



Agenda Commentary

Item Title/ Subject: Surplus of old analog radios and donating them to the Bessie Fire Department

Staff Source: Brett Russell

History/Background Information: The fire department previously used an analog radio system. Since the upgrade to the new digital service last year the old handheld and portable radios can not be used with our system. The Bessie Fire department is in need of some backup radios and they do not have the funding to upgrade to a new digital system so the ability to donate them to the Bessie fire would help us by getting them out of our way and help Bessie out by giving them some additional radios. I checked into selling the radios and found that the used radios are worth anywhere from \$50.00-\$100.00 depending on the quality of the radio. At that price I feel it would be better to help another community out versus selling them for approximately \$1200.00. We would be donating 13 Icom handheld units, 7 Icom portable, and 4 motorola portable units to Bessie fire department with council approval.

Thank you,

Brett A. Russell