

RESOLUTION NO. _____

**RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE STATE OF WISCONSIN
ALLOCATE FUNDING FOR NEXT GENERATION 911 UPGRADES**

WHEREAS, modernizing Wisconsin's 911 system has been a priority for the federal government, as Congress enacted the New and Emerging Technologies 911 Improvement Act of 2008 (NET 911 Improvement Act of 2008) to assist carriers and emergency service providers in improving public safety, and

WHEREAS, Wisconsin's 911 system improvements have also been a priority for local governments, public safety answering points (PSAPs), law enforcement, and the telecommunications industry since the early 2000s, and

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

WHEREAS, the state Department of Administration Bureau of Procurement, on behalf of the Department of Military Affairs, just issued a request for proposal for a statewide public safety interoperable communications system, and

WHEREAS, an NG911 system utilizes advancements in technology to improve communication with 911 operators and provides greater efficiency in assisting individuals in crisis, and

WHEREAS, once the ESInet is operational, local 911 centers, or PSAPs, will require NG911 capable equipment to connect to the digital system, and

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

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

WHEREAS, while the state has provided grant funding for counties in the past to upgrade local PSAPs, state funding has not existed in more than a decade, and

WHEREAS, the state currently has a fund, the Police and Fire Protection Fee created pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 196.025(6) and implemented pursuant to Wis. Admin. Code § PSC 172.01, whose original intent was to fund county PSAP upgrades, and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Fond du Lac County Board of Supervisors does hereby request the Governor and Wisconsin Legislature to allocate \$7 million annually for counties to upgrade local 911 centers to begin the NG911 transition.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the \$7 million for county PSAP upgrades should be funded through the existing Police and Fire Protection Fee.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Fond du Lac County Board of Supervisors directs the County Clerk to send a copy of this resolution to the Wisconsin Counties Association, Wisconsin state legislators, and the Wisconsin Governor.

Dated _____

**SUBMITTED BY:
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE**

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FISCAL NOTE: This resolution does not require an appropriation from the county general fund.

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