



RESOLUTION NO. 34-12-2018

RESOLUTION URGING STATE OF WISCONSIN TO FUND  
NEXT GENERATION 911 UPGRADES

TO THE HONORABLE KEWAUNEE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:

1 **WHEREAS**, modernizing Wisconsin's 911 system has been a priority for local governments,  
2 Public Safety Answering Points (PSAPs), law enforcement, and the telecommunications  
3 industry since the early 2000s; and  
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5 **WHEREAS**, the 2017-19 state biennial budget provided funding for creation of a statewide  
6 emergency services IP network (ESInet), which is the first step in the transition to a digital Next  
7 Generation 911 (NG911) system; and  
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9 **WHEREAS**, a NG911 system utilizes advancements in technology to improve communication  
10 with 911 operators and provides greater efficiency in assisting individuals in crisis; and  
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12 **WHEREAS**, once the ESInet is operational, local 911 centers (PSAPs) will require NG911  
13 capable equipment to connect to the digital system; and  
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15 **WHEREAS**, currently very few PSAPs have the equipment necessary to utilize the ESInet and  
16 transition from analog to digital systems; and  
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18 **WHEREAS**, the average cost for the necessary equipment upgrades will exceed \$250,000 per  
19 county in addition to ongoing maintenance costs; and  
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21 **WHEREAS**, while the state has provided grant funding for counties in the past to upgrade local  
22 PSAPs, state funding has not existed in over a decade; and  
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24 **WHEREAS**, the state currently has a fund—the Police and Fire Protection Fee—whose original  
25 intent was to fund county PSAP upgrades; and  
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27 **WHEREAS**, revenue from the Police and Fire Protection Fee is deposited in the state's general  
28 fund and has never been utilized for its intended purpose.  
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30 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Kewaunee County Board of Supervisors duly  
31 assembled this 18<sup>th</sup> day of December 2018, that Kewaunee County does hereby urge the  
32 Governor and Wisconsin State Legislature to allocate \$7 million annually for counties to upgrade  
33 local 911 centers to begin the NG911 transition; and  
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35 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the \$7 million for county PSAP upgrades should be funded  
36 through the existing Police and Fire Protection Fee.

1 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, the Clerk shall forward a copy of this resolution to Rep. Joel  
 2 Kitchens, Senator-Elect Andre Jacque, Governor-Elect Tony Evers and the Wisconsin Counties  
 3 Association.  
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Respectfully Submitted,

**LAW ENFORCEMENT AND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT:  
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	Y E S	N O	A B S E N T	A B S T A I N
Augustian, A.	✓			
Cochart, C.	✓			
Cretney, T.	✓			
Dobbins, M.	✓			
Doell, D.	✓			
Haske, V.	✓			
Jahnke, S.	✓			
Kroll, K.	✓			
Luft, L.	✓			
Lukes, J.	✓			
Mastalir, J.	✓			
Olson, D.	✓			
Paape, G.	✓			
Romdenne, T.	✓			
Schmitt, C.	✓			
Shillin, K.	✓			
Teske, L.	✓			
Tremi, K.	✓			
Wagner, C.	✓			
Weidner, R.	✓			
TOTALS	20	0	0	0