

Staff Report

To: Board of Directors
From: Jason Blodgett
Date: March 26, 2026

Agenda Item: 5.2 Land Mobile Use Radio Additional Equipment Purchase

Attachments:

- 5.2.1 Redtail Communications Quote

Recommendation:

Authorize the chief executive officer and general manager to sign a purchase order totaling \$2,916 for supplementing the land mobile radio system and reallocating the already approved \$35,651.

Discussion:

In February 2025, the board of directors approved a land mobile radio system contract with Redtail Communications for \$560,163. The original contract was amended due to a change in warranty years that reduced the contract to \$524,512. Redtail Communications has quoted \$38,567 for the additional hardware and spare parts for the LMR system. Because the board approved \$560,163 and the staff only expended \$524,512, \$35,651 of this project has already been partially approved. The staff requests approval to reallocate \$35,651 from the previously approved contract and approval of an additional \$2,916 towards the purchase of \$38,567 for the additional equipment.

Financial Impact and Funding Source:

Redtail Communications' contracts now total \$563,079. This project has been budgeted for and will be funded by a FY2023 Section 5339(a) Bus & Bus Facilities Formula grant that requires a 20% local match.

DBE Certified:

No.

Redtail Communications, Inc.

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Quote

ADDRESS	SHIP TO	QUOTE	2460
Mountain Line	Mountain Line	DATE	03/16/2026
1221 Shakespeare St	1221 Shakespeare St		
Missoula, MT 59802	Missoula, MT 59802		
PURCHASE ORDER NUMBER	ORDERED BY		
Recommended Spares for Radio	Jason Blodgett		

DATE	SKU	DESCRIPTION	QTY	RATE	AMOUNT
11/20/2025	AAH06RDN 9WA1AN	MotoTRBO R7 UHF (403-512MHz) Color Display, Full Keypd, CAPABLE 4W 1000Ch Portable Radio, Incl Battery, Charger, Antenna, Belt Clip, 5yr Essential Repair. List \$1516.00	6	1,287.00	7,722.00
11/20/2025	PMPN4284 B	Motorola IMPRES Multi-Unit 6-Pocket Charger w/Power Supply NA	1	601.00	601.00
11/20/2025	AAM28QPN 9WA1AN	Motorola XPR5550e UHF (403-470MHz) Mobile 40W 1000CH CAPABLE. Incl Mic, Mounting Bracket, 10' Power Cable, 5yr Essential Repair. List \$1514.00	4	1,287.00	5,148.00
11/20/2025	Misc.	MCD5000 Deskset -Note - Depending on the location of desksets, we may use a combination of control radios and base stations to reduce costs. TBD	4	5,000.00	20,000.00
11/20/2025	Misc.	RGU - remote gateway unit for Desksets Recommended Spares for Radio System Sourcewell contract 042021-MOT Missoula Urban Transportation District Account# 234613	2	2,548.00	5,096.00

There will be a 3.5% surcharge added to all credit card payments.

Thank you for choosing Redtail Communications. We appreciate your business.

TOTAL

\$38,567.00

Accepted By

Accepted Date