



**DATE:** February 2, 2026  
**TO:** Sara Knizhnik, Chair  
Operation Committee  
**FROM:** Ronald J. Davis  
Director of Public Safety

**RECOMMENDATION:** Recommend approval of a Resolution approving the purchase of police computer equipment from the County of Lake in the amount of \$68,250.00.

**STRATEGIC DIRECTION:** Organizational Sustainability

**FINANCIAL DATA:** The funds will be reimbursed out of Public Safety FY2026 operating budget for contractual expenses related to dispatch (13564000-708900) in the amount of \$68,250.00.

**BACKGROUND:** The District's Public Safety Department desires to purchase fourteen (14) new in-car Panasonic FZ-55 Toughbook computers and in-car docking stations for use by District Ranger Police Officers. The in-car computers are used as part of dispatch, report writing and records management. The District and the Lake County Sheriff's Office have had long-standing operational and administrative cooperative intergovernmental agreements (IGAs) with respect to police operations. These agreements include:

- An Intergovernmental Agreement permitting the use of the County of Lake's 800 MHz Radio System by the Lake County Forest Preserve District for Public Safety and Public Service Radio Communication (Ordinance #3175 approved February 15, 2002)
- An Intergovernmental Agreement for the Collaborative Use of the Lake County Law Enforcement Records Management System (Ordinance #5891 approved August 9, 2022)
- An Intergovernmental Agreement for the Collaborative Use of the Lake County Mobile Citation System (Brazos) (Ordinance #5892 approved August 9, 2022)

As part of those agreements the District is responsible for providing proper equipment to use the systems, and the Sheriff's Office will provide information technology support of the in-car computers and radios accordingly.

The Sheriff's Office is currently embarking on an upgrade to their in-car computer technology and is purchasing new equipment from Panasonic, Inc. in accordance with a Sourcewell contract (Contract #090122-PNA), including over 100 new in-car computers, docking stations and extended warranties. To stay current and maintain compatibility with the Sheriff's Office operations in accordance with the IGAs, it is in the District's best interests to acquire new in-car computers now at the same time. The Sheriff's Office will include the purchase of 14 computers and accessories in its original order, which the District will then purchase from the County. If the District were to purchase this equipment independent of the Sheriff, there is a pending price increase of seven percent, so combining the purchase will save the District \$4,777.50.

Staff recommend that the Board authorize the purchase of new in-car computers, docking stations and extended warranties from the County in the amount of \$68,250.00 and approve the attached Resolution accordingly.

**REVIEW BY OTHERS:** Chief Operations Officer, Director of Finance, Manager of Board Operations and Corporate Counsel.



**LAKE COUNTY FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT  
LAKE COUNTY, ILLINOIS**

**A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE PURCHASE OF  
COMPUTERS FROM THE COUNTY OF LAKE**

**WHEREAS**, the Lake County Forest Preserve District (the “District”) desires to purchase fourteen new Panasonic Toughbook Laptop Computers and related components, or approved equivalents (the “Equipment”); and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the Illinois Governmental Joint Purchasing Act, 30 ILCS 525/1, et seq., any governmental unit may purchase personal property, supplies, and services jointly with one or more other governmental units if one of the governmental units has publicly advertised for, and received, competitive, sealed bids or proposals, and has awarded a contract for such personal property, supplies, and services to the lowest responsible bidder or the highest ranking proposer, all in accordance with such Act; and

**WHEREAS**, Sourcewell has publicly advertised for, and received, competitive proposals for the Equipment, including a proposal by Panasonic, Inc. (“Panasonic”) for the Equipment; and

**WHEREAS**, Sourcewell has awarded contract #090122-PNA to Panasonic as the highest-ranking proposer for the Equipment (the “Sourcewell Contract”) and the Sourcewell Contract provides that other units of local government may also enter into contracts with Panasonic on the same terms as provided in the Sourcewell Contract; and

**WHEREAS**, the County of Lake, through the Lake County Sheriff (the “County”) has entered into a contract with Panasonic on the same terms as provided in the Sourcewell Contract; and

**WHEREAS**, it is in the best interest of the District to purchase the Equipment directly from the County on the same terms as provided in the Sourcewell Contract (the “Purchase”) in a total price equal \$68,250.00 (the “Contract Price”);

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Commissioners of the Lake County Forest Preserve District, Lake County, Illinois, **THAT**:

**Section 1. Recitals.** The recitals set forth above are incorporated as a part of this Resolution by this reference.

**Section 2. Award of Purchase.** The Executive Director of the District or his designee is hereby authorized to purchase the Equipment from the County under the same terms as provided in the Sourcewell Contract for an amount not to exceed the Contract Price.

**Section 3. Execution of Contract.** The Executive Director of the District or his designee is hereby authorized and directed to execute a purchase order or other contract with the County in an amount not to exceed the Contract Price (the “Contract”).

**Section 4. Payments.** The District Treasurer shall make payments under the Contract only pursuant to and in accordance with the Contract terms.

**Section 5. Effective Date.** This Resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval in the manner provided by law.

PASSED this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2026

AYES:

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APPROVED this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2026

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Jessica Vealitzek, President  
Lake County Forest Preserve District

ATTEST:

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Julie Gragnani, Secretary

Exhibit No. \_\_\_\_\_