

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

1 Moved/Sponsored by: Executive Committee

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

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

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10 **WHEREAS**, last year the State of Wisconsin Office of Emergency Communications ("OEC")
11 had developed a request for proposals (RFP) seeking an upgrade of the State's emergency
12 communications infrastructure to support programs like the State Patrol, Department of Natural
13 Resources and Corrections; and,

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

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18 **WHEREAS**, the RFP was withdrawn during the transition between the Walker and Evers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

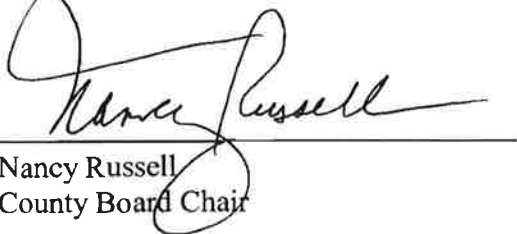
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21 **WHEREAS**, the need for a sound communications infrastructure doesn't end at County borders;
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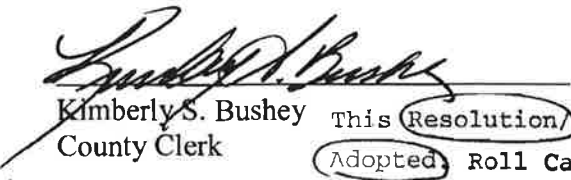
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24 **WHEREAS**, an expenditure by the State of Wisconsin in a robust emergency communications
25 infrastructure could allow local governments to leverage this investment and eliminate the costly
26 duplication of equipment.

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

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

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

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46 Nancy Russell
County Board Chair

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County Clerk

This Resolution/Ordinance was:
Adopted, Roll Call/U.C./Voice
Rejected/Referred/Laid Over
Ayes: Noes: Absent:
March 12, 2019

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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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Date
David A. Bretl
County Administrator/Corporation Counsel

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Date
Nicole Andersen
Deputy County Administrator - Finance

If unsigned, exceptions shall be so noted by the County Administrator.

Policy and Fiscal Note
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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.

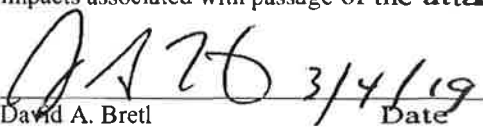

- IV. **Referred to the following standing committees for consideration and date of referral:**

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.

 _____ David A. Bretl Date County Administrator/Corporation Counsel	 _____ Nicole Andersen Date Deputy County Administrator – Finance
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