

RESOLUTION NO 617

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE CLACKAMAS REGIONAL ELECTED GROUP (CREG) 9-1-1 EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS UPGRADE PROJECT

WHEREAS, CREG is an intergovernmental organization of 27 political and public safety agencies in Clackamas County, including the City of Canby; and

WHEREAS, CREG was formed in 1993 to investigate and resolve concerns expressed by public safety service providers about the adequacy and quality of emergency radio communications throughout the county and the resulting risk exposure to both citizens and public safety responders; and

WHEREAS, in May, 1995 CREG received a detailed report from Schema Systems, Inc., a communication systems firm retained by CREG to study the public radio communications system in the county. The report cited deficiencies such as a lack of system integration and master planning, very little capital investment over the past 10-15 years, service demands that grow as population grows, congested radio channels for both fire and police communications, and inability to communicate with Multnomah and Washington Counties since they are on a different radio system; and

WHEREAS, CREG has conducted an extensive review of the Schema Systems Inc. report and recommendations through a Technical Committee, consisting of line personnel from all public safety agencies, a Management Committee, comprised of senior management personnel from all member jurisdictions, and the Board of Directors which is made up of elected officials from member governments; and

WHEREAS, to resolve the current inability for police, fire, EMS and other governmental service providers to directly inter-communicate between agencies, CREG is recommending the replacement of the existing 20 year old inadequate, deteriorating and congested radio system which places citizens and public safety responders at risk, with an 800 MHz countywide voice and data radio backbone system on 19 new remote sites, microwave communications system and mobile, portable and mobile computing devices for all public safety vehicles in all jurisdictions throughout the county; and

WHEREAS, CREG has requested that the Clackamas County Board of Commissioners place a general obligation bond measure on the September, 1996

ballot. The bonds will finance design, construction and implementation of a countywide 9-1-1 emergency communications upgrade project, in the amount of \$30 million dollars, plus issuance cost, with a ten year payment schedule.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Canby City Council of the City of Canby, Oregon that Canby hereby expresses its support for the CREG 9-1-1 Emergency Communications Upgrade Project to improve ;and modernize the communication system for the safety of lives and property of county citizens and the public safety responders who serve them.


BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Canby City Council encourages the Clackamas County Board of Commissioners to place the bond measure to initiate the upgrade projects before county voters on the September, 1996 ballot.

ADOPTED this 19th day of June, 1996, by the Canby City Council.



Scott Taylor, Mayor

ATTEST:



Marilyn K. Perrett City Recorder