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To: Dee F. Bruemmer, County Administrator
From: Edward Rivers, Health Director

RE: Feature update for Department-Owned Radio Units

Project 25 (P25 or APCO-25) is a suite of standards for digital radio communications for use by federal, state/province and local public safety organizations in North America to enable them to communicate with other agencies and mutual aid response teams in emergencies.

Many counties around Iowa have upgraded, or are in the process of upgrading, public safety communications equipment to be compatible with P25 standards. In order to maintain interoperability with partners who may be involved in a public health response to an emergency, department-owned radios must be upgraded to meet P25 Phase II standards.

The department is the recipient of Public Health Emergency Preparedness (PHEP) grants from the Iowa Department of Public Health. Upgrading department-owned radios is an approved use of these funds, and in the current fiscal year there are sufficient uncommitted funds to accomplish this task.

Reductions of PHEP grant funds by \$42 million for use in Zika virus response, and uncertainty about funding in FY 17 and beyond make it advisable to accomplish this update while funding is in hand and approved by the state.

I have enclosed the quote from the communications service provider. Since the total cost for the conversion exceeds \$10,000, I ask that this be placed on the May 3, 2016 Committee of the Whole Agenda.

THE COUNTY AUDITOR'S SIGNATURE CERTIFIES
THAT THIS RESOLUTION HAS BEEN FORMALLY
APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ON

DATE

SCOTT COUNTY AUDITOR

R E S O L U T I O N

SCOTT COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

May 5, 2015

APPROVING PURCHASE P25 PHASE II FEATURES

BE IT RESOLVED BY the Scott County Board of Supervisors as follows:

Section 1. That purchase of TAC Feature EDACS to P25 Trunking Code and TAC Feature P25 Phase II TDMA, for Scott County Health Department radio equipment, in the amount of \$14,535.00, is hereby approved.