

Resolution No. 46-20

RESOLUTION URGING THE STATE TO ALLOCATE FUNDING FOR PUBLIC SAFETY ANSWERING POINTS GRANTS THROUGH THE POLICE AND FIRE PROTECTION FUND

1 TO THE POLK COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:

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

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7 WHEREAS, the 2017-19 and the 2019-21 state biennial budgets provided
8 funding for creation of a statewide emergency services IP network (ESInet),
9 which is the first step in the transition to a digital Next Generation 911 (NG911)
10 system; and

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12 WHEREAS, a NG911 system utilizes advancements in technology to
13 improve communication with 911 operators and provides greater efficiency in
14 assisting individuals in crisis; and

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16 WHEREAS, local 911 centers (PSAPs) require NG911 capable equipment
17 to connect to the digital system; and

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19 WHEREAS, currently many PSAPs require an upgrade of their equipment
20 to NG911 or will require maintenance and security upgrades to their current
21 NG911 capable equipment; and

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23 WHEREAS, the average cost for the necessary equipment upgrades will
24 likely exceed \$250,000 per county in addition to ongoing maintenance costs
25 based on the number of call stations in the PSAP; and

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27 WHEREAS, while the state has provided grant funding for counties in the
28 past to upgrade local PSAPs, state funding has not existed in over a decade;
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31 WHEREAS, the state currently has a fund—the Police and Fire Protection
32 Fund—which its original intent was to fund county PSAP upgrades; and

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34 WHEREAS, revenue from the Police and Fire Protection Fund has been
35 diverted to the state general fund and had never been utilized for its intended
36 purpose.

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38 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Polk County does hereby
39 urge the Governor and Wisconsin State Legislature to allocate \$15 million
40 annually for grants to PSAPS through the Police and Fire Protection Fund for
41 the upgrade of their equipment and the ongoing maintenance and upgrades
42 required; and

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44 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Governor and Wisconsin State
45 Legislature should support the Department of Military Affairs budget request to
46 continue the build of the ESInet and for an annual appropriation for the ongoing
47 maintenance of the system.

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ROLL CALL Board Members Aye Nay Exc. Olson Route Warhdahl Nelson (Chairperson) LaBlanc Ruck Prichard Kelly O'Connell Middleton Luke (2nd Vice Chair) Duncanson Arcand Bonneprise (Vice Chair) Demulling

BOARD ACTION Vote Required: Majority Vote of a Quorum Approved Unanimously by Voice Vote Motion to Approve Adopted [X] Defeated [] 1st Luke 2nd Duncanson Yes: No: Exc:

Reviewed by: Madeline T. Malcom, Corp. Counsel Vince Netherland, Administrator Reviewed by: Finance

FISCAL & LEGAL IMPACT:

This Resolution is a lobbying resolution and has no immediate fiscal or legal impact. It may serve in the future to secure local funding for updating our 911 and emergency response systems but does not require any particular action by the County.

Certification:

I, Shabana Lundeen, Deputy Clerk of Polk County, hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of a resolution that was adopted on the 20th day of October, 2020 by the Polk County Board of Supervisors.

Shabana Lundeen Shabana Lundeen Deputy County Clerk, Polk County

Committee X Recommended [] Not Recommended [] Neutral