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Mr. Albert Jones, Director Madison County Emergency Management Agency 125 W Center Street Canton, Mississippi 39046

RE: E-911 Fund Request

Dear Director Jones,

As you may know, the City of Gluckstadt will be constructing a police department and court services building. This building will have an area to serve as a city emergency operations center during disasters and other emergencies that may affect the City of Gluckstadt. It will also house the City's E911 dispatch center. We expect construction to begin in August 2023 and be completed in approximately one year.

Sheriff Tucker has been kind enough to allow his department to dispatch for the Gluckstadt Police Department until such time as we are able to assume our own dispatching responsibilities. His department and dispatch have been invaluable to the success of the Gluckstadt Police Department in protecting the citizens of Gluckstadt as well as other Madison County residents that work and travel into our city.

In preparation for the City of Gluckstadt Police Department to take over dispatching functions we are requesting to purchase the necessary radio and Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP) dispatch equipment using E911 funds.

We are requesting the same PSAP equipment to be provided by AT&T through the County as is currently being provided by the County to the other city police departments.

The allocation of funds is being requested prior to the completion of the building due to the following:

- 1. The radio equipment has an extended lead time due to supply chain issues affecting delivery. The radio equipment will be purchased from Motorola using State contract pricing.
- 2. We must submit our purchase request for the radio equipment to the Mississippi Wireless Commission for their approval. They only meet once per month.
- 3. We need to have AT&T and Motorola engineers involved in the initial construction phase of the building to ensure proper electrical, grounding, and other requirements are met.

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4. It is our intention to assume dispatching responsibilities for the city as soon as we occupy the building. Therefore, we will be installing the equipment during the construction phase. This will provide us with the opportunity to test and do training on the equipment prior to going online.

The amount being requested for the Motorola radio/CAD equipment is \$454,446.80.

The PSAP equipment and installation will be billed directly to Madison County as are the other locations in Madison County that are currently in operation by the police departments.

Your consideration of this request is greatly appreciated by the City of Gluckstadt. I am available for any questions you may have concerning this request.

Sincerely,

Wendell Watts, Chief

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