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County HOST Funds Proposed to Purchase New Radios for Sheriff's Office

ROCKDALE COUNTY, GA. – Rockdale County Board of Commissioners has heard the proposal for \$1.3 million to purchase a combination of 338 new dash mount and portable radios for the Rockdale County Sheriff's Office. The funding for the radios was generated from the one-cent Homestead Option Sales Tax (HOST) approved by voters in 2002. The HOST provides a combination of property tax relief for homeowners (using at least 80 percent of receipts) and funding for capital projects (up to 20 percent).

“This investment of the HOST funding will aid in enhancing Rockdale’s public safety throughout the county by providing our deputies with the tools they need to safely and efficiently perform their jobs,” said Rockdale County Chairman Oz Nesbitt, Sr. “With a unanimous approval of the Board at our upcoming voting session, our Sheriff’s office will have more than 300 radios in action to address any call.”

In this requisition, the Sheriff’s office will be able to purchase 107 dash mount radios and 231 portable radios to add to their inventory.

The BOC will vote on the requisition at the BOC Voting Session on Tues., Feb. 12.

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