KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH
RESOLUTION 2011-040

A RESOLUTION ALLOCATING AVAILABLE FUNDS FROM THE AMERICAN RECOVERY AND REINVESTMENT ACT (ARRA) FOR THE PURPOSE OF SUPPORTING THE PUBLIC SAFETY RADIO NARROW BANDING PROJECT AND AUTHORIZING PARTICIPATION IN THE WESTERN STATES CONTRACTING ALLIANCE (WSCA) PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the Federal Communications Commission has mandated that all radio systems frequency band-width must be reduced by 50 percent by January 1, 2013; and

WHEREAS, a coordinated peninsula-wide change of public safety radio systems, inclusive of city, borough and volunteer emergency services, and addressing licensing modifications, radio equipment replacement, radio reprogramming, and training, must be made in order to provide for uninterrupted communications among emergency responders; and

WHEREAS, $1,493,997 was appropriated for the computer aided dispatch (CAD) project; and

WHEREAS, the total estimated cost of the CAD project is $943,997 leaving $550,000 available for the reallocation to be used in the narrow banding project; and

WHEREAS, unexpended grant funding awarded to the borough through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act for the computer-aided dispatch system project may be used for other public safety oriented projects; and

WHEREAS, the granting agency has authorized use of the unexpended funds for a public safety narrow-band compliance project; and

WHEREAS, the grant performance period terminates September 30, 2011, necessitating an expedited program; and

WHEREAS, conducting a standard bid program will consume too much time to allow receipt of the necessary radio equipment and integration into the radio systems prior to the end of the grant performance; and

WHEREAS, the Western States Contracting Alliance (WSCA) solicited competitive bids under Category 1 for public safety radio equipment, and the State of Alaska is a participant in WSCA;
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH:

SECTION 1. That the Mayor is authorized to purchase required radio equipment to comply with the Federal Communications Commission narrow-band compliance requirements in a not to exceed cost of $550,000.00, utilizing the WSCA Category 1 Public Safety Radio Equipment program such funding to be provided solely by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act grant funds.

SECTION 2. That $550,000.00 is transferred from project no. 455.53110.ASFTY.49999 and allocated to project no. 455.53110.NARBN.49999 in support of the narrow banding project.

SECTION 3. That this resolution take effect immediately upon its adoption.

ADOPTED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH THIS 19TH DAY OF APRIL, 2011.

ATTEST:

Gary Knopp, Assembly President

Johni Blankenship, Borough Clerk

Yes: Haggerty, Johnson, McClure, Murphy, Pierce, Smalley, Smith, Tauriainen, Knopp

No: None

Absent: None