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WELD COUNTY APPROVES ENHANCEMENT TO PUBLIC SAFETY COMMUNICATION

WELD COUNTY, CO – The Weld County Board of Commissioners has approved an agreement that will further enhance public safety communications throughout the county, making our current radio communication system more robust.

“The Board’s dedication and investment in public safety continues through this agreement,” said Commissioner Barbara Kirkmeyer. “In 2013, the Board expanded its radio system for first responders by investing in our 800 MHz Simulcast System and increasing the number of communication channels from eight to 12. In 2014, the Board opened the Weld County Regional Communication Center, and today the Board approved adding fiber technology to further better our communicate infrastructure.”

“This redundancy of communication systems is crucial,” continued Commissioner Chair Mike Freeman. “We have to be sure the members of our community who are responsible for public safety can fully rely on radio communication. Where before we had one system in place for communication to happen, we will now have two.”

This communication service agreement costs roughly \$447,050 and will be in place for ten years, with the option to renew.

To find out more about the Weld County Department Public Safety and their communication systems, go to: <http://www.co.weld.co.us/Departments/PublicSafetyCommunications/index.html>

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