

Resolution 170

A RESOLUTION OF THE GOVERNING BOARD OF NORCOM AUTHORIZING UPGRADES TO ALPHANUMERIC PAGING INFRASTRUCTURE

WHEREAS, NORCOM staff identified the imminent need to upgrade paging infrastructure in conjunction with the Snohomish County 911 paging infrastructure upgrade project.

WHEREAS, NORCOM staff has thoroughly researched, evaluated, and discussed upgrading the paging infrastructure with the Governing Board on March 8th, 2019 and in many and numerous follow-on discussions the NORCOM Joint Operations Board, Zone 1 Fire Operations, and Zone 1 Fire Chiefs.

WHEREAS, although both NORCOM and its agencies were initially hesitant to invest in expensive upgrades to outdated paging technology, additional research revealed that the paging system is part of a regional King County paging system on which important agencies other than NORCOM continue to rely upon; and

WHEREAS, NORCOM's Chief Technology Officer's diligent searching located a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) entitled "Western Washington Regional Public Safety VHF Alphanumeric Paging System MOU"; and

WHEREAS, the City of Bellevue, NORCOM Agencies, SERS (now Snohomish County 911) and Valley Communications are parties and signatories to the MOU; and

WHEREAS, the MOU obligates the parties to work collaboratively in the paging arena and establishes a governance group that was never constituted or held meetings;

WHEREAS, NORCOM's withdrawal from current paging infrastructure and protocols would negatively impact public safety particularly with respect to mutual aid between King County first responders; and

WHEREAS, NORCOM desires to work with its regional partners to intelligently plan a replacement technology that will meet the needs of all agencies relying on paging technology; and this cannot be accomplished in the short window of time NORCOM has to participate with Snohomish County 911 in a paging upgrade; and

WHEREAS, NORCOM has been contributing to the Equipment Replacement fund for many years in anticipation of a need to upgrade paging technology and there is enough funding in the Equipment Replacement fund to cover the full four year of cost of approximately \$673,000;

WHEREAS, Snohomish 911 has levy funding to cover the cost of the paging upgrade and is willing to allow NORCOM to pay its share of cost through a combination

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of an up-front payment in 2019 followed by subsequent payments over several years;
and

WHEREAS, the total cost to NORCOM once all payments are made would not exceed \$630,792.70;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Board of NORCOM as follows:

Section 1. Authorization. The Board hereby authorizes the Executive Director to negotiate an agreement with Snohomish County 911 to upgrade the NORCOM alphanumeric paging system and utilize the Snohomish County 911 contract and negotiated pricing based on a four-year or project completion repayment term to Snohomish County 911 in an amount not to exceed \$630,792.70.

Section 2. Future Planning. NORCOM staff will work with other mutual aid partners to identify and develop a plan to transition from existing paging technology no later than the anticipated replacement for the current upgrade in seven to ten years.

Section 3. Further Authority; Prior Acts. All NORCOM officials, their agents, and representatives are hereby authorized and directed to undertake all action necessary or desirable from time to time to carry out the terms of, and complete the transactions contemplated by, this resolution. All acts taken pursuant to the authority of this resolution but prior to its effective date are hereby ratified and confirmed.

Section 3. Effective Date. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its passage and adoption.

Passed by a majority vote of the Governing Board in an open public meeting on this 12th day of July, 2019.

Signed in authentication thereof on this 12th day of July, 2019.

Daniel W. Jankovich
Chair

Attest: [Signature]