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### **Prairie Meadows Grants City \$50,000 for Communication System at Southeast Polk Junior and Senior High Schools**

**PLEASANT HILL, Iowa (June 6, 2016)** – The Prairie Meadows Grant Advisory Committee and the Prairie Meadows Board of Directors have approved a Community Betterment Grant to the City of Pleasant Hill on behalf of the Police Department in the amount of \$50,000 for the purchase and installation of an interior and exterior antenna system within the Southeast Polk Junior and Senior High Schools to facilitate emergency communication.

“We are thrilled with the support from Prairie Meadows to enhance the radio communications technology. This project will establish good communication, aiding first responders in their efforts to keep everyone safe and assist in creating a quality learning environment for students. Implementation of this system will allow School Resource Officers and first responders to efficiently and effectively communicate during emergencies, without the risk of radio communication failure,” said Police Chief Al Pizzano.

Improving amplifiers will extend the radio coverage of the Polk County P25 Trunked Radio System into each of the buildings. This will enable the School Resource Officers and other first responders to rely on their department issued portable radios to communicate directly with Police, Fire, and Emergency Medical dispatchers, and responding emergency personnel in the event of an emergency. Aiding first responders in their communication efforts will provide effective communication to keep everyone safe and assist in creating a quality learning environment for students.

This communication improvement project will positively impact Eastern Polk County by enhancing the safety of the 4,000 students and staff within these schools.

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