



**SAFETY COMMITTEE
MONDAY MAY 18, 2015**

COMMITTEE MEETING:

**PLACE: COUNCIL CHAMBERS
7232 E. MAIN ST, REYNOLDBURG, OH 43068**

President: DOUG JOSEPH

Ward Members: Ward I - Scott A. Barrett
Ward II - Leslie Kelly
Ward III - Cornelius McGrady III
Ward IV - Mel Clemens

At Large Members: Barth R. Cotner
Chris Long
Dan Skinner, Esq.

COMMITTEES:

Community Development: Chmn Kelly, McGrady, Clemens, Cotner, Long, Barrett, Skinner
Safety: Chmn Long, Skinner, Clemens, Kelly, Cotner, Barrett, McGrady
Service: Chmn Clemens, Barrett, Kelly, Cotner, Long, McGrady, Skinner
Finance: Chmn Cotner, Long, Clemens, Kelly, Barrett, McGrady, Skinner

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*April Beggerow
Clerk of Council*

1. Call to Order
2. Approval of Agenda
3. Approval of Minutes
 - a. Safety Committee – Committee Meeting – April 6, 2015
4. Discussion
 - a. MARCS Repeater Project/Grant

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PRESENT: Kelly, McGrady III, Clemens, Long, Joseph

ABSENT: Cotner, Skinner, Barrett

2. Approval of Agenda

Agenda Approved

3. Approval of Minutes

a. Safety Committee - Committee Meeting - Mar 16, 2015 7:30 PM

Minutes Approved

4. Discussion

a. Permission to Receive Trade in Value for Each of the Cruisers and Remove the Listed Cruisers from the Fixed Asset List

Chief O'Neill: Thank you Chairman Long, as you're aware, we're in the process of replacing our cruisers in blocks of three. The three cruisers we're getting rid of are numbers 245, 246 and 247. We're just asking permission to take them off the asset list and get the trade in value of approximately \$1200 each to Lebanon Ford to offset the cost of purchasing.

Mr. Long: I'll go ahead and send this on to the Finance Committee meeting that is immediately following the Safety Committee meeting. Thank you Chief.

RESULT: REFERRED TO COMMITTEE

Next: 4/6/2015 7:30 PM

Minutes Acceptance: Minutes of Apr 6, 2015 7:30 PM (Approval of Minutes)

Police Department**James O'Neill****7240 E. Main Street****Reynoldsburg OHIO 43068****614-322-6947 Phone****ORDINANCE REQUEST**

DATE: May 18, 2015
TO: Safety Committee
RE: MARCS Repeater Project/Grant

Emergency/Suspension: Emergency

Reason For Emergency: Immediate preservation of the public peace, health, or safety

Statement of necessity: To initiate grant application as soon as possible to receive repeaters which will initiate the MARCS installation/transition. To save money and not have to purchase batteries for current hand held radios

The Division of Police is in the process of transitioning all communications to the Franklin County Multi-Agency Radio Communications System. The equipment for the transfer has been purchased through an earlier project request, and the Reynoldsburg talk groups are established. Prior to purchasing, extensive tests were conducted using an analog system since the digital system did not yet exist. The analog test produced positive reception in most of the major points in the city.

Our system through the County is under the new P25 digital system. Upon testing our talk-groups, we discovered negative reception in most of the buildings along the city's southern border. We also experienced negative reception in the Reynoldsburg High Schools - both campuses and the Waggoner Road Junior High School. This would create serious safety concerns for our officers responding to these areas. Tom Swisher, the Franklin County MARCS programmer, attempted to resolve the issue through several programming styles with little success.

One of the buildings that is most affected is Target, and within the Target Center is a Violet Township Fire Department sub-station. I reached and spoke with their IT/communications expert regarding the communication issue. He stated they experienced the same issue; therefore, they installed mobile repeaters in all of their command vehicles to circumvent the problem. He

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said since installing the repeaters the firefighters are not having communication issues at any of the scenes where they respond. I then contacted the Truro Township Fire Department and discovered they handled their MARCS communication issues the same way: through installing mobile repeaters in their command vehicles.

I reached out to three radio experts: Tom Swisher from Franklin County MARCS, Mark Laundry from REM, and Brian Perry from REM. I requested their expert opinion on the most cost efficient method to improve our MARCS reception/transmission issue. All three concluded installing mobile repeaters in each cruiser would not improve reception and transmission in the most cost effective manner.

I obtained a quote from REMM Communications to purchase and install 15 SVR-250MA Pyramid Vehicular Repeaters (see attached). The total on the quote is \$30,000.

Upon speaking with Franklin County Homeland Security regarding grant assistance, I was instructed to apply for an FY2014 LE SHSGP grant to support the \$30,000 purchase. When awarded, the grant would cover the cost of the repeaters and the installation without matching funds and without fronting any of the payment. The grant is paid directly to the vendor.

