

MUSCATINE POLICE DEPARTMENT

MEMORANDUM

TO: Gregg Mandsager, City Administrator

FROM: Brett Talkington, Chief of Police

SUBJECT: City Council Agenda Item for May 21, 2015 – Panasonic ToughPad

DATE: May 13, 2015

INTRODUCTION:

The Police Department would like city council permission to purchase two (2) Panasonic ToughPad Tablet computers along with mounting hardware from Keltek Inc of Baxter, IA. The total cost of this purchase will be \$7,657.61.

BACKGROUND:

Since 2008 the department has been moving towards installing mobile data computers in our patrol fleet. For the last few years all of our marked patrol squads have had this equipment in them. The two units that do not have the capabilities of mobile computing are our Animal Control Officer and the Street Crimes Unit.

In our application for the 2014 Justice Assistance Grant we included funding to outfit both the SCU and ACO vehicles with mobile computing equipment to allow them to connect up wirelessly with other officers in the city and county as well as dispatch. This will allow these employees access to up to date information as well as an alternative method of communication. In the FY 2015-2016 budget is additional funding to provide the cellular data connection from the vehicles to PSB similar to the other marked patrol units.

RECOMMENDATION/RATIONALE:

Keltek Inc had the lowest cost for the purchase of this equipment at \$7,657.61. Insight Public Sector's cost for the equipment totaled \$8,398.85 and CDWG's costs totaled \$8383.07. We are recommending that City Council approve the purchase of the Panasonic ToughPad tablet PC's as well as necessary equipment from Keltek Inc.