

CITY OF WARRENSBURG

April 11, 2022

Honorable Mayor and
Members of the City Council
City of Warrensburg, Missouri

Dear Mayor and Council Members,

SUBJECT: An Ordinance Authorizing the City Manager and City Clerk to Execute an Agreement With RCN Communications LLC for Police Department Rugged Laptops and Associated Hardware

BACKGROUND:

Police Department personnel are currently using computers in PD vehicles that are permanently installed in each vehicle. These computers are no longer supported by the manufacturer and spare parts are becoming difficult to find. The uniqueness of the hardware also requires special drivers that are becoming less supported as Microsoft rolls out new versions of Windows 10. All of these issues are increasing the time IT personnel must spend to keep them operational.

IT and Police personnel discussed the best solution to meet the needs of the department and we determined adopting a solution similar to the Missouri State Highway Patrol and issuing a laptop to each officer was the best solution. By issuing a laptop to each officer and installing office docks in the squad room there will be an overall reduction of two computers. We will also be able to reallocate some of the desktop computers being used in the squad room to reduce the number of computers that need to be replaced in FY23 via the City's computer replacement plan. In addition, the proposed laptops are compatible with the City's computer imaging software while the current PD vehicle computers are not compatible.

The City put this requirement out to bid, and we received three responses with the best and lowest bid coming from RNC Communications, LLC. Their proposal met all requirements set forth in the RFP.

ISSUE:

The current PD vehicle computer fleet is becoming obsolete and difficult to maintain. The computers are no longer manufactured, making support and supply chains difficult to find. In addition, new versions of Windows 10 are becoming less compatible with the unique drivers the current computers need to operate properly.

STRATEGIC PLAN:

Focus 1 Investment in Infrastructure

FISCAL IMPACT:

The total cost of the agreement is \$120,345.00 and is to be funded using American Rescue Plan Act funding.

ECONOMIC BENEFITS/IMPACT:

N/A

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approval of the Ordinance as submitted.

Sincerely,

Danielle Dulin
City Manager