

**RESOLUTION NO. 261**

**AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH TECH VALLEY COMMUNICATIONS REGARDING THE PROVISION OF SERVICES AND MATERIALS FOR A REDUNDANT FIBER OPTIC CONNECTION FOR THE DELIVERY OF E-911 SERVICES**

Introduced: 6/11/07

By Public Safety Committee:

WHEREAS, By Resolution No. 143 for 2007, the Albany County Legislature approved a budget amendment providing the funding necessary to build a state of the art fiber network for Albany County's E-911 system, and

WHEREAS, The Albany County Sheriff has recommended entering into an agreement with Tech Valley Communications, the current public safety high speed fiber optic network provider and original builder of the system, as the sole source vendor to supply a redundant fiber connection for delivery of E-911 services at a project cost of \$295,000, and

WHEREAS, The Sheriff indicated that the Purchasing Agent has accepted Tech Valley as the sole source vendor for the technology sought, and that no other vendor can supply compatible network infrastructure, and

WHEREAS, The Sheriff further indicated that recurring costs of approximately \$20,000 a month under the current system will be greatly reduced by the new redundant delivery method using SONET synchronous optical network ring technology, and

WHEREAS, When completed, Emergency 911 calls, whether placed on hard line home phones, cell phones or Voice over IP (Internet Protocol), would be transported over two or more transmission paths to the proper PSAP, or Public Safety Answering Point, to provide the best security against emergency calls getting lost in the multiplicity of response systems, now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, By the Albany County Legislature that the County Executive is authorized to enter into an agreement with Tech Valley Communications, 87 State Street, Albany, NY 12207 in the amount of \$295,000 regarding the provision of a redundant fiber optic connection for delivery of E-911 services, and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the County Legislature is directed to forward certified copies of this resolution to the appropriate County Officials.

*Adopted by voice vote. 6/11/07*