

Introduced by: Mayor
Date: 06/01/04
Hearing: 07/06/04
Action: Enacted
Vote: 8 Yes, 0 No, 1 Absent

**KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH
ORDINANCE 2004-19-01**

**AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING AND APPROPRIATING A GRANT FROM THE
ALASKA HOMELAND SECURITY AND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIVISION
IN THE AMOUNT OF \$724,924 FOR PURCHASE OF
COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT**

WHEREAS, in 2003 the borough hired consultants to study and evaluate all public safety communications systems in the borough, including E911; and

WHEREAS, the consultants identified numerous problems with the radio infrastructure and developed a Public Safety Communications Strategic Plan which seeks to improve public safety through a well-coordinated, orderly program of upgrades to emergency communications systems throughout the borough; and

WHEREAS, through KPB Resolution 2004-31, the borough adopted the recommendations in Section 5 of the Public Safety Communications Strategic Plan, as a plan for improving the public safety communications systems within the borough; and

WHEREAS, the Alaska Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management (“ADHS&EM”) has funding available for communications through its State Homeland Security Grant Program (“SHSGP”); and

WHEREAS, the borough applied for \$5.7 million under the FY03 SHSGP for communications on a borough-wide basis and was awarded a grant in the amount of \$206,485 for equipment and training; and

WHEREAS, the borough submitted a second grant application for \$2.7 million under the FY04 SHSGP for borough-wide communications, including needs identified in Section 5 of the Strategic Plan; and

WHEREAS, the State has provided the borough a notice of award of \$724,924 for the purchase of equipment; and

WHEREAS, additional grant awards were made to one other municipality in the borough, the City of Kenai, that will also improve the borough-wide communications system; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the borough to provide the best equipment possible for emergency response personnel and to coordinate the purchase of this equipment with other emergency response agencies;

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

SECTION 1. That the mayor is authorized to accept a grant from the Alaska Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management in the amount of \$724,924 for the purchase of communications equipment and is authorized to execute a grant agreement and any other documents deemed necessary to accept and expend the grant and to fulfill the intents and purposes of this ordinance.

SECTION 2. That funds in the amount of \$724,924 are appropriated to account 271.11250.5HMLS.48740.

SECTION 3. That due to the length and nature of this project, the appropriations established through this ordinance shall not lapse at the end of any particular fiscal year.

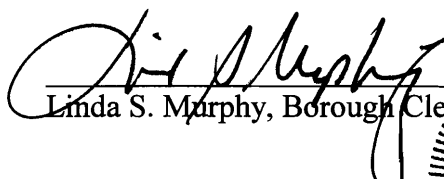
SECTION 4. This ordinance shall become effective immediately upon its enactment.

ENACTED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH THIS 6TH DAY OF JULY, 2004.



Pete Sprague, Assembly President

ATTEST:



Linda S. Murphy, Borough Clerk

