
Sponsor: Emergency Communications

Meeting Date: 10/12/2021

Title: Ramsey County Emergency Communications Center Security
Camera System Replacement.

File Number: 2021-548

Background and Rationale:

Emergency Communications department requests the usage of the Emergency Communications Center Equipment Fund balance to replace the security camera system and hardware for the Emergency Communications Center facility. The existing security camera system is the original Avigilon security system that was installed when the building was constructed in 2005. Several of the security system's critical functions are failing and pose a high security risk for the facility.

The server for the current system is outdated and is unable to be upgraded to meet the standards established by Ramsey County's Information Security department. The current cameras use analog technology which results in poor resolution and several of the cameras are failing due to their age. These failures have caused blind spots around the building which affects situational awareness and security for the Emergency Communications department. The new security system will fix these issues by replacing the server and all the cameras with new digital ones. The new security system will also include additional sensors and cameras to eliminate the blind spots. The Emergency Communications department anticipate the new security system install will be completed by December 31, 2021 pending product availability.

Recommendation:

The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners resolved to:

1. Approve the use of the Emergency Communications Center Equipment Fund Balance to replace the security camera system at the Emergency Communications Center at the cost of \$90,000.
2. Authorize the County Manager to establish Emergency Communications Security Camera System Replacement Project and transfer \$90,000 from the Emergency Communications Center Equipment Fund Balance to this project.

A motion to approve was made by Commissioner Ortega, seconded by Commissioner McGuire.
Motion passed.

Aye: - 6: Carter, Frethem, MatasCastillo, McGuire, Ortega, and Reinhardt

Absent: - 1: McDonough

By: 
Mee Cheng, Chief Clerk - County Board