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FINANCE COMMITTEE AGENDA ITEM REPORT

DATE: December 5, 2024

SPONSOR: A. Leanza

ITEM TYPE: Agreement / Contract / MOU / Lease

AGENDA SECTION: **CONSENT**

AGENDA LANGUAGE: Approve the Memorandum of Understanding with the Glynn Amateur Radio Association to facilitate coordination between amateur radio emergency communications network resources and the Glynn County Emergency Management & Homeland Security Agency. (A. Leanza)

BACKGROUND: The Glynn County Emergency Management & Homeland Security Agency requests the Glynn County Board of Commissioners to approve the Memorandum of understanding Between the Glynn County Board of Commissioners and the Glynn Amateur Radio Association to facilitate coordination between amateur radio emergency communications network resources and the Glynn County Emergency Management & Homeland Security Agency.

This initiative holds significant merit and aligns seamlessly with our commitment to enhancing community resilience through effective communication strategies.

The Glynn Amateur Radio Association has demonstrated commendable expertise and resources in the field of amateur radio communication, making them valuable partners in our efforts to bolster the county's emergency preparedness and response capabilities.

Outlined below are key reasons supporting the approval of this MOU:

Communication Redundancy: Amateur radio operators excel in providing robust and redundant communication channels. In times of emergency, when traditional communication infrastructure may be compromised, the Glynn Amateur Radio Association can play a pivotal role in ensuring seamless and reliable communication.

Community Engagement: Collaborating with local amateur radio enthusiasts fosters community engagement. By involving citizens in emergency communication efforts, we not only enhance our communication capabilities but also empower residents to actively contribute to the safety and well-being of our community.

Resource Optimization: The Glynn Amateur Radio Association brings specialized skills and equipment to the table. This collaboration allows us to optimize resources efficiently, ensuring that our community is well-equipped to face a diverse range of emergency situations.

Training and Education: Partnering with the association provides opportunities for training and education in the field of amateur radio communication. This knowledge transfer enhances the overall preparedness of our community members, creating a more resilient and informed population.

Public Safety Enhancement: The MOU with the Glynn Amateur Radio Association directly contributes to our overarching goal of enhancing public safety. Their expertise in emergency communication adds a layer of effectiveness to our emergency management strategies, ultimately benefiting the entire Glynn County community.

Funding Source: This agreement requires no funding source.

Legal Review: This plan has been reviewed and approved by legal counsel as to form.

ATTACHMENTS:

[Glynn County-GARA MOU.pdf](#)