Request permission for the following:

1. Request permission to waive the competitive bid process based on the following:
 - a. Federal Grant guidelines require three quotes attached to any grant application. We obtained three different quotes (see attached) from various vendors.
 - b. We request to purchase the SVR-250MA Pyramid Vehicular Repeaters sold by REM as REM has been the sole radio contractor servicing the police department for many years, and we are very pleased with their service and the products sold by their shop. They are a very reputable company. Their Kenwood products are on state bid; however, the Pyramid repeater is not.
 - c. The project is on hold with \$137,000 worth of radio equipment awaiting installation once the repeaters are purchased. Going through a competitive bid process would further delay the installation of this equipment costing the city

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more money in the process as the current 400Mhz system requires servicing to keep in place until MARCS is installed, (i.e. we are borrowing equipment from REM at this time to keep the main repeater on the 400MHz system running, and most of the batteries for the hand held 400MHz are due for replacement).

2. Request permission to apply for the FY2014 LE SHSGP Grant in the amount of \$30,000 for the purchase of the SVR-250MA Pyramid Vehicular Repeaters.
3. Once the grant is received, request permission to receive the grant and to move forward with the purchase and installation of the repeaters.

R.E.M. COMMUNICATIONS INC
 2625 JOHNSTOWN RD
 COLUMBUS, OH 43219
 MARK LANDRY
 CELL 614-207-6409
 OFF 614-258-9985
 FAX 614-258-9986
 04-30-2015

**QUOTE FOR REYNOLDSBURG POLICE
 ATTN: LT WRIGHT**

PYRAMID VEHICULAR REPEATER QUOTE

15- SVR-250MA PYRAMID VEHICULAR REPEATER	\$ 1800.00 EA	\$ 27000.00
INCLUDES RADIO INTERFACE CABLE AND ANTENNA		
15- LABOR TO PROGRAM	\$ 25.00 EA	\$ 375.00
15- LABOR TO INSTALL	\$ 175.00 EA	\$ 2625.00
TOTAL		\$ 30000.00

LABOR WILL BE DISCOUNTED IF INSTALLED AT THE SAME TIME AS THE
 MOBILE RADIOS.

Attachment: 20150430 vehicular repeater quote (1065 : MARCS Repeater Project/Grant)



Date: May 12, 2015

Prepared by: Great Lakes Communications Sales, Inc.

Quote Requested by: Reynoldsburg Police Dept
Attn: Lieutenant Wright
Reynoldsburg, Ohio

<u>Qty.</u>	<u>Part #</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Each</u>	<u>Extended</u>
15	SVR-250MA	PYRAMID VEHICULAR REPEATER INCLUDES RADIO INTERFACE CABLE AND ANTENNA	\$2,070.00	\$31,050.00
15	LABOR	PROGRAM AND TUNE	\$ 30.00	\$ 450.00
15	LABOR	INSTALLATION	\$ 250.00	\$ 3,750.00
<u>TOTAL QUOTE</u>				<u>\$35,250.00</u>

FOB Port Clinton, Ohio

Terms: Net 30 Days

Quote valid for 30 Days

Jackie Dunn
Office Manager
Great Lakes Communications Sales, Inc.
2060 E. Harbor Road
Port Clinton, OH 43452
1-419-734-4200 – PH
1-419-734-4274 – Fax
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info@greatlakescomm.com

Attachment: Kenwood Quote - Reynoldsburg PD 5.12.15 (1065 : MARCS Repeater Project/Grant)


MOTOROLA

**Authorized Two-Way
Radio Dealer**

EQUIPMENT PROPOSAL

Proposal for:

REYNOLDSBURG POLICE
LT WRIGHT

Commercial Electronics, INC.

4001 West Pike
Zanesville, OH 43701
(740)452-1737

ITEM	QUANTITY	DESCRIPTION	UNIT PRICE	TOTAL
1	15	SVR-250MA Pyramid VRS with interface cable and antenna	\$1,925.00	\$28,875.00
2	15	Install above equipment	\$225.00	\$3,375.00
3	15	Programming	\$32.50	\$487.50

TERMS: 0 % down. Net 0 days.

Lease or installment purchase contract

\$0.00 per month for 0 years.

Other Britton

Proposal valid for 60 days.

