

THE STATE OF TEXAS  
COUNTY OF FORT BEND

**A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMISSIONERS COURT SUPPORTING ANNUAL FUNDING  
FOR PUBLIC SAFETY EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS UNDER HB 442, 82<sup>ND</sup> LEGISLATURE**

**WHEREAS**, more than 5,800 fire, police, and emergency medical agencies respond daily to emergency and life-threatening incidents throughout Texas; and

**WHEREAS**, since 2009, federal funding for public safety communications has decreased, and many public safety agencies have depended on this funding to sustain their emergency communication systems; and

**WHEREAS**, without on-going funding, existing communications may be negatively impacted by a lack of radio coverage in some areas, which means responders will not be able to communicate with each other when they are in such areas; and existing communications may be negatively impacted by a lack of basic communication between agency command staff and emergency responders in the field; and existing communications may be negatively impacted by a lack of interoperable communications between multiple agencies responding to major fires, highway incidents, hurricanes, and other disasters; and

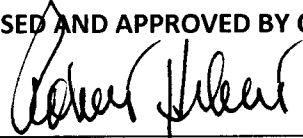
**WHEREAS**, because of this lost funding, public safety agencies in every jurisdiction will suffer significantly, and in many locations, communications will become unreliable and some systems may become completely non-operational; and

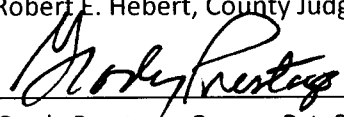
**WHEREAS**, Texas House Bill 442, enacted September 1, 2011, amended the Government Code to establish the emergency radio infrastructure account in the general revenue fund, consisting of criminal conviction fees and all interest attributable to money in the account; and

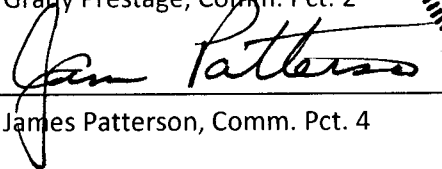
**WHEREAS**, money in the emergency radio infrastructure account has not been distributed and no concerted effort has previously been made to establish an effective means for distributing funds from the account.

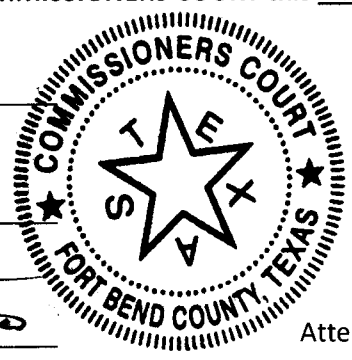
**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMISSIONERS COURT OF FORT BEND COUNTY, TEXAS:  
THAT THE 83RD LEGISLATURE OF TEXAS APPROPRIATE AN ANNUAL ALLOCATION TO PUBLIC SAFETY  
EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS.**

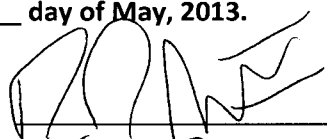
PASSED AND APPROVED BY COMMISSIONERS COURT this 7<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2013.

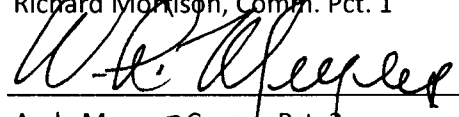
  
Robert E. Hebert, County Judge

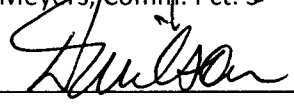
  
Grady Prestage, Comm. Pct. 2

  
James Patterson, Comm. Pct. 4



  
Richard Morrison, Comm. Pct. 1

  
Andy Meyers, Comm. Pct. 3

Attest:   
Dianne Wilson, County Clerk

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