

**MINUTES OF THE
OTTER TAIL COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Government Services Center, Commissioners' Room
500 W. Fir Avenue, Fergus Falls, MN
Tuesday, December 2, 2008
9:30 a.m.**

**RESOLUTION ADOPTING A PLAN
FOR
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMUNICATION WITHIN OTTER TAIL COUNTY
Otter Tail County Resolution No. 2008 - 65**

WHEREAS, it is a basic responsibility of the County to provide for the health and welfare of its citizens; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) has issued regulations which require the replacement of wideband Land Mobile Radio (LMR) systems operating in the Very High Frequency (VHF) and Ultra High Frequency (UHF) spectrum by 2013; and

WHEREAS, public safety agencies throughout the country, including public safety agencies within Otter Tail County, have relied upon wideband LMR systems to provide vital public safety communications for law enforcement, fire, emergency medical services, public works, disaster response and other vital government services; and

WHEREAS, the County has worked with the Central Minnesota Regional Radio Board (CMRRB), of which it is a participating member, to complete a comprehensive assessment of public safety communication within the County; and

WHEREAS, the County has been presented with a public safety communication assessment (hereinafter "Assessment") conducted by Geo-Comm, Incorporated, which included an assessment of the alternatives that exist for the County to replace the public safety communication infrastructure within the County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Otter Tail County Board of Commissioners hereby accepts the Assessment as an accurate assessment of public safety communication needs within the County and of the alternatives that reasonably exist to replace the public safety communication infrastructure within the County, and be it further;

RESOLVED, that the Otter Tail County Board of Commissioners adopt the Allied Radio Matrix for Emergency Response (ARMER) participation alternative specified in the Assessment as the most appropriate and best option for the County to replace the public safety communication infrastructure within the county, and be it further;

RESOLVED, that the Otter Tail County Sheriff (hereinafter "Sheriff") is instructed to develop a participation plan (hereinafter "Plan") for the migration of and participation of all county and local governments and public safety agencies located and operating within the County to the ARMER public safety communication system, and be it further;

RESOLVED, that the Plan developed by the Sheriff shall include and provide for a proposed budgets for the integration of public safety agencies to the ARMER public safety communication system, for competitive bids documents and proposals for local enhancements or improvements required for county participation and proposed contracts for equipment and services necessary to complete the integration of public safety agencies to the ARMER public safety communication system, and be it further;

RESOLVED, the Assessment providing the basis of this action shall be submitted to the CMRRB with a recommendation that the Assessment be incorporated into the CMRRB regional public safety communication plan and that the Sheriff is authorized to submit the Assessment and the Plan to the CMRRB, to the Minnesota Departments of Transportation and Public Safety and to the Statewide Radio Board, as may be necessary to gain final approval for the County participation in the ARMER public safety communication system as provided for in the Plan.

Motion by Commissioner Mosher, seconded by Commissioner Froemming

READ AND PASSED this 2nd day of December, 2008.

Dated: _____
COMMISSIONERS

OTTER TAIL COUNTY BOARD OF

By:

Syd Nelson, Board of Commissioners

Chair

Attest: _____
Larry Krohn, Clerk