Resolution No. 73 - 03/19
Urging the State of Wisconsin to Implement a Comprehensive Communications Infrastructure Solution

Moved/Sponsored by: Executive Committee

WHEREAS, Walworth County’s emergency communications infrastructure including, but not limited to radios, towers and associated equipment that serves emergency responders is currently reaching the end of its useful life; and,

WHEREAS, Walworth County is currently studying its options to comprehensively upgrade its emergency communications infrastructure; and,

WHEREAS, last year the State of Wisconsin Office of Emergency Communications (“OEC”) had developed a request for proposals (RFP) seeking an upgrade of the State’s emergency communications infrastructure to support programs like the State Patrol, Department of Natural Resources and Corrections; and,

WHEREAS, the OEC had conducted listening sessions in 2018 to gather feedback from local emergency agencies interested in joining a new statewide system; and,

WHEREAS, the RFP was withdrawn during the transition between the Walker and Evers administration; and,

WHEREAS, the need for a sound communications infrastructure doesn’t end at County borders; and,

WHEREAS, an expenditure by the State of Wisconsin in a robust emergency communications infrastructure could allow local governments to leverage this investment and eliminate the costly duplication of equipment.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Walworth County Board of Supervisors hereby urges the State of Wisconsin to take the necessary actions to engage Wisconsin Counties in developing a comprehensive emergency communications infrastructure project that meets not only the needs of the State of Wisconsin but that also serves local emergency services such as, law enforcement, fire and EMS.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Walworth County Board urges the State of Wisconsin to purchase and implement an upgrade of its emergency communications infrastructure that will also serve other units of government to allow for daily operational use of the system.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County Clerk is hereby directed to forward a copy of this resolution to Governor Tony Evers, State Legislators representing Walworth County, and the Wisconsin Counties Association.

Nancy Russell
County Board Chair

Kimberly S. Bushey
County Clerk

This Resolution/ordinance was: Adopted Roll Call/U.C./Voice Rejected/Referred/Laid Over

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March 19, 2019
County Board Meeting Date: March 12, 2019

Action Required: Majority Vote X Two-thirds Vote Other

Policy and Fiscal Note is attached. Reviewed and approved pursuant to Section 2-91 of the Walworth County Code of Ordinances:

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I. **Title:** Urging the State of Wisconsin to Implement a Comprehensive Communications Infrastructure Solution

II. **Purpose and Policy Impact Statement:** The purpose of this advisory resolution is to urge the State of Wisconsin to implement a comprehensive communications infrastructure solution.

III. **Budget and Fiscal Impact:** Passage of this resolution will not impact the County budget.

IV. **Referred to the following standing committees for consideration and date of referral:**

   Committee: Executive Committee  
   Meeting Date: February 18, 2019

   Vote: 5-0

   County Board Meeting Date: March 12, 2019

Policy and fiscal note has been reviewed and approved as an accurate statement of the probable policy and fiscal impacts associated with passage of the attached resolution.

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