Introduced by: Mayor

Date: 03/16/04

Hearing: 04/20/04

Action: Enacted

Vote: 9 Yes, 0 No

KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH ORDINANCE 2003-19-40

AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$100,000 FOR THE SITE EVALUATION AND SCHEMATIC DESIGN OF A NEW MULTI-USE BUILDING FOR E-911 DISPATCH, CENTRAL EMERGENCY SERVICES ADMINISTRATION, AND THE BOROUGH OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT ON BOROUGH PROPERTY LOCATED ON WILSON LANE IN SOLDOTNA, ALASKA

- WHEREAS, the assembly included a funding request in the 2003 Borough Federal Priorities book requesting \$5.0 million for an Emergency Operations Center (EOC) that would include E-911 Dispatch, Central Emergency Services (CES) administration, and the Borough Office of Emergency Management (OEM); and
- WHEREAS, the assembly approved Ordinance 2002-19-35 that authorized the purchase of Lots 3, 4, 5 & 6, Block 2, Airport Subdivision, Plat No. KN 1325, located on Wilson Lane near Central Emergency Services Station in Soldotna for a new CES administrative building; and
- WHEREAS, the assembly approved Resolution 2004-003 authorizing the planning of a new multi-use building for E-911 dispatch, Central Emergency Services administration, and the Borough Office of Emergency Management on this site but did not appropriate money for this purpose; and
- WHEREAS, the borough Public Safety Communications Strategic Plan recommends the replacement of the current E-911 Dispatch Center that is currently located in a lean-to on the back of the State Troopers Station on K-Beach Road; and
- WHEREAS, the CES Board has approved the concept of this combined facility that is immediately adjacent to CES Station 1 to relieve overcrowding in the existing building, and CES has capital money available to budget toward this project; and
- WHEREAS, the recently approved mini-omnibus bill included funding of \$2.5 million through the Department of Justice for a borough Emergency Operations Center; and
- WHEREAS, the borough is anticipating additional Homeland Security funding through the State for communications equipment that will help fund the project; and

- WHEREAS, during emergencies, the borough Office of Emergency Management needs room for an Emergency Operations Center that is centrally located and in close proximity to the borough building; and
- WHEREAS, locating a 911 dispatch center and an EOC, including OEM offices, with CES administrative offices would house complementary building occupants together, which would promote efficiency, coordination, and communications during an area-wide emergency operation; and
- WHEREAS, a cost savings would result by housing all three entities together, making maximum use of common building components; and
- WHEREAS, a site evaluation and the development of a schematic site design is necessary before the cost of the project can be estimated with accuracy; and
- WHEREAS, the Borough Capital Projects Division estimates the cost to develop a schematic drawing of the project will be up to \$100,000; and
- WHEREAS, there is available fund balance of \$172,000 left from previous communications systems capital projects in Fund 455 which could be redirected for this purpose;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE KENAI **PENINSULA BOROUGH:**

- **SECTION 1.** That the mayor is authorized to spend an amount up to \$100,000 for site evaluation and the development of a schematic drawing of the proposed multi-use building for E-911 dispatch, Central Emergency Services Administrative Offices, and the Borough Office of Emergency Management.
- **SECTION 2.** That the funds be appropriated from 911 Communications Capital Projects fund balance to account 455.53110.04EOC.43011.
- **SECTION 3.** That this ordinance takes effect immediately upon its adoption.

ENACTED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH THIS 20TH DAY OF APRIL, 2004.

ATTEST: