

**Office of the County Auditor**  
**Auditor's Analysis**

**Council Resolution No. 31-2024**

Introduced: March 4, 2024

Auditor: Rebecca Gold

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Fiscal Impact:

The fiscal impact of this legislation would result in savings on the maintenance costs of County-owned microwave network equipment. The Department of Technology and Communication Services (DTCS) relayed that, over the course of Fiscal Years 2022 and 2023, the County spent approximately \$9,000 to support and maintain its microwave network equipment.

If this legislation does not pass, the Administration stated it would eventually spend approximately \$360,000 (or \$30,000 per site) to remove the aging microwave network equipment from 12 sites. (The Administration's testimony stated there are 11 sites associated with a potential deinstallation, however it has since informed us that there are 12 sites.)

There are no current plans to deinstall the equipment, as the network is in active use by other government entities.

According to the Administrator of the Office of Procurement and Contract Administration (Procurement), the County will sell the equipment for a nominal fee (the amount of which has not yet been determined).

Purpose:

Council Resolution 31-2024 allows for the sale of County-owned microwave network equipment to the Maryland Institute for Emergency Medical Services Systems (MIEMSS) at the County's 12 network sites.

Other Comments:

The Administrator of Procurement informed us that a Memo of Understanding will be drafted between the County and the MIEMSS prior to the transfer of the equipment.

The DTCS confirmed that the equipment is over 20 years old and past its useful life. We reached out to the Department of Finance and validated that the equipment has been fully depreciated, with a current book value to the County of \$0.