

Introduced by:	Mayor
Date:	03/11/08
Emergency Hearing:	03/11/08
Action:	Enacted
Vote:	8 Yes, 0 No, 1 Absent

**KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH  
EMERGENCY ORDINANCE 2007-19-40**

**AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING FUNDING NECESSARY TO COMPLETE THE  
PURCHASE OF ROUTING EQUIPMENT FOR THE 911 CALL CENTER**

**WHEREAS,** the Borough's "selective router" (router) is the equipment and system that routes calls to the appropriate dispatch when 911 is called; and

**WHEREAS,** a properly functioning selective router performs split-second routing by instant electronic retrieval of caller location information from a database managed by the Borough Addressing Officer, in which the system should instantly identify the location of land-based calls and route them to the appropriate dispatch center for prompt emergency assistance; and

**WHEREAS,** the current system is 10 years old, nearly obsolete and has fallen into a pattern of chronic failures, requiring emergency call-outs for which the maintenance contractor, ACS, currently charges hundreds of dollars per hour; and

**WHEREAS,** these failures are occurring days apart rather than monthly or annually, and, during these failures, calls are lost, not able to be transferred, and when retrieved, require dispatch to dial a seven-digit number to route the number to the proper call center; and

**WHEREAS,** the Borough is potentially liable for a system failure should it result in harm to the 911 caller; and

**WHEREAS,** because of chronic failures of the current system, it was determined that upgrading or replacing the router was in the best interest of the Borough and its residents; and

**WHEREAS,** the Borough has been working with ACS since 2006 to attempt to upgrade or replace the router but the parties were unable to reach a mutually agreeable solution; and

**WHEREAS,** in attempting to clarify the cost and responsibilities for replacing the router, the borough issued an RFP, for which three proposals were submitted, and the most reliable, cost effective, and quickly deployed system was evaluated for funding; and

**WHEREAS,** the current estimate for purchase and installation of a new router is approximately \$510,000; and

**WHEREAS,** the Borough has funding in other 911 capital projects that are available to fund a portion of the cost of this equipment; and

**WHEREAS,** residual amounts from 911 Communication Capital Project upgrade accounts 455.53110.02912.49999 of \$21,963.09 and account 455.53110.03911.49999 of \$41,949.00 are available to support this project; and

**WHEREAS,** the 911 Communication Capital Project Fund has fund balance of \$63,863 to support this project; and

**WHEREAS,** Project 455.53110.06EOC.49999 has funds of \$74,000 to support this project; and

**WHEREAS,** the amount needed from the general fund to supplement the other sources identified in the 911 Communication Fund is \$310,000; and

**WHEREAS,** AS 29.25.030 authorizes the assembly to adopt an emergency ordinance to meet a public emergency at the meeting in which it is introduced with the affirmative vote of all members present or of three-fourths of the total membership, whichever is less, and provides that the ordinance is effective for 60 days;

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

**SECTION 1.** That \$310,000 is appropriated from the General Fund, fund balance to account 100.94910.00000.50455, transfer to 911 Communication Capital Project Fund and appropriated in the 911 Communication Capital Project Fund, account 455.53110.08911.49999.

**SECTION 2.** That \$63,863, in 911 Communication Capital Fund, fund balance is appropriated to account 455.53110.08911.49999.

**SECTION 3.** That residual amounts from project 455.53110.02912.49999 of \$21,963.09 and from project 455.53110.03911.49999 of \$41,949.00 are transferred to project 455.53110.08911.49999.

**SECTION 4.** That the assembly finds that the replacement of this router is a public emergency as its frequent failure constitutes an immediate threat to the health and safety of borough residents because it renders the 911 system frequently inoperable.

**SECTION 5.** That this ordinance takes effect immediately upon its enactment.

**ENACTED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH THIS 11TH DAY OF MARCH, 2007.**

Grace Merkes  
Grace Merkes, Assembly President

ATTEST:

Sherry Biggs  
Sherry Biggs, Borough Clerk



Yes: Fischer, Gilman, Knopp, Long, Martin, Smith, Superman, Sprague  
No: None  
Absent: Merkes