

Introduced
by: Mayor
Date: 10/24/23
Action: Adopted
Vote: 8 Yes, 0 No, 0 Absent, 1 Abstention

**KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH
RESOLUTION 2023-066**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A SOLE SOURCE CONTRACT AWARD FOR THE
ACQUISITION OF EPIC ELECTRONIC MEDICAL SOFTWARE FOR SOUTH
PENINSULA HOSPITAL**

WHEREAS, the Kenai Peninsula Borough (“Borough”) has entered into an Operating Agreement with South Peninsula Hospital, Inc. (“SPHI”) for operation of South Peninsula Hospital (“SPH”) and other medical facilities, and to provide other healthcare programs and services, on a nonprofit basis in order to ensure the continued availability to the residents of the South Kenai Peninsula Hospital Service Area (“SKPHSA”); and

WHEREAS, the SPH is a 22-bed acute care critical access hospital, with an attached 28-bed skilled nursing/long-term care facility, that provides healthcare services, including acute care, cancer care, home health, family birthing, imaging, sleep center, rehabilitation, surgery, trauma level IV emergency care, and other services utilized by residents of the SKPHSA; and

WHEREAS, Ordinance 2023-19-11, authorized and appropriated a \$7,000,000 interfund loan from the general fund to the SKPSHA for the purpose of a capital improvement purchase of an electronic medical records (“EMR”) software system and associated implementation costs; and

WHEREAS, replacement of the EMR software will increase patient access and transferability of medical records as well as provide hospital employees with additional tools for better serving patients; and

WHEREAS, Epic is the EMR used by Central Peninsula Hospital, Providence, and Alaska Regional hospitals, where the SPH transfers patients requiring a higher level of care; and

WHEREAS, using the same system as the SPH’s large regional partners will allow better continuity of care and a better experience for patients; and

WHEREAS, per the SKPHSA board and SPH’s recommendation, Epic would allow better care and easier access for critical care, tele-psych, and tele-stroke programs by allowing physicians to use a program remotely that they will easily be able to access and have solid operational knowledge, and

WHEREAS, at its regularly scheduled meeting on September 14, 2023, the South Kenai Peninsula Hospital Service Area Board supported a sole source purchase of Epic in an amount not to exceed \$5,000,000 and recommended approval; and

WHEREAS, at its regularly scheduled meeting on September 27, 2023, the South Peninsula Hospital, Inc. Board of Directors recommended approval of a sole source purchase of Epic not to exceed \$5,000,000;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH:

SECTION 1. That the Mayor is authorized to award a contract without competition to Epic, an electronic medical record software system, to effectuate the intent and purposes of Ordinance 2023-19-11, at an estimated cost of \$5,000,000. The total available project funds are \$7,000,000.

SECTION 2. That this resolution takes effect upon adoption.

ADOPTED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH THIS 24TH DAY OCTOBER, 2023.

Brent Johnson

Brent Johnson, Assembly President

ATTEST:

Michele Turner

Michele Turner, CMC, Borough Clerk



Yes: Cox, Ecklund, Elam, Hibbert, Ribbens, Tunseth, Tupper, Johnson

No: None

Absent: None

Abstention: Cooper