

AGENDA ITEM 31

Consider approving a reimbursement resolution from future C.O.'s or bond issuance for funds spent on enhancing radio system (800mz), including, but not limited to simulcast phase.

Judge Doerfler advised if the court should approve this system, Motorola has agreed for contract to begin in year 2001 with first payment due in October of that year.

Communications Director Geneva Simpson discussed the simulcast system covering the entire county which the existing system does not.

Cedar Park Financial Manager and Police Chief both expressed an interest in joining the county for improvement of their present system.

Commissioner Heiligenstein expressed opposition to this item which was not addressed earlier when up-grade of current system occurred. And the less than 95% percent radio coverage is in a small not heavily populated geographical portion of Williamson County with a small probability of incidents. "We still have 80% coverage on hand helds and 100% coverage on mobile telephones". Also the commissioner is concerned about Williamson County spending over \$5M without a consultant. He expressed his appreciation for work already done. The commissioner has confidence in and is aware of the professionalism of Geneva Simpson which makes it difficult for him not to support this system.

Moved: **Commissioner Boatright**

Seconded: **Judge Doerfler**

Motion: To approve a resolution of intent for reimbursement from future C.O.'s or bond issuance for funds spent on enhancing radio system (800mz), including, but not limited to simulcast phase.

Vote: Motion carried 3- 1 with Commissioner Heiligenstein voting against the motion

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