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Memorandum

To: Livingston County Board of Commissioners
From: Lt. Jeffery LeVeque – Jail Administrator
Date: 3/28/2018
Re: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE
TO ENTER A LEASE AGREEMENT FOR JAIL RADIOS –
SHERIFF /JA PUBLIC SAFETY / FINANCE / BOARD

Attached for your consideration and approval is a resolution authorizing the jail to pursue a lease agreement with ComSource Incorporated for a new digital encrypted radio system. As the sheriff's previous communications indicated, we are dealing with one or more persons illegally broadcasting on our jail radio system. This has occurred in the past more than once but not for this long. The broadcasts started again in early December and have continued almost daily since.

These broadcasts have included threats against staff and racial slurs. This not only interferes with jail operations but also is an officer safety issue for the staff. We are conducting a full investigation with the assistance of the FCC and the FBI but as of yet have not been able to locate the perpetrators. We are unable to block out these broadcasts because our radio system is old school analog.

We looked at purchase options and feel that a lease for the equipment makes the most sense. The purchase of a system would be about \$80,000 - \$90,000 whereas a lease allows us to spend about \$1400.00 a month, which includes all maintenance and repairs on the system. In addition rather than purchase equipment that will go out of date, we can lease and get new upgraded equipment in the future.

The vendor is ComSource Incorporated, which is a Livingston County preferred vendor. The resolution asks for a limit of \$1500.00 monthly, which would allow us to add a few radios if needed without coming back to the board.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact me.

Respectfully,

Lt. Jeffery Leveque