

**TRANSCRIPT AND REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS  
CASS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
September 28, 2010**

- 1A. Chairman Demgen convened the special meeting of the Cass County Board of Commissioners at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, September 28, 2010, with the flag pledge in the Board Room of the Courthouse, Walker, MN. Commissioners present: Demgen, Downham, Dowson, Kangas, and Peterson. Commissioners absent: None.

Others present during portions of the meeting included:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>REPRESENTING</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>REPRESENTING</u>
Robert Yochum	Administrator	Larry Wolfe	Chief Financial Officer
Randy Fisher	Sheriff	Chief Deputy Sheriff	Tom Burch
Tim Richardson	Central Services Director		

- 1B. M/S/P Dowson, Downham - To approve the agenda items for discussion as presented in the notice of special meeting. Unanimous.
2. County Administrator Yochum and Sheriff Fisher requested board authorization to purchase 800 MHz mobile and portable radios for ten Fire Departments including: Backus Fire Department, Cass Lake Rural Fire Department, Crooked Lake Fire Department, Federal Dam Fire Department, Hackensack Fire/EMT, Longville Fire Department, Pillager Fire & EMS, Pine River Fire Department, Remer Fire Department and Walker Fire Department.

Sheriff Fisher explained that previous related Board action of April 20, 2010 authorized acceptance of a Cass County Regional Fire Department Grant for the purchase of radios in the amount of \$183,674.80 (includes a 10% County match). The grant would facilitate 30% to 40% of the projected need for Fire Departments located in Cass County to be in compliance with the 2012 Federal standards. The Sheriff's Office asked for a price quotation to provide all Cass County fire departments in a single order. Motorola, Inc. responded with a quote from the State of MN contract of \$500,753.12 and offered a discount of \$50,700.00 if the order were placed before October 2, 2010.

Administrator Yochum explained that the present quote is less than earlier cost estimates of \$547,000 to \$753,000 for Fire Department 800 MHz mobile and portable radios. Chief Financial Officer Larry Wolfe indicated that the source of funds would be General Fund balance.

Sheriff Fisher and Administrator Yochum also reported that the Radio Users Group will be finalizing a form of agreement that will further define the implementation and maintenance of the 800 MHz P25-Based Trunked Multicast Radio System prior to release of the equipment. Motorola confirmed to Sheriff Fisher that manufacturer warranties begin only after the equipment is placed in service.

M/S/P Peterson, Downham - To authorize Chairman Demgen and Sheriff Fisher to execute a purchase agreement of 800 MHz (Contract #20927) ARMER radio communications equipment for ten Cass County Fire Departments from Motorola, Inc. in the amount of \$450,053.12 (includes sales tax). Unanimous.

3. Chairman Demgen adjourned the meeting at 9:20 A.M.

SIGNED: \_\_\_\_\_  
Jim Demgen, Chairman  
Cass County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Robert H. Yochum  
Cass County Administrator