

**RESOLUTION 6-1-19**  
**Resolution Approving Funding for Next Generation 911 Upgrades**

**WHEREAS**, modernizing Wisconsin’s 911 system has been a priority for local governments, Public Safety Answering Points (PSAP’s), 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 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, state funding has not existed in over a decade; and

**WHEREAS**, the state currently has a fund – the Police and Fire Protection Fee – whose original intent was to fund county PSAP upgrades; and

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

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

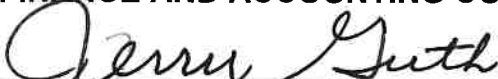
**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the \$7 million for county PSAP upgrades should be funded through the existing Police and Fire Protection Fee.

**SIGNED:**

  
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