RESOLUTION NO. 18-50

Advisory Resolution
Funding for Next Generation 911 Upgrades

TO THE HONORABLE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF DODGE COUNTY, WISCONSIN,

WHEREAS, modernizing Wisconsin’s 911 system has been a priority for local governments, Public Safety Answering Points (PSAPs), law enforcement, and the telecommunications industry since the early 2000s; and,

WHEREAS, the 2017-2019 state biennial budget provided funding for creation of a statewide emergency services IP network (ESInet), which is the first step in the transition to a digital Next Generation 911 (NG911) system; and,

WHEREAS, a 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 (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, the state has not allocated funding in over a decade; and,

WHEREAS, the state authorized and currently imposes the Police and Fire Protection Fee, which fee was originally intended 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; and,

SO, NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Dodge County does hereby urge the Governor and Wisconsin State Legislature to allocate at least $7 million annually for counties to upgrade local 911 centers to begin the NG911 transition; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the $7 million for county PSAP upgrades should be funded through the existing Police and Fire Protection Fee as originally intended; and,
BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Dodge County Clerk shall transmit a copy of this resolution to the Governor of the State of Wisconsin, all Wisconsin State Legislators with a constituency within Dodge County, the Secretary of the Wisconsin Department of Administration, and the Wisconsin Counties Association for consideration.

All of which is respectfully submitted this 23rd day of October, 2018.

Dodge County Executive Committee:

Russell Kottke
Donna Maly
Joseph Marsik
Kira Sheahan-Malloy

David Frohling
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Jeff Berres

Vote Required: Majority of Members present.

Resolution Summary: An advisory resolution requesting funding for Next Generation 911 Upgrades.

ADOPTED
BY DODGE COUNTY BOARD

OCT 23 2018

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Karen J. Gibson
County Clerk