RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE ETSB STARCOM21 REIMBURSEMENT AWARD AND LINE ITEM TRANSFER WITHIN THE EMERGENCY TELEPHONE SYSTEM BOARD (ETSB) FY2020 BUDGET

WHEREAS, the McHenry County Emergency Telephone System Board (ETSB) was created by Ordinance 0-9201-1200-05 to plan, implement, control, maintain, upgrade, and oversee operations of the Enhanced 9-1-1 system to meet current and future demands for the entire County of McHenry; and

WHEREAS, on January 16, 2020, the ETSB has unanimously approved the Annual STARCOM21 Radio Interoperability Grant Reimbursement Program in the amount of $450,000 for FY2020; and

WHEREAS, the program is to encourage public safety agencies that are served by the McHenry County Emergency Telephone System Board to migrate from their current antiquated emergency voice radio systems to a common communications platform; and

WHEREAS, the program is intended to reduce response time to the location of a 9-1-1 call for assistance, improve efficiency in the assignment and dispatch of a 9-1-1 call for assistance, reduce operating costs to First Responder Agencies and Public Safety Answering Points within McHenry County operating on the Starcom21 Network, and improve interoperability between public safety agencies for Fire, EMS, and Law Enforcement; and

WHEREAS, all certified law enforcement, fire and EMS agencies located within McHenry County who receive and respond to the dispatch of 9-1-1- emergency calls from NERCOM, SEECOM and MCSO are eligible to participate; and

WHEREAS, the Law & Government/Liquor and Finance & Audit Committees have reviewed the said request.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by this County Board of McHenry County, Illinois that it hereby supports the McHenry County ETSB Annual STARCOM21 Radio Interoperability Grant Reimbursement Program in the amount of $450,000 for FY2020; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, a budget line item transfer in the amount $450,000 in the ETSB FY2020 budget is requested from budget line item 681000-29-2900-801 (Fund Balance Enhancement) to budget line item 442300-29-2910-801 (Grants to Agencies); and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the County Clerk is hereby authorized to distribute a certified copy of this Resolution to the McHenry County Director of ETSB; the Director of Purchasing; the County Auditor; the State’s Attorney; the Director of Finance; and the County Administrator.

DATED at Woodstock, Illinois, this 16th day of March, A.D., 2020.

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Jack D. Franks, Chairman
McHenry County Board
ATTEST:

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Joseph J. Tirio, County Clerk
TO: McHenry County Board  
FROM: Tiki Carlson  
DATE: March 16, 2020  
SUBJECT: Resolution Supporting the ETSB STARCOM21 Reimbursement Award and Line Item Transfer within the Emergency Telephone System Board (ETSB) FY2020 Budget

**Board / Committee Action Requested:** Supporting the ETSB Annual STARCOM21 Radio Interoperability Grant Reimbursement Program, and authorizing a line item transfer within the McHenry County Emergency Telephone System Board’s (ETSB) fiscal year 2020 budget.

**Background and Discussion:** During the FY2020 budget process, it was discussed with the Law and Government/Liquor Committee, and mutually agreed upon by the McHenry County ETSB; the Associate County Administrator - Finance; and the County Administrator to submit projects with unknown implementation dates as "informational only" supplemental requests to prevent inflating the County's FY2020 Budget.

McHenry County Emergency Telephone System Board (ETSB) was created by Ordinance 0-9201-1200-05 to plan, implement, control, maintain, upgrade, and oversee operations of the Enhanced 9-1-1 system to meet current and future demands for the entire County of McHenry.

This program was developed to encourage public safety agencies that are served by the McHenry County Emergency Telephone System Board to migrate from their current antiquated emergency voice radio systems to a common communications platform, and intended to:

A. Reduce response time to the location of a 9-1-1 call for assistance
B. Improve efficiency in the assignment and dispatch of a 9-1-1 call for assistance
C. Reduce operating costs to First Responder Agencies and Public Safety Answering Points within McHenry County when operating on the Starcom21 Network
D. Improving interoperability between public safety agencies for Fire, EMS, and Law Enforcement

All certified law enforcement, fire and EMS agencies located within McHenry County who receive and respond to the dispatch of 9-1-1 emergency calls from NERCOM, SEECOM and MCSO with the direct assistance and oversight of the McHenry County ETSB are eligible to participate.
This program is a reimbursement program specifically designed to provide funds to eligible participating agencies of the STARCOM21 statewide radio communication network, and is tracked for FY2020 in the Five (5) Year McHenry County ETSB Capital Improvement Plan.

**Impact on Human Resources:** None

**Impact on Budget (Revenue; Expenses, Fringe Benefits):** A budget line item transfer in the amount of $450,000 in the ETSB FY2020 budget is requested from budget line item 681000-29-2900-801 (Fund Balance Enhancement) to budget line item 442300-29-2910-801 (Grants to Agencies) to fund.

**Impact on Capital Expenditures:** None

**Impact on Physical Space:** None

**Impact on Other County Departments or Outside Agencies:** Eligible participating public safety agencies may submit for entry in this program as a way to offset annual expenses directly related to the participation in the statewide STARCOM21 radio interoperability platform.

**Conformity to Board Ordinances, Policies and Strategic Plan:** Yes

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