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2 Resolution 2018 - 38

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4 Funding for Next Generation 911 Upgrades  
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7 WHEREAS, modernizing Wisconsin's 911 system has been a priority for local  
8 governments, Public Safety Answering Points (PSAPs), law enforcement, and the  
9 telecommunications industry since the early 2000s; and

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11 WHEREAS, the 2017-19 state biennial budget provided funding for creation of a  
12 statewide emergency services IP network (ESInet), which is the first step in the  
13 transition to a digital Next Generation 911 (NG911) system; and

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15 WHEREAS, a NG911 system utilizes advancements in technology to improve  
16 communication with 911 operators and provides greater efficiency in assisting  
17 individuals in crisis; and

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19 WHEREAS, once the ESInet is operational, local 911 centers (PSAPs) will  
20 require  
21 NG911 capable equipment to connect to the digital system; and

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23 WHEREAS, currently very few PSAPs have the equipment necessary to utilize  
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25 ESInet and transition from analog to digital systems; and

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27 WHEREAS, the average cost for the necessary equipment upgrades will exceed  
28 \$250,000 per county in addition to ongoing maintenance costs; and

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30 WHEREAS, while the state has provided grant funding for counties in the past to  
31 upgrade local PSAPs, state funding has not existed in over a decade; and

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33 WHEREAS, the state currently has a fund—the Police and Fire Protection Fee—  
34 whose original intent was to fund county PSAP upgrades; and


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36 WHEREAS, revenue from the Police and Fire Protection Fee is deposited in the  
37 state's general fund and has never been utilized for its intended purpose.

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39 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Sawyer County does hereby urge  
40 the Governor and Wisconsin State Legislature to allocate \$7 million annually for  
41 counties to upgrade local 911 centers to begin the NG911 transition; and  
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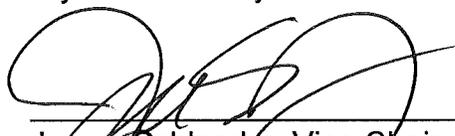
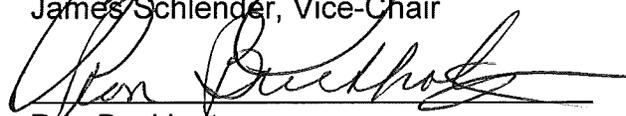
44 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the \$7 million for county PSAP upgrades  
45 should be funded through the existing Police and Fire Protection Fee.

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47 Recommended for adoption by the Sawyer County Public Safety Committee this 13<sup>th</sup>  
48 day of November, 2018

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51 Bill Voight, Chair

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