

Madison County's 911 system, which was last upgraded 12 years ago, is now obsolete. Madison County has received proposals for a Next Generation 911 system from AT&T (two options) and Motorola. Motorola's proposal and AT&T's Option 1 proposal both have a five-year projected equipment life. AT&T's Option 2 proposal has a seven-year projected equipment life.

AT&T's Option 1 proposal offers the lowest overall cost projections for both a five-year and a ten-year period at \$1,715,624.00. AT&T Option 2 proposal offers the next lowest overall cost projections for both a five-year and a ten-year period at \$1,727,717.00.

We have solicited input from the Madison County Sheriff's Department and the cities of Canton, Madison, and Ridgeland regarding the proposed new AT&T system. None of those entities have offered any objections.

This purchase would be funded using E-911 funds and made using state pricing, established through vendor contracts with Mississippi's Information Technology Services (ITS). ITS rules require the county to request permission from ITS for any purchase greater than \$500,000.

It's my recommendation that the county purchase AT&T's Option 2 proposal, which has a projected seven-year life.

If the board wishes to proceed with purchasing AT&T's Option 2 proposal, the only action required is authorization for the County Purchasing Agent to submit a Planned Purchased Request to ITS. If the request is approved by ITS, I will return to seek board approval to authorize the final purchase.

Albert Jones III, Director