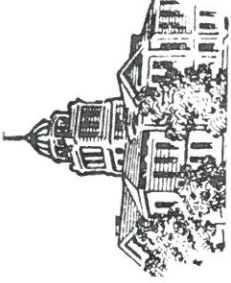


LANGLADE COUNTY



RESOLUTION #27-2017

INTRODUCED BY: EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

INTENT: SUPPORT CALL TO ACTION FOR MODERNIZING 911 SERVICES

WHEREAS, the Committee recommends supporting the "call to action" to modernize 911 services, sponsored by the Wisconsin Counties Association, Wisconsin APCO, WIPSCOM, Badger State Sheriff's Association, WSTA; and

WHEREAS, due to the high cost of implementation required to modernize 911 services, a modernized, state-hosted or funded emergency service IP system (ESInet) is the first-step in allowing Public Safety Answering Points (PSAPs) across the state to access the latest technologies, while achieving cost efficiencies through volume purchasing; and

WHEREAS, no PSAPs in Wisconsin have access to an ESInet, the backbone needed to implement Next Generation 911 (NG911) and the few PSAPs that are receiving text messages are mainly doing so via the public Internet; and

WHEREAS, with current 911 equipment and services reaching the end of their life cycle or becoming cost prohibitive to maintain, action must be taken now to ensure Wisconsin residents continue to receive high quality service from their local PSAPs; and

WHEREAS, the Committee supports the following REQUESTED ACTIONS:

- Issue an RFP that, where possible, utilizes existing infrastructure, such as the BadgerNet, for a statewide ESInet system to provide all PSAPs with the network needed to implement necessary NG911 services.
- Utilize existing funds from the PFPF to create the modernized statewide system, while also maintaining the existing shared revenue appropriation. An estimated \$7 million would be needed annually to build and maintain the ESInet system.
- Assign a state agency to guide NG911. Create a council comprised of stakeholder experts who will assist statewide efforts to transition to NG911 as well as consider sustainable funding streams that will enable local PSAPs to purchase and maintain NG911-capable equipment into the future.
- Eliminate or phase-out the current surcharge on landline phones (assessed up to 40 cents per month) as the surcharge is unnecessary following the ESInet transition if provider network expenses are included in the RFP.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, to support a "call to action" for the State Legislature to modernize 911 services.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Governor Walker and to the State Legislators representing Langlade County.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:


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FISCAL NOTE: no fiscal impact

ADOPTED BY THE COUNTY BOARD OF LANGLADE COUNTY THIS 15 DAY OF April, 2017.


Judy Nagel, Langlade County Clerk
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