

MEMORANDUM

TO: Grace Merkes, Assembly President
Members, Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly

THRU: John J. Williams, Borough Mayor

FROM: Craig Chapman, Finance Director
Mark Fowler, Purchasing & Contracting Officer

DATE: April 24, 2008

SUBJECT: Ordinance 2007-19-47, authorizing acceptance of a grant from the Denali Commission and appropriating funds from the Central Peninsula Hospital Plant Expansion and Replacement Fund for the purchase of a digital mammography system

The attached ordinance authorizes the purchase of equipment and software to implement a digital mammography system at Central Peninsula Hospital.

Central Peninsula Hospital currently operates an analogue mammography system. Digital mammography is becoming the industry standard as it provides superior technology including sharper images. The better the image, the better the likelihood of catching a cancer early.

The Central Peninsula General Hospital, Inc. (CPGH, Inc.) board at its April 24, 2008 meeting authorized the purchase of equipment and software to implement digital mammography for an amount not to exceed \$597,000.

CPGH, Inc. applied for a grant from the Denali Commission through the Alaska Small Hospital Performance Improvement Network to implement digital mammography technology and received notification of funding in the amount of \$298,550. This grant requires a local match of 50 percent.

The Central Kenai Peninsula General Hospital Service Area board at its April 21, 2008 meeting recommended the use of Plant Expansion and Replacement Funds to provide the necessary match for the purchase of a new digital mammography system.