



REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION

ITEM NO. 13

DATE OF MEETING: September 14, 2015

REQUESTED BY: Carson Smith, Sheriff

SHORT TITLE: Approval to Execute a Lease Agreement for Creekridge Capital; and Approval to Issue a Purchase Order to Creekridge Capital in the Amount of \$98,222.04 for the Lease of a E911 Telephone System for use in the Pender County 911 Center.

BACKGROUND: The current Emergency Telephone System in the Pender County 911 Center was installed in FY 04-05 and is past its recommended life cycle. It runs Windows XP, which is no longer supported and we are having issues finding replacement parts for failing components. For several years we have tried to come up with a solution to replace the phone system through either a grant or a funding reconsideration through the North Carolina 911 Board. Our attempts have been mired in bureaucracy and we have yet to get a clear signal as to how the state would like to fund this project. They have tied the funding for this project to us getting a 911 Center Backup plan approved by them. However, they will not approve a plan for a backup location that does not have a phone system **and** they will not approve a phone system until we have an approved backup plan. **The system has to be replaced now.** Our Emergency Telephone Fund has enough fund balance to cover this increased expenditure for this fiscal year but the 911 Board will need to increase funding to the county in subsequent years.

We looked into two systems and believe the Vesta Sentinel Geo-Diverse E911 Telephone System from Wireless Communications is our best option and it was the cheaper of the two systems. It is used in many other counties across NC and is proven technology. The system cost is \$434,710.95. It will be leased for a period of five years at a cost of \$98,222.04 per year. Support and maintenance will be included the first year and will be an additional \$45,285.13 in years two through five. It will be a split system that will be co-located in both the 911 Center and the County EOC (Backup 911 Center).

This expenditure will be funded through the 911 Emergency Telephone Fund.

SPECIFIC ACTION REQUESTED: To consider a resolution authorizing a lease agreement and purchase order to Creekridge Capital in the amount of \$98,222.04.