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DATE: March 31, 2020

TO: Board of Acquisition and Contract

FROM: Marguerite Beirne
Chief Information Officer
Department of Information Technology

RE: Authority to enter into a license agreement with each of various municipal entities, pursuant to each of which the County will give the municipal entity a license to use certain County equipment for the purpose of facilitating participation by the municipal entity in the County's Hotline.

Authority is requested for the County of Westchester (the "County") to enter into a license agreement with each of various municipal entities, pursuant to each of which the County will give each municipal entity a license to use certain County equipment for the purpose of facilitating participation by each municipal entity in the County's Hotline (each a "License Agreement"), with each License Agreement commencing upon execution and continuing until terminated. The various municipal entity licensees will include such appropriate entities as the County may determine, which are expected to include, but not necessarily be limited to, towns, villages, and cities within Westchester County; other local counties and municipalities; the City of New York; public authorities and public benefit corporations, such as the Metropolitan Transportation Authority; and New York State entities, such as the New York State Police and the New York State University Police at local universities such as Purchase College.

Under each License Agreement, in consideration of the licensed equipment being provided by the County, each municipal entity licensee will, a.) provide space where the licensed equipment will be located, and b.) provide, at its sole cost and expense, everything that is or may be necessary to make the licensed equipment operative and keep it available for use for the entity's participation in the Hotline, including, without limitation, electricity and Internet access.

Under each License Agreement, the County will be able to replace the licensed equipment with new licensed equipment as needed, such as if the licensed equipment breaks down or when technological standards and requirements change, without entering into a new license agreement.

The Hotline is a system that the County established for itself and various other municipal entities for the speedy communication of information, coordination of operations, and the like when circumstances necessitate such action.

The Hotline must move from its longtime system to a new system due to the retirement by Verizon New York Inc. of the existing copper infrastructure that is used by the longtime system. The County has, after much consideration and study, determined that the new system for the Hotline will be based upon 'Voice Over Internet Protocol' ("VOIP") technology. It is in the interests of the County to ensure that each municipal entity that is currently included in the Hotline in the longtime system can continue to be included in the Hotline in the new system, and that additional municipal entities are able to join the Hotline in the future. In order to do so, the County has determined that it must make available, to each municipal entity that wishes to join the Hotline in the new system, certain VOIP-related equipment that will facilitate the participation by each such municipal entity.

Each proposed License Agreement will serve a public purpose by facilitating the participation by various municipal entities in the new Hotline.

The goal and objective of each proposed License Agreements is to facilitate the participation by various municipal entities in the new Hotline.

The goal and objective of each proposed License Agreements is in the best interests of the County in terms of public safety and health, as the County having as many municipal entities as possible participate in the Hotline will facilitate the speedy communication of information, coordination of operations, and the like between all such entities when circumstances necessitate such action, such as in emergencies, where such communication is key to ensuring public health and safety.

The goal and objective of each proposed License Agreement will be tracked and monitored by the staff of the Department of Information Technology.

The proposed License Agreements are exempt from the Westchester County Procurement Policy pursuant to Section 3(b) thereof.

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RESOLUTION

Upon a communication from the Chief Information Officer, Department of Information Technology, be it hereby:

RESOLVED, that the County of Westchester (the "County") is hereby authorized to enter into a license agreement with each of various municipal entities, as described below, pursuant to each of which the County will give each municipal entity a license to use certain County equipment for the purpose of facilitating participation by each municipal entity in the County's Hotline (each a "License Agreement"), with each License Agreement commencing upon execution and continuing until terminated; and be it further

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RESOLVED, that, under each License Agreement, in consideration of the licensed equipment being provided by the County, each municipal entity licensee will, a.) provide space where the licensed equipment will be located, and b.) provide, at its sole cost and expense, everything that is or may be necessary to make the licensed equipment operative and keep it available for use for the entity's participation in the Hotline, including, without limitation, electricity and Internet access; and be it further

RESOLVED, that, under each License Agreement, the County will be able to replace the licensed equipment with new licensed equipment as needed, such as if the licensed equipment breaks down or when technological standards and requirements change, without entering into a new license agreement; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Executive or his duly authorized designee is hereby authorized to take such action and execute such documents as may be necessary and appropriate to effectuate the purposes of this Resolution.

Account to be charged/credited

Fund	Dept	Major Program, Program & Phase Or Unit	Object/ Sub Object	Trust Account	Dollars
					N/A

Budget Funding Years: N/A Start Date: Upon Execution End Date: Until Termination
(must match resolution)

Funding Source: N/A
(must match resolution)

Tax Dollars: _____
State Aid: _____
Federal Aid: _____
Other: _____

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