

## REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION

### HENDERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

**MEETING DATE:** June 5, 2023

**SUBJECT:** Sole Source of Zetron Fire Station Alerting

**PRESENTER:** Lisha Stanley, Director of Communications

**ATTACHMENTS:**

- I. Kimball Communications Quote
- II. Southern Software Quote
- III. Sole Source Letter

#### **SUMMARY OF REQUEST:**

The Board is requested to approve the attached proposal and authorize staff to proceed with the purchase of (1) Zetron Fire Station Alerting-Text to Speech System via the sole source exception to formal bidding as allowed under N.C.G.S 143-129 (e)(6).

The sole quote was received from Kimball Communications for a total price of \$32,802.18 for the purchase of hardware and software for the system as well as a CAD Interface for Fire Alerting from Southern Software in the amount of \$5,250. The FSA system will integrate with our current Zetron Max radio and system, which is under a maintenance contract with Kimball Communications. Kimball Communications is the *only* certified and fully authorized Zetron factory trained sales and service center in the region. The FSA system will also integrate with our current CAD system.

The FSA system will allow telecommunicators to activate fire station alerting functions, including automated text to speech dispatching.

The FSA system was included in the FY2023 budget in the amount of \$54,927.

#### **BOARD ACTION REQUESTED:**

The Board is requested to accept the sole proposal from Kimball Communications and authorize Henderson County staff to proceed with the purchase of (1) Zetron Fire Station Alerting-Text to Speech System using the sole source exception to informal bidding as allowed under N.C.G.S 143-129 (e)(6).

#### ***Suggested Motion:***

***I move the Henderson County Board of Commissioners to accept the sole proposal from Kimball Communications and Southern Software and authorize Henderson County Staff to proceed with the purchase of (1) Zetron Fire Station Alerting- Text to Speech System via the sole source exception to informal bidding as allowed under N.C.G.S 143-129 (e)(6).***