Prepared by:

Date: 5/13/2015

Accepted by:

Wednesday, May 13, 2015

Thank You

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Total Equipment Cost	\$28,875.00
Labor, Installation and test	\$3,862.50
Tax	\$0.00
Shipping	\$0.00
Total Purchase	\$32,737.50
Freq. Coord/License	\$0.00
Total	\$0.00
Less Down Payment	\$0.00
Total Amount Due	\$0.00

Attachment: Reynoldsburg PD 5 13 15 (1065 : MARCS Repeater Project/Grant)

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Sent: Thursday, May 07, 2015 2:03 PM
To: Ron Wright
Cc: Mark Landry; Brian Perry; Ziegler, David A.
Subject: Re: MARCS Assistance
Importance: High

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From: Brian Perry [<mailto:bperry@remcomm.com>]
Sent: Tuesday, May 12, 2015 9:45 AM
To: Ron Wright
Subject: RE: MARCS Assistance

Ron,

In my opinion the vehicle repeaters are going to be your best option for increased coverage. Even with this option there might be places that you still do not have coverage but at least with this option the repeaters are mobile and you can move them to different locations. There will defiantly be a training curve with this option though. With the in building bda's there are no changes with the officers day to day operations with the radios as far as changing channels or enabling the repeaters. If you choose to use the mobile repeaters in the cars the officers will need to change channels on the radios and enable the repeaters as needed to increase coverage.

Brian Perry
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From: Ron Wright [<mailto:rwright@reypd.com>]
Sent: Tuesday, May 12, 2015 9:16 AM
To: Brian Perry; 'MARK LANDRY'
Subject: FW: MARCS Assistance
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Sent: Tuesday, May 12, 2015 10:06 AM
To: Ron Wright; 'Brian Perry'
Subject: RE: MARCS Assistance

Ron, I agree with Tom. Getting bda's approved and installed in the building's will be very time consuming.

We do have a phone app we can get you but that has a monthly expense as well per phone. About \$15.00 per unit per month plus you need interface equipment to integrate into the P25 system.

I don't know how many detective cars you have but the vehicular repeater may be needed there as well to keep the monthly expense down. Probably less expensive in the long run.

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From: Jeff Gregory
Sent: Tuesday, May 12, 2015 12:33 PM
To: 'Pierson, Melissa'
Cc: Ron Wright
Subject: RE: Grant

Thanks for responding so quickly.

I believe \$10,000 is the threshold for competitive bidding for Reynoldsburg. I'm not sure with this being related to a current project if we would have to bid it out or not.

We are aware of the 3 quotes requirement per 44CFR.

I will forward this information to Lt. Wright so he can determine our effort to proceed on this.

Thank you very much.

Jeff Gregory

From: Pierson, Melissa [<mailto:mspiero@franklincountyohio.gov>]
Sent: Tuesday, May 12, 2015 12:25 PM
To: Jeff Gregory
Subject: RE: Grant

Jeff:

In terms of grant availability, we have this funding through January 2016. So, I think you have a little wiggle room. I assume this is pretty standard equipment in terms of purchasing. Please note purchasing straight off of the State Term Contract does not meet the conditions of 44CFR. You'll need to either get 3 quotes and/or competitively bid the equipment. Do you know what Reynoldsburg threshold is for competitive bidding?

There isn't a match requirement unless the amount we agreed to doesn't cover the full amount of the equipment. In terms of receiving additional funding to cover the detectives mobile repeaters, you would need to have the Chief or Lt. Wright make contact with my director, Kathy Crandall.

The City will NOT have to pay for the equipment up front. With the homeland security grant funding, we pay the vendors directly. Your jurisdiction will do all of the procurement, but then the invoice will come to me.

Let me know how you decide to proceed and if you need any additional information.

Melissa Pierson, M.S.

Grants Administrator

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Attachment: MARCS Assistance 3 (1065 : MARCS Repeater Project/Grant)

From: Jeff Gregory [<mailto:jgregory@reypd.com>]
Sent: Tuesday, May 12, 2015 12:00 PM
To: Pierson, Melissa
Subject: Grant

Hi Melissa,

Regarding the information you sent us below. Lt. Wright and I were all about pushing forward with this right away but we were reined in by the Chief wanting to get the city council's approval before applying for the grant. I don't know if you can help us add some pressure if the grant funds are even still available.

Can you give me some information on whether it is still available and is there a deadline for applying? Is there matching funds required and is it going to require the city to pay in full out front and be reimbursed later?

We originally discussed buying and installing 15 mobile repeaters to put one in each of our cruisers and the SWAT vehicle for a total price of \$30,000. The Chief raised concerns about our detectives not being able to communicate in the field. We are looking at alternatives including a phone app possibility for them but if we added any additional mobile repeaters at \$2000 a piece (like 6), would that be pushing our luck?

Appreciate any assistance you can give on this information.

Jeff Gregory
 Reynoldsburg P.D.
 614-322-6952

Ron:

Kathy has given me authorization to move forward with an FY 2014 LE SHSGP award to support the vehicular repeaters. Couple of items before we can move forward with anything:

- 1) I'll need an application completed. You can access the application system from our website at www.ohsjp.franklincountyohio.gov – click on homeland security grant application system.
- 2) You'll need to obtain (3) quotes for the same product. The state will no longer accept State Term.

Once you've submitted, please let me know!

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