

2-4-21 FINANCE AND AUDIT COMMITTEE APPROPRIATION TRANSFERS
 B CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS

Action Required

Finance and Audit Committee
 Majority County Board

WHEREAS, department requests for transfers within their own accounts have been received by the Department of Administrative Services, Performance, Strategy, and Budget (PSB), and the Director finds that the best interests of Milwaukee County will be served by allowance of such transfers;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Director, Department of Administrative Services, is hereby authorized to make the following transfers in the 2020 appropriations of the respective listed departments:

1)	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
<u>4800 – Office of Emergency Management</u>		
6148 – Prof Services-Recurring Oper		\$167,930
<u>WO614 - Radio Project – Build Out Ten Sites to Digital #</u>		
8558 – Computer Equip Repl >\$500	\$114,930	
8552 – Mach and Equip New >\$2500	\$44,500	
6146 – Prof Services-Cap/Major Mtce	\$7,500	
9706 – Prof Div Services	\$1,000	

Existing Project, + Included in 5-Year Plan, * New Project

A 2021 appropriation transfer of \$167,930 is requested by the Director of the Office of Emergency Management to move surplus sales tax funding from completed capital project WO614 - Radio Project - Build Out Ten Sites to Digital to Agency 480 - Office of Emergency Management (OEM).

Capital project WO614-Radio Project-Build Out Ten Sites to Digital was adopted in the 2010 Capital Improvements Budget and included a phased implementation over multiple years and appropriations. The scope of work included the build out of both core infrastructure and radio site infrastructure, along with supporting hardware. OEM has indicated that the project is now completed and has a surplus (sales tax funded) budget authority of approximately \$187,000.

OEM staff has indicated that additional funding is needed for 3-year contract to provide Motorola Critical Connect core infrastructure services. Motorola Critical Connect is a cloud-based system that allows OEM’s radio system core to connect to other radio systems in the area without the use of traditional fiber connection. Critical Connect also allows OEM to utilize the 4G LTE cell phone network to effectively expand radio communications beyond the traditional range of radio waves. The system allows command staff the ability to take command of a local incident or maintain situational awareness while away from the office. This could also be used for out of county transports, or other various scenarios. The WAVE application allows OEM the ability to program over the air with contactless delivery of a product or service, all while maintaining full control of the radio system. This also allows OEM the ability to set up mobile dispatch consoles through WAVE Dispatch. The expansion proposal is mutually beneficial for all OASIS stakeholders and bordering counties requiring mutual aid.¹

OEM staff has stated that although the radio system can operate without this service, the current service range is restricted to traditional 800MHz RF and this new service provides for a strategic system expansion. In 2020, OEM operated this service under a free trial agreement for operational testing. The proposed appropriation transfer provides funding to pay for the service needed beyond the 90-day free trial period.

The Motorola Critical Connect total cost is \$295,490.00. If approved, this appropriation transfer shifts \$167,930 of surplus (sales tax funded) budget authority from completed capital project WO614 - Radio Project - Build Out Ten Sites to Digital

¹ OASIS is the Milwaukee County P25 digital radio system. The purpose of the radio system is to provide reliable communications and interoperability with over 72 internal and external mutual aid agencies.

to the OEM operating budget to pay for year 1 services and implementation costs of the Motorola Critical Connect. The 2021 Adopted OEM operating budget includes \$127,560 to cover years 2 and 3 service agreement.

This fund transfer has no tax levy impact.

TRANSFERS SIGNED BY THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE DECEMBER 31, 2020.