



701 East Broadway, Columbia, Missouri 65201

Council Memo

Department Source: City Manager

To: City Council

From: City Manager & Staff

Council Meeting Date: June 1, 2026

Re: Joint Communications Interoperable Radio System Cooperative Agreement

Impacted Ward: Citywide

Executive Summary

Staff has prepared for Council consideration an ordinance authorizing the City Manager to sign a cooperative agreement between Boone County Joint Communications (BCJC) and the City of Columbia (Columbia Regional Airport) for participation in the Boone County Joint Communications Interoperable Radio System. The agreement provides for Boone County to procure and transfer ownership of 8 portable radios, 4 mobile radios, and 2 pagers to the Columbia Regional Airport to support the transition from the legacy VHF radio system to a countywide interoperable 800 MHz Project 25 (P25) Phase 2 radio system. The value of the equipment and funding provided under this agreement is approximately \$106,140.72

Discussion

Boone County is transitioning to a new 800 MHz radio system and is providing one-time funding to help local agencies upgrade their communication equipment. Through this agreement, the County will purchase and transfer ownership of 8 portable radios, 4 mobile radios, and 2 pagers to the Columbia Regional Airport. Upon receiving the equipment, the Airport assumes full financial responsibility for all future maintenance, accessories, insurance, and replacement costs, and must ensure the radios are P25 Phase 2 compliant by January 1, 2028.

Fiscal Impact

Short-Term Impact: Boone County will fund the procurement, there is no direct short-term fiscal impact to the City.

Long-Term Impact: City is responsible for ongoing maintenance, repair, replacement and related accessories or upgrades.

Strategic & Comprehensive Plan Impact

Strategic Plan Impacts:

Primary Impact: Safe Community, Secondary Impact: Reliable and Sustainable Infrastructure, Tertiary Impact: Not Applicable

Comprehensive Plan Impacts:

Primary Impact: Infrastructure, Secondary Impact: Inter-Governmental Cooperation, Tertiary Impact: Not Applicable



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Legislative History

Date	Action
N/A	N/A

Suggested Council Action

Staff recommends approval of the ordinance authorizing the City Manager to execute the Boone County Joint Communications Interoperable Radio System Cooperative Agreement between Boone County, Missouri and the City of Columbia (Columbia Regional Airport) for participation in the countywide interoperable 800 MHz radio system and acceptance of radio equipment.