

Emergency Bill No. 5054

Ordinance No. _____

Requested by: Tracy Bayne

Sponsored by: Nancy Schneider

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AMENDING THE
2022 BUDGET ADOPTED BY ORDINANCE 21-096
BY PROVIDING A SUPPLEMENTAL
APPROPRIATION TO THE BUDGET OF THE
EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS FUND –
DIVISION OF RADIO SYSTEM

WHEREAS, initial funds from the Emergency Communications Fund – Division of Radio System for the Microwave Refresh project in the amount were programmed and appropriated in the 2021 St. Charles County budget, however the project was not able to be completed in 2021; and

WHEREAS, funding of \$2,291,000 not included in the 2022 budget as adopted by Ordinance 21-096, as amended was not spent in 2021 and is now available for appropriation in an amended 2022 budget; and

WHEREAS, these funds are necessary for the Microwave Refresh project for the Emergency Communications Department in that this system provides all first responders with the ability to communicate and covers a three county area; and

WHEREAS, St. Charles County’s emergency radio system provides the infrastructure necessary for all police, fire and

emergency medical services radio communication as well as public works and for the County's 911 emergency service; and

WHEREAS, the microwave network, which is the connecting system that transports the talk and data traffic of the radio system, is approaching its end of recommended useful life and needs to be replaced and updated; and

WHEREAS, replacement of the existing microwave system owned by St. Charles County and maintained by the Division of Radio System is necessary to assure long-term continuity of St. Charles County's operations of its first responder emergency radio system; and

WHEREAS, the initial funding for this project was approved in the 2021 Division of Radio System Budget, however delays associated with contract negotiations resulted in the lapse of the 2021 funds originally budgeted for this purpose back into the fund balance of the Division of Radio System; and

WHEREAS, the St. Charles County Charter, Article VI, Section 6.206.1 provides that the County Council may by ordinance make supplemental appropriations if the County Executive certifies that there are available for appropriation revenues or additional fund balances in excess of those estimated in the budget; and

WHEREAS, the County Executive has so certified in **EXHIBIT A** attached hereto; and

WHEREAS, the emergency nature of this bill arises from the following circumstance: The Microwave Refresh project is a coordinated purchase between Jefferson, St. Louis and St. Charles counties which provides the basis of all first responders across the three counties with the ability to communicate. The three jurisdictions reached agreement with Nokia, the maker of the microwave system, and due to market shortages, Nokia has guaranteed their price only through March 31, 2022. The funds inadvertently not rolled to the 2022 budget when the project was not completed by the end of 2021 are necessary to support this purchase. Thus, this emergency bill provides the appropriation of the 2021 unspent funds necessary to purchase the microwave equipment and is necessary to meet a public emergency affecting the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, safety and welfare.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF ST. CHARLES COUNTY, MISSOURI, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The budget of St. Charles County, Missouri, for fiscal year 2022 as adopted by Ordinance 21-096, in the budget of the Emergency Communications Fund, Radio System Division, is hereby amended by deleting the original allocation of \$2,305,000 in Radio Equipment line item 2737320-47455, Radio Equipment, and inserting in lieu thereof the amended amount of \$4,596,000 (an increase of \$2,291,000).

Section 2. The Council hereby adopts this emergency ordinances to meet a public emergency affecting the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, safety and welfare.

Section 3. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after the date of passage and approval as set out in Article II, Section 2.605 of the Charter and the agreements authorized hereby shall be effective upon lawful execution.

DATE PASSED

DATE APPROVED BY COUNTY EXECUTIVE

CHAIR OF THE COUNCIL

COUNTY EXECUTIVE

ATTEST:

COUNTY REGISTRAR

CERTIFICATE OF DIRECTOR OF FINANCE

I certify that there is a balance otherwise unencumbered to the credit of the appropriation to which this ordinance is chargeable, and a cash balance otherwise unencumbered in the treasury to the credit of the fund from which payment is to be made, each sufficient to meet this obligation.

Director of Finance

Date



Steve Ehlmann
County Executive

Joann Leykam
Director of Administration

Bob Schnur
Assistant Director of Administration

John Greifzu
Assistant Director of Administration

EXHIBIT A

TO: The Honorable Nancy Schneider, Council Chair
The Honorable Joe Cronin
The Honorable Joe Brazil
The Honorable Mike Elam
The Honorable Dave Hammond
The Honorable Terry Hollander
The Honorable John White

FROM: Steve Ehlmann County Executive

DATE: March 10, 2022

RE: Certification of Additional Fund Balance – Emergency Communications Fund –
Division of Radio System

By this correspondence I hereby certify that pursuant to Section 6.206.1 of the St. Charles County Home Rule Charter, there is available for appropriation, additional fund balance in excess of that estimated in the approved 2022 Budget of the Emergency Communications Fund in the amount \$2,291,000. The purpose of this request is for supplemental appropriations of this additional fund balance in excess of the amount estimated in the adopted 2022 budget to the division named above.

This request is to provide the Division of Radio System the amount of \$2,291,000 to fund the Microwave Refresh project.

Should the St. Charles County Council approve this supplemental appropriation, \$2,291,000 would be added to capital account 2737320-47455 Radio Equipment in the Division of Radio System.

Accordingly, I am requesting that the St. Charles County Council approve a supplemental appropriation ordinance for \$2,291,000 in the Emergency Communications Fund budget for the purpose described. I appreciate your favorable consideration of this request.

cc: Joann Leykam, Director of Administration
Rory O’Sullivan, County Counselor (Acting)
Tracy Bayne, Director of Finance (Acting)
Brenda Hinton, Registrar
Donna Vogt, Executive Assistant, St. Charles County Council