requesting \$460,626 to be appropriated from the Drug Asset Forfeiture Fund Balance for the purchase of the Motorola 800mhz radios and software.

POLICY IMPACT

N/A

ATTACHMENTS

Budget Change Request; Motorola Customer Proposal